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# ANIMAL FACTS

## RATTLESNAKES



These venomous snakes are found in North, South, and Central America. The largest population is in southwest United States & Northwest Mexico. The Eastern Diamondback is the largest of these venomous pit vipers. They measure 3-6 feet long. It is also the most deadly of the pit vipers,

There are 48 known species of rattlesnake and they play a vital role in our ecosystem by helping control small rodent population.

Their biggest predator, the Kingsnake, is immune to rattlesnake venom.

By Daniel Yother

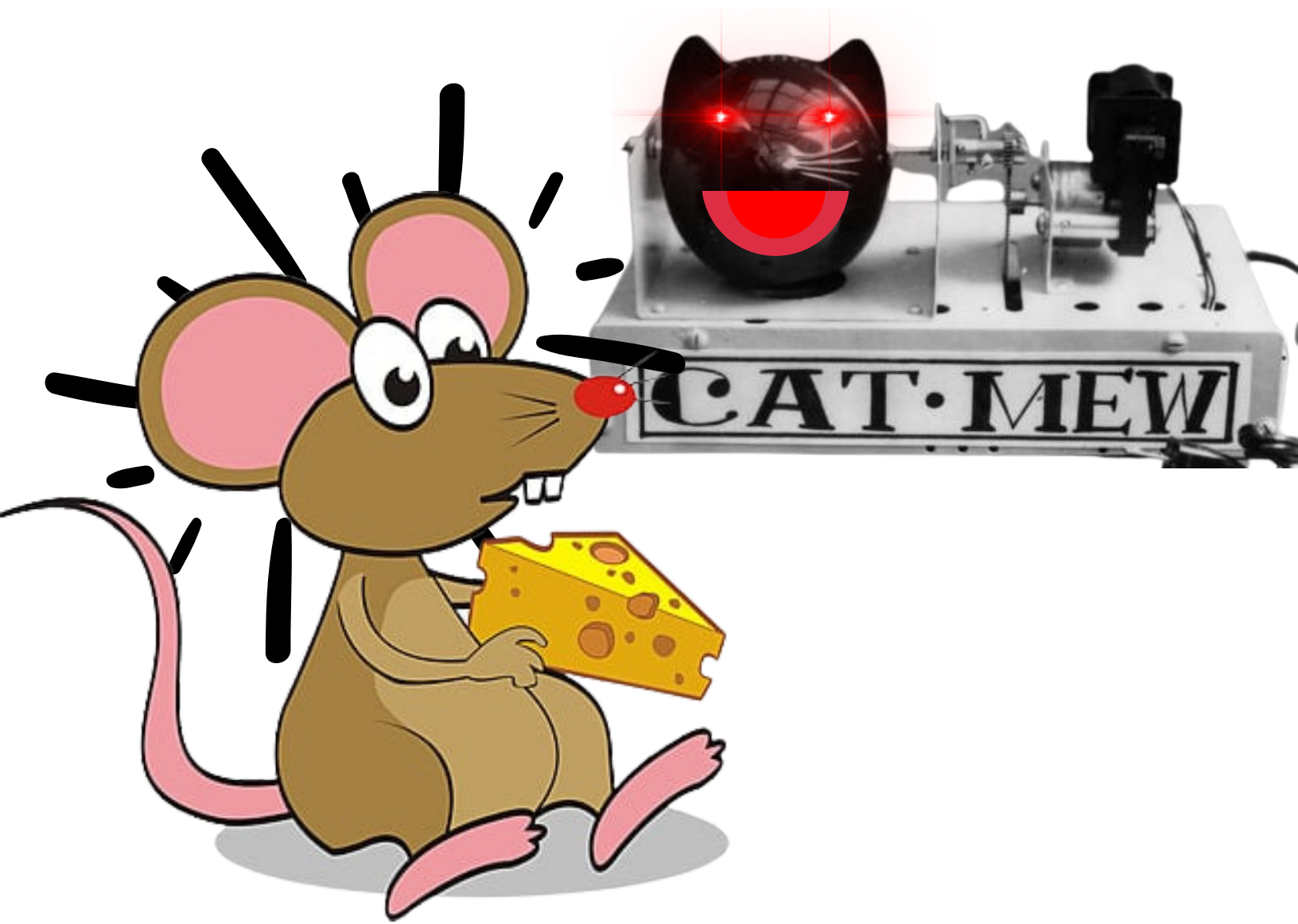
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# Ridiculous Inventions

