

# Quirky, Off-Beat Books That Are Hard To Describe

Unexpected, unusual in format, content or storyline...



- S. by J.J. Abrams - FICTION ABRAMS
- Life after Life** by Kate Atkinson - FICTION ATKINSON
- The Forgetting Room: a fiction** by Nick Bantock - FICTION BANTOCK
- Griffin and Sabine: An Extraordinary Correspondence** by Nick Bantock- FICTION BANTOCK (and the rest of the series, except for **The Pharos Gate: Griffin & Sabine's lost correspondence** in PR 6052 .A54 .P48 2016)
- The Museum at Purgatory** by Nick Bantock - FICTION BANTOCK
- Windflower: a novel** by Nick Bantock - FICTION BANTOCK
- Creatures that Glow** by Joanne Barkan - JUVENILE QH 641 .B38 1991
- Fairyopolis: a flower fairies journal** by Cicely Mary Barker - JUVENILE BF 1552 .F35 2005
- Sharp Teeth** by Toby Barlow - FICTION BARLOW
- The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake** by Aimee Bender - FICTION BENDER
- Highway to Hell** by Max Brallier - FICTION BRALLIER
- The Zombie Survival Guide: recorded attacks** by Max Brooks - GL FICTION BROOKS
- The View from the Seventh Layer** by Kevin Brockmeier - FICTION BROCKMEIER
- If On a Winter's Night a Traveler** by Italo Calvino - PQ 4809 .A45 .S3713
- La Oruga Muy Hambrienta** by Eric Carle - JUVENILE PC 4115 .C37 1989
- Tombs & Treasures** by Catherine Charley - JUVENILE CC 80 .C46 1994
- Ancient Egypt Revealed** by Peter Chrisp - JUVENILE DT 61 .C47 2002
- Lord Vishnu's Love Handles: a spy novel (sort of)** by Will Clarke - FICTION CLARKE
- Chuck Close: face book** by Chuck Close - JUVENILE N 6537 .C54 .A2 2012
- Secrets in Stone: all about Maya hieroglyphs** by Laurie Coulter - JUVENILE F 1435.3 .W75 .C68 2001
- The Fifty Year Sword** by Mark Z. Danielewski - FICTION DANIELEWSKI
- House of Leaves** by Mark Z. Danielewski - FICTION DANIELEWSKI
- Only Revolutions** by Mark Z. Danielewski - FICTION DANIELEWSKI
- Animals** by Claude Delafosse - JUVENILE N 7660 .D4413 1995
- Portraits** by Claude Delafosse - JUVENILE N 7575 .D4513 1993
- At Battle in World War II: an interactive battlefield adventure** by Matt Doeden - JUVENILE D 743.7 .D63 2015
- Can You Survive Extreme Mountain Climbing?: an interactive survival adventure** by Matt Doeden - JUVENILE GV 200 .D6393 2013
- Can You Survive in the Special Forces?: an interactive survival adventure** by Matt Doeden - JUVENILE UA 34 .S64 .D64 2013
- The Oregon Trail: an interactive history adventure** by Matt Doeden - JUVENILE F 597 .D66 2014
- OO - Optical Illusions** by Dorling Kindersley, Inc. – HOLD PLACED
- Geek Love** by Katherine Dunn – e-only
- Ella Minnow Pea: a progressively lipogrammatic epistolary fable** by Mark Dunn - FICTION DUNN

**Ibid: a life: a novel in footnotes** by Mark Dunn - FICTION DUNN

**The Eyre Affair** by Jasper Fforde - FICTION FFORDE

**Pilgrim** by Timothy Findley - FICTION FINDLEY

**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** by F. Scott Fitzgerald - FICTION FITZGERALD

**The Split History of the Battle of Gettysburg** by Stephanie Fitzgerald - JUVENILE E 475.53 .F574 2014

**Everything is Illuminated** by Jonathan Safran Foer - FICTION FOER

**Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** by Jonathan Safran Foer - FICTION FOER

**X-Men: Masquerade** by Ron Fontes - PN 6728 .X2 .M3 1994

**Attack on Titan: adventure. Year 850: last stand at Wall Rose** by Tomoyuki Fujinami - YA FUJINAMI

**Chocolate & Vanilla** by Gale Gand - TX 767 .C5 .G36 2006

**World War II on the Home Front: an interactive history adventure** by Marty Gitlin - JUVENILE E 806 .G57 2012

**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: the classic Regency Romance -- now with ultraviolent zombie mayhem** by Seth Grahame-Smith - FICTION GRAHAME-SMITH

