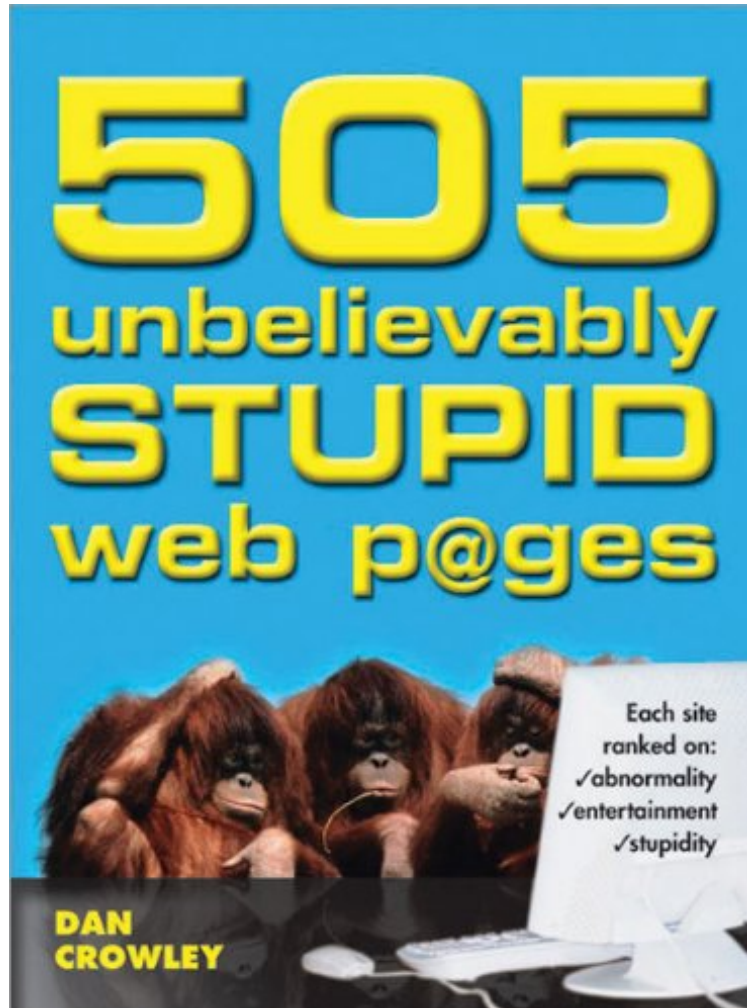


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very entertaining and FUN! By Valerie Harris I love the book - my goatlover.org website is in it! Thank you, Dan! 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Give Crowley A Chance, You Might Be Surprised By Robert I. Hedges Some reviewers have essentially remarked that Dan Crowley is immature in his approach to dealing with his subject matter. I am certainly not defending this book as a piece of high literature, but I am willing to wager that not too many of these critics wrote a book at age 17. For the record, I think Crowley is occasionally tedious (the word "stupid" must be the most common adjective in the book, and the Homer Simpson references are irritating after a while, as is his hatred for cats), but I don't think he is particularly mean spirited (he thanks the creators of all these sites for providing him with material, after all). As the author he gets to

define his subject, he chose the 505 stupidest sites on the web, and some of the ones he chose really do deserve to be singled out for special condemnation. Examples of humorous senselessness abound: [...] (a site dedicated to incinerating wrapped cheese slices on a grill); a site dedicated to the church of William Shatner; a site devoted to the "Sounds of Pasta" (different types of pasta being poured into a pan sound files), and of course, Britney's Guide to Semiconductor Physics, with features involving Britney Spears and advanced physics (including explanations of vertical cavity surface emitting lasers which you can read while looking at your Britney wallpaper.) Clearly this book was not the originator of the silliness or stupidity of the subject matter involved, and I think it's great that a 17 year old wrote a book like this. It is sometimes a bit repetitive, but overall it is a good first effort. Incidentally, Crowley has written a second book covering stupid online stores ("The 505 Weirdest Online Stores"), and I think he has improved as a writer since publishing this one. Most of the sites I went to from this book (which, admittedly, weren't that many) worked as of July, 2005. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hopelessly out of date already
By Kevin Teeple
Last week I went to a book sale at the library. Though books on history, science, and philosophy tended to be decades old, the ones on computers and the internet tended to be only copyrighted a decade prior, and they were already being sold for quarters. That reminded me of this book, which my brother got for Christmas years ago. He moved away and left pretty much all his books, saying I could have any of them I wanted, and I decided to look at the websites in this book. As of February 2011, when I looked at it, about 7 out of 10 of the links listed in this book are dead. Anything with geocities is automatically out, and if a website was notable when it came out, you might, if you're lucky, find a broken, picture-less version of the website on The Wayback Machine (a website I'm sure will be a dead link too in a few years). Published eight years ago from when I'm writing this, this book is already hopelessly out of date. Books on many subjects can have long life-spans, and novels can be read until their pages fall out, but when it comes to books on computers and the internet, timing crucial, with this book as a case in point. Whether it was or wasn't a good book in 2003 is a moot point by now. In 2011, almost every link mentioned in the book is already dead, and this book is now best used as kindling, or to be recycled to make magazines or daily newspapers with an even shorter expiration date than this book.

Check Out These Insane Sites Marshmallow Bunny Survival Tests See them bunnies burn! (pg. 5) Star Wars Gangsta Rap Don't be a Vader Hater. (pg. 112) Poke Alex in the Eye: The Game Finally, a game where everyone wins. (pg. 23) The Outhouses of America Tour Never have a boring family vacation again. (pg. 134) The Leonard Nimoy Should Eat More Salsa Foundation (pg. 135): Words can't describe... (pg. 135) AND 500 MORE!

From the Publisher Want to do some Cheese Racing? Take a trip through the Museum of Burnt Food? Hitch a ride with Sox, the Sock Monkey with a Harley? Me neither. But it sure is fun to laugh at the idiots who do! 505 Unbelievably Stupid Web Pages is your guide to the World Wide Web's weirdest, funniest and overall dumbest websites. For the price of a book, you get a full description of each site along with hilarious comments and rankings for Abnormality, Stupidity and Entertainment. About the Author Dan Crowley is a seventeen-year-old, honor-roll high-school student who loves video games, reading and, of course, Internet surfing and writing. Dan lives in Wisconsin with his mom and dad, two sisters, and a cute puppy named Marnie. Since childhood, Dan has frequently written fictional stories for fun. This book is Dan's first attempt at nonfiction writing and his first book-length project.