John Van Fleet

**The Cat-Mew Machine is basically a scarecrow for mice. All it does is meow ten times a minute. Also, when it meows its eyes light up. It was invented in Japan, in 1963**



# **Lost Tales: How Mockingbirds Got Their Song**

Evie Venable



**The Mockingbirds of today once used to have a song of their own. It was the most beautiful bird song ever known to the world. Imagine a harmony of tinkling silver bells with a harp gently strumming in the background. This is only a taste. God gave the Mockingbirds this beautiful song so they would proclaim his glory and humbly serve Him.**

**But instead of making them humble, their song made the Mockingbirds haughty and prideful. They saw themselves as superior to all other birds and ordered them about like slaves and treated them harshly. God was not pleased with this cruel behavior. He had created all creatures and human beings equal.**

**As punishment to the Mockingbirds for mistreating other creatures, He took away their beautiful song. They would only be able to mimic others' calls but they would never again have a song of their own.**

**And to this day, the Mockingbirds continue only to copy other birds but never chirping a song of their own.**



# Book Review: Terrifyingly Awesome Technology

John Van Fleet

Author: Sean Connolly

Publisher: Random House

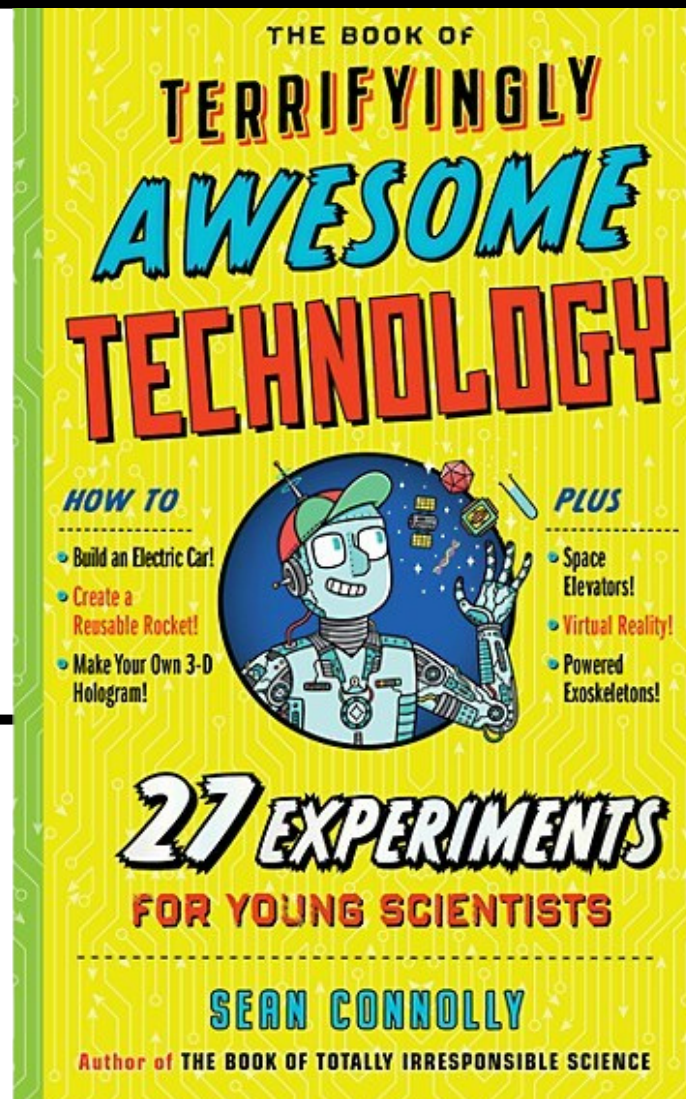
Grades: 5nd-10th

Pages: 240

Genre: Non-Fiction, Science



4.5 Stars



Connolly has fascinating facts and stories from science jam-packed in this book. There are also one or two experiments to go along with each chapter. This feature makes it easier to understand the topics in each chapter as well.

# Ten Strange Things Sold on eBay

Daniel Van Fleet

**Fake Lint from Steph Curry's Hair**

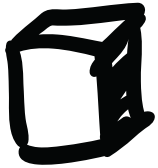


**One Man's Entire Life**

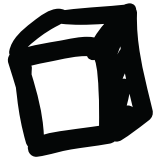
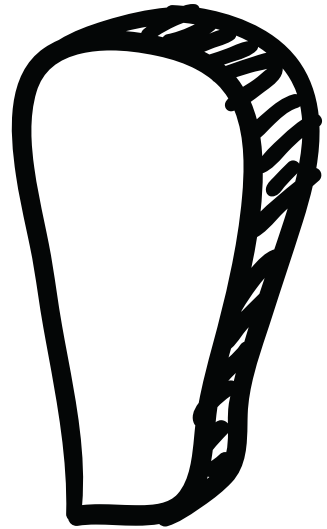
