The Top 10 of Everything 2008 by Russell Ash

Do you know who the ten fattest US Presidents in history are? Or which countries have the fewest dentists, or most hockey players? The 19th edition of this annual bestseller is full of fascinating facts and little-known trivia about history, science, sports, music, movies, nature, people and places. Compiled by category and featuring many off-the-wall titbits of information, this is the perfect book for every general knowledge fan.

My Personal Review:
The Top Ten of Everything is released in different markets as specific country editions such as Australian Edition (for Australasian region). So if you're not American you may be better off purchasing this elsewhere since although Amazon is a global seller and website the Amazon warehouse is in the USA so you'll probably get the US version. The advantage of buying the region specific version most appropriate to you is that your country/ies is/are included at the bottom of the country ranked lists in italics if they didn't make the top ten list. So you actually can learn what your country's population, unemployment rate and the hundred of other facts are as well as just find out who the top ten are. The other major advantage is that the metric system (so you have some idea how high, much things weigh etc) is used and prices quoted in lists are in your own currency so you can relate better to the lists.

The Top Ten of Everything is a sensational collection of facts on the top ten of lots of topics from top selling music artists to tallest buildings. Sport results, movie takings, deaths by various animals, guns, crime and everything else are inside. Highest mountain, longest border, population and other demographic info is also ranked. This book is full of colour photographs and illustrations as well. It does come out before the year mentioned (ie this 2008 edition was published in 2007 (I am writing this review in November 2007), so obviously the book is not entirely up to date for the year on the title. It is still great though and an excellent source of trivia questions or answers to friendly bets. I have previously owned (and reviewed) the 2005 edition and a lot of the lists especially historical ones are still the same so depending on the lists or trivia you're interested in you may be better off buying a much cheaper previous year volume. If the
latest stats such as highest grossing movie, latest sporting stats and so forth are important to you then you may want to fork out the extra for the current one.

If you're a teacher, trivia night fundraiser question writer, interested in history or just plain interested in what is the highest, longest, top selling, top performing, oldest, largest capacity and a heap of other achievements of a number of different topics from nature (eg deadliest animal to humans), man made structures (eg highest buildings), sport (eg most wins) economic (eg most expensive countries to buy a Big Mac), poverty (eg highest unemployment rates), agriculture (eg top ten list of various crop producing countries), natural resources (eg top ten list of various mineral producing and also consuming countries), disasters (eg worst passenger deaths from ferries), largest ports, oldest subways, busiest airports, these lists and more covering a vast range of interesting topics mean this is the book for you!

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