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# MythBusters: Don't Try This At Home



## **Synopsis**

It's a tough job separating truth from urban legend, but the MythBusters are here to serve. For example, is it true that if you step in quicksand, you'll be sucked down to your death? Only two men would be inventive - and adventurous - enough to try to find out: Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, the MythBusters. Each week, hosts Savage and Hyneman, both special effects experts, use modern science to put another three urban legends to the test on their popular TV show. In this book, you'll learn how they either "busted" or confirmed fifteen myths on their show, often with spectacular results. Here are just some of the urban legends in this book: Did a Ming Dynasty astronaut launch himself into space with a rocket? Can a swallowed octopus egg grow to full size inside a person's stomach? Is the daddy longlegs the world's most venomous spider? Will a sinking ship suck you down? How many balloons are needed to lift a small child off the ground? Does a duck's quack echo? *Mythbusters: Don't Try This at Home!* gets to the bottom of these urban legends and more, and it lets you do your own mythbusting with fun experiments you can do safely at home.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a great addition to your MythBusters collection (if you don't have a MythBusters collection, you should make one- this show rules!!!) This book combines the fun science and humor

of the show with do-at-home experiments. If you are searching for a book that makes learning fun, look no more.

I gave this to my rocket-scientist brother but it was my 4th grade nephew who ran off with the book. I would say that it is really designed for middle-school students? The nephew liked it. Makes a great gift when enclosed with two dozen bottles of Diet Coke and six rolls of Mentos!

In this great book, Adam and Jamie, the MythBusters, take aim fifteen myths. Each myth is given its own chapter, which includes pictures from the television shows, step-by-step information on how they tested the myth, and a conclusion. As an added bonus, each chapter contains a "Do try this at home" project, so that you can test aspects of the myth yourself, and a Brainbusters quiz. This is a fun book, with lots of that great MythBusters sense of wackiness. Is it educational? I suppose so. Is it a lot of fun? It sure is. In case you are interested, the fifteen chapters are: 1) Toy Car Race (is a toy car faster going downhill than a real car?), 2) Pea Project (does talking to your plant make it grow?), 3) Round Trip (does a goldfish learn?), 4) Octopus Pregnancy (can a tadpole survive in a human stomach?), 5) Daddy Longlegs (are daddy longlegs the deadliest spiders?), 6) Toothbrush Surprise (is storing your toothbrush near the toilet bad for your health?), 7) Up, Up and Away! (how many balloons does it take to lift a kid?), 8) Sinking Ship (does a sinking suck survivors down with it?), 9) Running in the Rain (if you run during when its raining, do you stay dryer?), 10) Does a Duck's Quack Echo? (well, does it?), 11) Ming Dynasty Astronaut (could a 16th century Chinese astrologer have blasted himself into orbit?), 12) All Fall Down (can people walking in step wreck a suspension bridge?), 13) Ancient Death Ray (could Archimedes have created a sun-powered death ray?), 14) Baghdad Battery (could the ancients have built batteries?), and 15) Killer Quicksand (just what does quicksand do to you?) It's a fun book, buy it and enjoy!

Purchased this book for my daughter, who is a MythBuster fanatic. She loves the book and we have been working through the experiments. Some are easy and some complicated. It is a perfect book for her and any Jr. MythBuster.

I bought this book without ever having seen the show, thinking it was \*just\* the thing for my 8-10 yo Cub Scouts. I couldn't have been more right! I was surprised to learn they \*all\* watch it, and love the show, so I made sure to catch it for myself and my family. It's a great way to talk to young boys, and to get the shyer ones to talk to the other boys. There's not much by way of 'how to', a lot of it (and

the show) is geared to 'don't try this at home'. The Diet Coke and Mentos experiment was a most excellent way of illustrating the Scientific Method in a most memorable (and messy - bonus points there!) way. I got that from the show.

One reviewer mentioned to give this book w/ a 6-pack of Diet Coke & a box of Mentos... which I did. This book does not mention the Diet Coke/Mentos reaction! So if the book reader watches the show (or YouTube) they will know what to do. But don't expect this book to tell you about that particular experiment. Otherwise, a great read. My 11 y/o son likes it.

I purchased this book for my 4 boys this Christmas and they really love it! We watch MythBusters every week on Discovery Channel and this book is a great in reviewing what was shown on TV. We have the first book that was released and this book is an excellent addition. Very easy to read and lots of pictures. Its perfect for all ages!

I did not know for sure what to expect with this book. Turns out it's a great one for family projects. It gives a good number of great ideas for things kids CAN do, but of course it advises parental participation. It should easily spark or encourage an interest in science.

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