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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Author Boese (*Hippo Eats Dwarf*, *The Museum of Hoaxes*) returns with another look at scientific oddities, this time focusing on unlikely but actual experiments. Included are notorious examples such as the Stanford Prison Experiment and Stanley Milgram's infamous shock treatment obedience experiment, but it's the lesser-known studies that will generate the most interest. Disembodied heads, animal resurrection ("Zombie Kitten," "Franken-Monkey") and the direct stimulation of a subject's emotions (via electric brain prod) are some of the more grim activities Boese describes (though, thankfully, he steers clear of examples from Nazi Germany). Lighter subjects include attempts to prove the myth that the bar patrons become more attractive at closing time and the effects of staying awake for 11 days straight. These and other tales will obviously appeal to armchair scientists, but the short, witty, ceaselessly amusing entries should delight anyone with a healthy sense of morbid curiosity.

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Review

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What happens when elephants are given LSD?

Can a head live without its body?

Would cockroaches survive a nuclear war?

Why can't people tickle themselves?

Do men prefer women who play hard to get?

Will the average dog summon help in an emergency?

Is it possible to restore life to the dead?

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