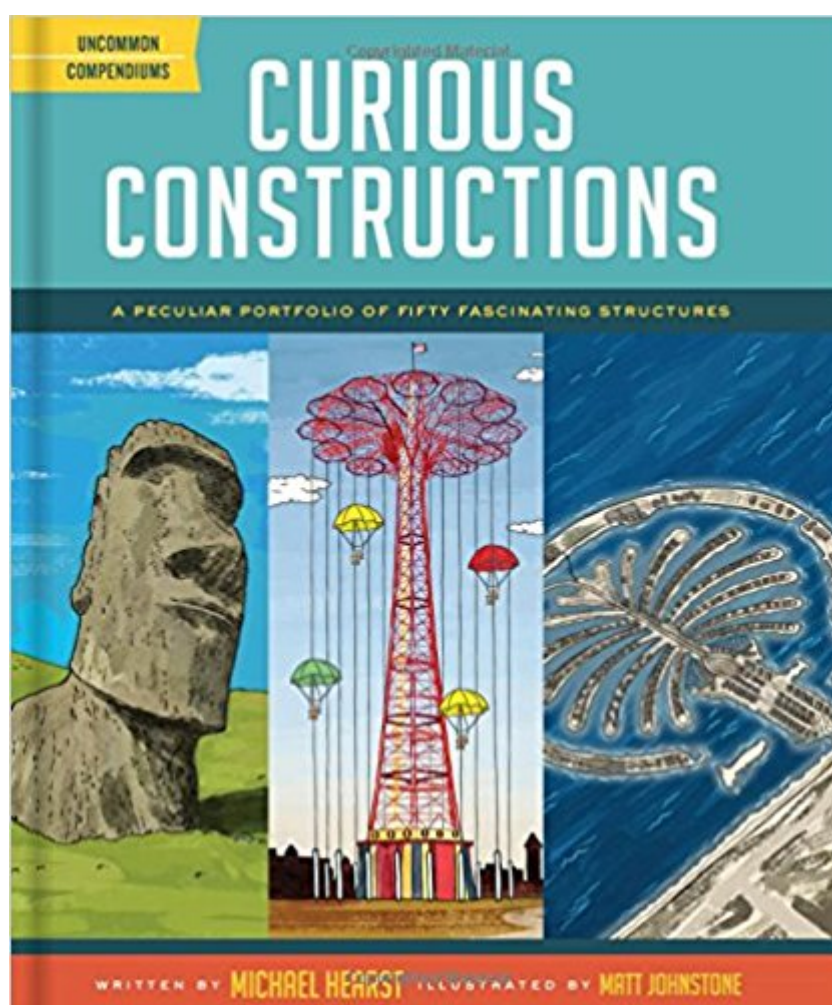


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Curious Constructions: A Peculiar Portfolio Of Fifty Fascinating Structures (Uncommon Compendiums)



Synopsis

Curious about constructions? Inside this book, you'll come face-to-face with 50 incredible structures, including: a fire-breathing octopus sculpture; the skateboard ramp you'd need to jump the Great Wall of China; a whole community of tree houses in Costa Rica; and a lifesize X-Wing Starfighter built of Legos. These and many more fascinating accounts of constructions both fantastically useful and gloriously unnecessary await inquisitive readers, aspiring engineers, and anyone who ever looked at a skyscraper and thought, "Yeah, but what if it had a roller coaster on top?"

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Customer Reviews

"Hearst obviously had a lot of fun compiling this interesting assortment of man-made creations, making great use of wit and puns."-School Library Journal
"The wry humor in Hearst's commentary will keep readers entertained."-Publishers Weekly

Michael Hearst is a composer, multi-instrumentalist, and writer. He is the author of the other Uncommon Compendiums, Unusual Creatures and Extraordinary People. He lives in Brooklyn, New York. Matt Johnstone is an illustrator who has worked for a wide range of clients around the world. He is currently based in London.

We love all of Michael Hearst's books, and this is another great addition to our collection. We started as fans of his music, and his books are wonderful extensions of his thoughtful but whimsical style. Our young daughter has enjoyed each new book, and we always learn fascinating things about the world, and the people, around us. Do yourself a favor and pick up this book, and others by this author. Lots of enjoyment ahead!

Another fantastic children's book from author and musician Michael Hearst. This is the third book in a series of engaging treatments of the odd, the offbeat, and the amazing things in our world. Every kid needs a copy!

Every book in this series is so great. My kid is a little too young to appreciate the text, but she already loves looking at the pictures and talking about the structures. As she gets older, she will only love it more. These books are a great way to interest your child in the world around them because they are fun--for parents and kids like.

Like Michael Hearst's other books, *Curious Constructions* is a fascinating read not only for kids, but for adults as well. Graphically beautiful, this book is not only entertaining, but it's funny and very educational. It's a great window into the oddities of different cultures of the world. Although my daughter who is 4 1/2 enjoys it, I know she will also be reading it at the ages of 12, 13 and beyond.

Who is Michael Hearst and why does he know there's a Nautilus House in Mexico City? Awesome! Every time he writes a book it's my new favorite. We've given his books to every kid in our extended family, and every parent enjoys them as much as the kids. And I dig Matt Johnstone's illustrations. (Ouch! Cruel cut to Michael Sera via the Longaberger Building.)

I loved this book--great for children and adults. Learned lots of quirky things about buildings and found it fascinating (a subject I didn't even know I liked!) My son and daughter both really love it and see them showing it to their friends telling them random facts they've learned.

Michael Hearst's books are such a joy for both my kids and myself - chock full of lovely images and compelling details that help us see the world around us - and places we've never been - in new ways. *Curious* is in the title of this newest book, and this book is fantastic for all curious people!

This is such a great book that should be in any kids (and adult's) library. So much fun to refer to, some famous buildings, and some lesser known works as well. The diverse range of projects it includes from all over the world make for great arm-chair tourism.

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