**The Meaning of Life**

**A Ghost Town**

**Britney Spears' Gum**



**Justin Timberlake's Leftovers**



**William Shatner's Kidney Stone**

**A Human Kidney**

**Guinea Pig Battle Armor**

**A Grilled Cheese on Which the Toasted Image of  
the Virgin Mary Surprisingly Appeared**

# Etymology Corner

Daniel Van Fleet

Have you ever heard someone say something and wondered how in the world the word or phrase they used ever became "a thing"? No? Just me? Okay, well humor me, then. "Etymology" is the study of the origin of words.

Now that you have that fancy word to use with your friends (as long as you remember how to pronounce it), maybe you'll be interested to learn about the etymology of these words/phrases:

## Through the Grapevine:

A grapevine is a system of twisty tendrils going from cluster to cluster. The communication grapevine was first mentioned in the 1850s, the telegraph era. Where the telegraph was a straight line of communication from one person to another, the "grapevine telegraph" was a message passed from person to person, with some likely twists along the way.

## Hands Down:

Hands down comes from horse racing, where, if you're way ahead of everyone else, you can relax your grip on the reins and let your hands down. When you win hands down, you win easily.

## Push the Envelope:

Pushing the envelope belongs to the modern era of the airplane. The flight envelope is a term from aeronautics meaning the boundary or limit of performance of a flight object. The envelope can be described in terms of mathematical curves based on things like speed, thrust, and atmosphere. You push it as far as you can in order to discover what the limits are. Tom Wolfe's *The Right Stuff* brought the expression into wider use.

## Go Haywire:

What kind of wire is haywire? Just what it says—a wire for baling hay. In addition to tying up bundles, haywire was used to fix and hold things together in a makeshift way, so a dumpy, patched-up place came to be referred to as "a hay-wire outfit." It then became a term for any kind of malfunctioning thing. The fact that the wire itself got easily tangled when unspooled contributed to the "messed up" sense of the word.