**The Raw Shark Texts** by Steven Hall - FICTION HALL

**Can You Survive an Earthquake?: an interactive survival adventure** by Rachael Hanel - JUVENILE QE 521.3 .H238 2013

**Life as a Knight: an interactive history adventure** by Rachael Hanel - JUVENILE CR 4513 .H38 2010

**Neil Patrick Harris: choose your own autobiography** by Neil Patrick Harris - PN 2287 .H2493 .A3 2014

**The Glow-in-the-Dark Night Sky Book** by Clint Hatchett - JUVENILE QB 63 .H37 1988

**The Lazarus Project** by Aleksandar Hemon - FICTION HEMON

**Horrorstör** by Grady Hendrix - FICTION HENDRIX

**The Bone People** by Keri Hulme - FICTION HULME

**Submarines & Ships** by Richard Humble - JUVENILE VM 150 .H862 1997

**Speak, So You Can Speak Again: the life of Zora Neale Hurston** by Lucy Anne Hurston - PS 3515 .U789 .Z74 2004

**The World According to Garp** by John Irving - FICTION IRVING

**Ocean: a photicular book** by Carol Kaufmann - QL 125.5 .O24 2014

**Mars Exploration Rovers: an interactive space exploration adventure** by Steve Kortenkamp - JUVENILE QB 641 .K674 2017

**The Fan Man** by William Kotzwinkle - FICTION KOTZWINKLE

**The Attack on Pearl Harbor: an interactive history adventure** by Allison Lassieur - JUVENILE D 767.92 .L38 2009

**The Underground Railroad: an interactive history adventure** by Allison Lassieur - JUVENILE E 450 .L34 2008

**Imaginary Magnitude** by Stanisław Lem - SCIENCE FICTION LEM

**Peace on Earth** by Stanisław Lem - SCIENCE FICTION LEM

**Picture Puzzle** by Life magazine - GV 1507 .P47 .P535 2006

**The Light Ages** by Ian R. MacLeod - FICTION MACLEOD

**Lonely Werewolf Girl** by Martin Millar - FICTION MILLAR

**Choose Your Own Love Story: (mis)adventures in love, lust, and happy endings** by Ilyse Mimoun - FICTION MIMOUN

**A Dirty Job** by Christopher Moore - FICTION MOORE

**Jago** by Kim Newman - FICTION NEWMAN

**The Night Bookmobile** by Audrey Niffenegger – Graphic Literature FICTION NIFFENEGGER

**The Burrow Book** by Richard Orr - JUVENILE QL 756.15 .087 1997

**The Buddha in the Attic** by Julie Otsuka - FICTION OTSUKA

**Choke** by Chuck Palahniuk – e only

**The Dogs of Babel** by Carolyn Parkhurst - MYSTERY PARKHURST

**OO - This Is My Book** by Mark Pett – hold placed

**People of Paper** by Salvador Plascencia - FICTION PLASCENCIA

**Three Days to Never** by Tim Powers - FICTION POWERS

**The Hollow Chocolate Bunnies of the Apocalypse** by Robert Rankin - FICTION RANKIN

**Can You Survive Storm Chasing?: an interactive survival adventure** by Elizabeth Raum - JUVENILE HV 551.2 .S95 2005

**End of the Alphabet** by C. S. Richardson - FICTION RICHARDSON

**Where'd You Go, Bernadette** by Maria Semple - FICTION SEMPLE

**The Man Who Ate the 747** by Ben Sherwood - FICTION SHERWOOD

**Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore** by Robin Sloan FICTION SLOAN

**Magic Books & Paper Toys: flip books, E-Z pop-ups & other paper playthings to amaze & delight** by Esther Smith - TT 870 .S57153 2008

**Sharks and Other Creatures of the Deep** by Penny Smith - JUVENILE QL 638.9 .S464 2008 (NPK only)

**It Can't Be True: A Hailstone Bigger Than a Tennis Ball!: incredible tactile comparisons** by Fleur Star - JUVENILE AG 243 .I82 2016

**Tristram Shandy** by Laurence Sterne - FICTION STERNE

**The Elements of Style** by William Strunk; illustrations by Maira Kalman – Reference PE 1408 .S772 2005

**Three Bags Full: a sheep detective story** by Leonie Swann - MYSTERY SWANN

**Kiss My Aster: a graphic guide to creating a fantastic yard totally tailored to you** by Amanda Thomsen - SB 473 .T5525 2012

**Mechanique: a tale of the Circus Tresaulti** by Valentine, Genevieve - FICTION VALENTINE

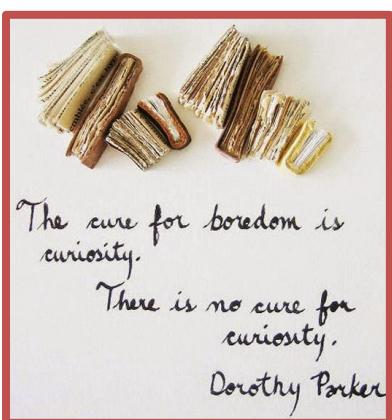
**The Lightbulb** by Joseph E. Wallace - JUVENILE TK 4162 .W35 1999

**ACME Novelty Library. Number 20** by Chris Ware – Graphic Literature FICTION WARE

**The Most Dangerous Game: a Saturday morning breakfast cereal collection** by Zach Weiner - Graphic Lit PN 6728 .S28 .W448 2011

**The Renaissance** by Tim Wood - JUVENILE DG 445 .W66 1993

**Young Jane Young** by Gabrielle Zevin – FICTION ZEVIN



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Dorothy Parker

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