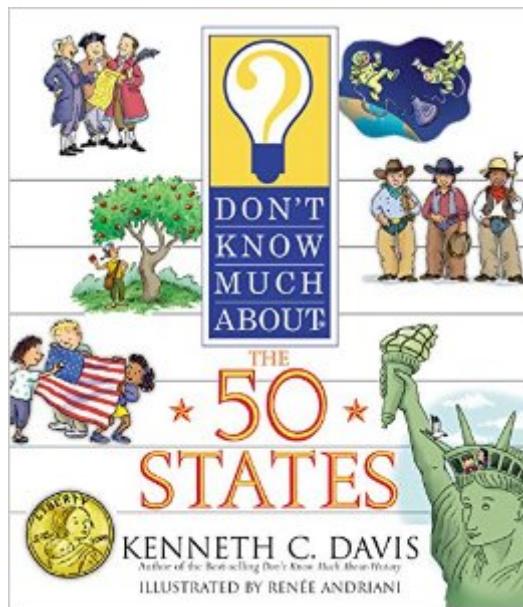


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# Don't Know Much About The 50 States



## **Synopsis**

Thirteen stripes-Fifty stars-And hundreds of AMAZING facts about the U.S.A.!Can you guess the names of the ten states below? 1. I have the highest waterfalls in North America. 2. I am the smallest state. 3. I am the largest state. 4. I have produced the most presidents of the United States. 5. I was the first to become a state. 6. I was the last to become a state. 7. I have the "Gateway to America." 8. I have the most kids under age ten. 9. I have the most tornadoes. 10. I am home to America's most popular vacation spot.See page 6 for answers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have read and reviewed many children's books in my 28 years as an elementary school librarian, and have found none with more glaringly inaccurate and unclear writing:Washington is the Evergreen State, not the "CHINOOK State", Mt.St. Helens did not have "LAVA" flows as the text says it did, the section about the state says that the Chinook winds are a "PAIR of winds" and does not explain what they are, they are warm winds that sometimes flow from east to west bringing warm air west. As a native of Washington, I began, and ended, reading in the section on our state. After reading the section I did not bother to check to see if the other states information was as

inaccurate and poorly written, as I knew that I certainly would not want this book in any library nor in the hands of any children, despite the visual appeal.

Do you know which state has the largest cave system in the world, why Tennessee's nickname is the Volunteer State, or why North and South Dakota have the same name? What did Delaware do first, before any other state and why are more languages spoken in Oklahoma than in all of Europe? Do you know how many presidents were born in Ohio, whether there are really 10,000 lakes in Minnesota, or where you'd find a nodding donkey? The answers to these and hundreds of other questions can be found in Kenneth Davis' marvelously creative and inventive geography book, *Don't Know Much About The 50 States*. Written in an easy to read, conversational format, each page is dedicated to a single state, chock full of interesting trivia, fun facts and historical information and complemented by Renee Andriani's witty and expressive illustrations that just add to the fun. Perfect for youngsters 9-12, this is a book full of history, trivia and lots of surprises that whets the appetite, takes the stuffiness out of geography and makes learning fun. So find out in which two states wild Venus Fly Traps grow, and enjoy!

True this book does not go into great detail about the states, but if you want your children to get a start on learning about all fifty states this book is great. It gives some general facts about every state - state bird, capital, flower. It then gives a couple of interesting facts about each state. The author keeps the information short, to the point and interesting. It is a great book for kids 3-7. I would agree that 10-12 year olds maybe to old for this book.

HISTORY IS BORING RIGHT, well you could be wrong. To sit down and read all about the actions of one person or another could be boring, but Kenneth Davis has taken that same history and made it interesting. He tells the History of different subjects in such a way that you shake your head and wonder just how things could happen that way. Listening to history, or the highlights of history as he presents it can cause you to shake your head and wonder just what people were thinking, or WHERE they were thinking about some of the things that have happened, and how did the stories that we hear today get started. ALL of Kenneth C. Davis books are well worth the investment not only to learn the important parts of history, but to shake your head at some of the stupid people who have been making all the history before our time.

My 8.5 year old LOVES this book. I actually learned several facts I wasn't aware of. (Alaska is

closer to Russia than it is to the rest of the United States for instance.) This book is no encyclopedia, but it's A LOT more fun to read than one!

I have about 10 books on the states and this is my absolute favorite. Great color pictures. All the info we need about each state. The pages aren't cluttered or messy. Easy to understand and easy to read.

... but very little real information. At 65 pages of large print and sprawling cartoons, rather devoid of anything exceptional. I'd skip it and find something more informative for your child.

There should be several pages of information about each state to make this book educational. It is not nearly enough for a 9-12 year old to learn from. That is why we are returning it.

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