# Top 10 Super Smash Bros Characters

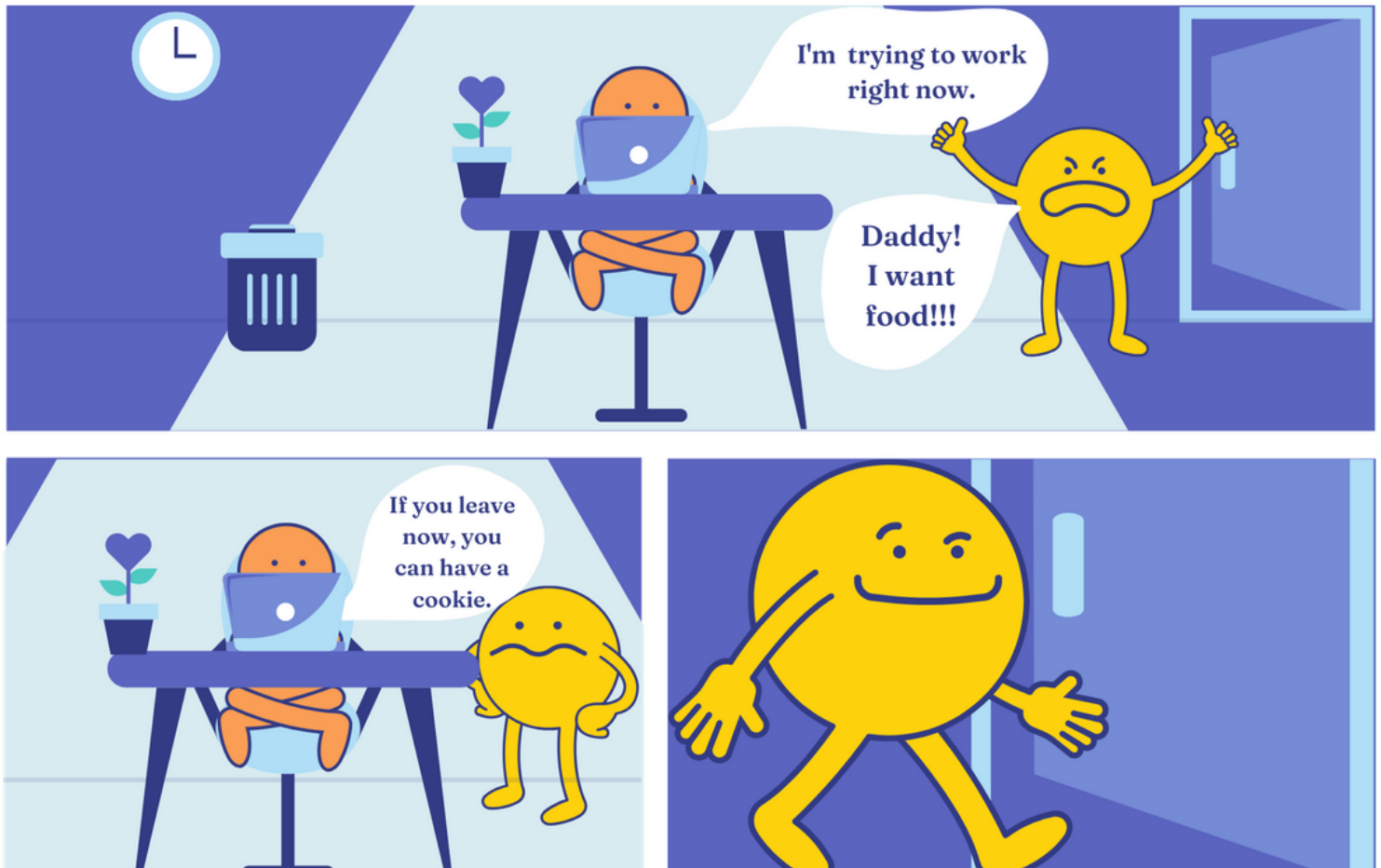
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- 10 Mr. Game & Watch
- 9 Duck Hunt
- 8 Sonic
- 7 Pokémon Trainer
- 6 Meta Knight
- 5 Bowser Jr.
- 4 Villager
- 3 Kirby
- 2 Samus
- 1 Bowser



# WORKING FROM HOME



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