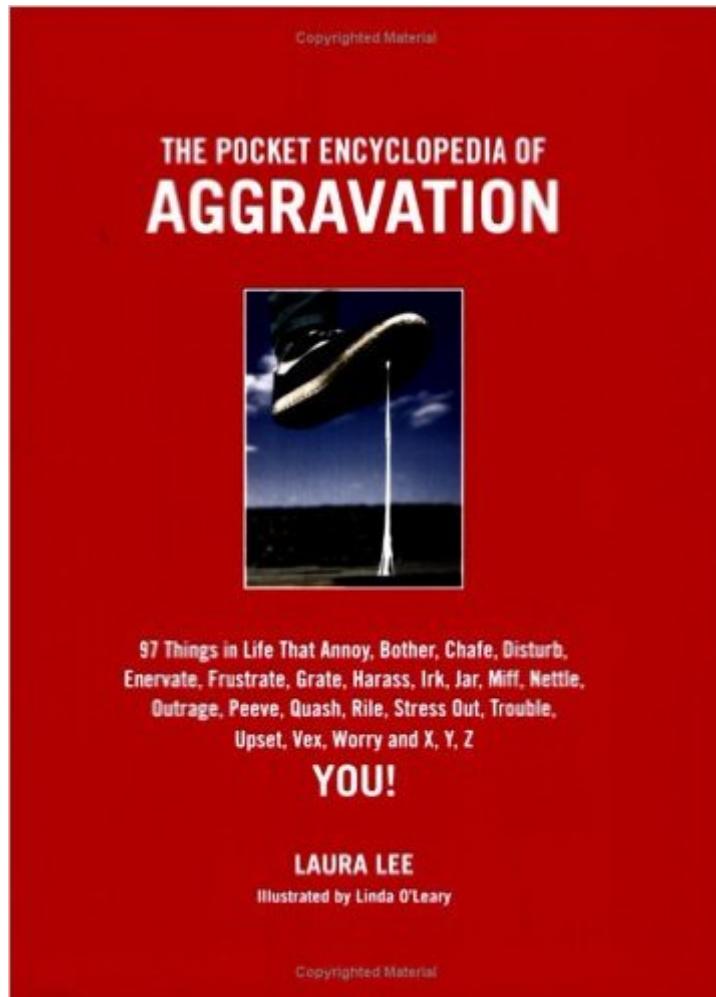


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Synopsis

From airline food, bagpipes and Barney to soggy cereal, telemarketers and warts, here is the first A-to-Z, illustrated compendium of everyday annoyances--complete with truly informative scientific explanations and wry commentary. When it comes to aggravation, it's the little things that count. Car alarms, fingernails on a blackboard, having a song stuck in your head, cookie mush at the bottom of your coffee cup, mosquitoes, mimes, chain letters--and those silly curtains between First Class and Coach, what are those about? The Pocket Encyclopedia of Aggravation is a unique tour through the things that drive us crazy, full of fascinating details about their inner workings, causes, remedies and histories. Deadpan cross-sections, diagrams, and technical drawings bring such things to life as VCRs that flash 12:00-12:00-12:00 and the sound waves created by nails on a chalkboard or crinkly candy wrappers.

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Customer Reviews

A totally, delightfully, annoying read! Laura Lee has compiled a list of truly frustrating items and then given an explanation for each that either leaves you laughing or ready to tackle the outrageous items she describes. The illustrations are wonderful, and at times add an even deeper laugh! Everyone I have shown the book to immediately looks for the thing that aggravates them the most and inevitably it is there! In fact I have a hard time getting the book back from them, how vexing! I highly recommend this book and all of its bothersome entries.

Laura Lee has done it once again. Her gift of providing facts with entertainment is astounding. I guarantee you'll find answers to questions about annoying issues that you've always wondered about, but never had time to explore. From "Why do TV Commercials Blare" to my personal favorite "Why does the sandwich fall butter side down" there's fun on every page. Extremely well written, this is the perfect book to read while waiting for appointments, or riding the bus. It's segmented alphabetically, and provides information you've always wondered about along with a wit and humor that leaves you smiling. It's a book to be revisited over and over and makes an excellent gift for everyone! It can generate the most marvelous conversations. If you're like me, the next time you knock your sandwich off the plate and it tumbles to the floor, you'll have a smile on your face. Amazingly, some things are less annoying when you know the facts. I look forward to a sequel!

This book is awesome, not only does it discuss the things that aggravate and irk us, but Laura Lee goes in depth and explains the reason and science behind them, from crinkly candy wrappers to lost luggage to slow drivers in the fast lane! I enjoyed this book and its humor so much, I hope Laura Lee writes another book on the things that aggravate us!

This book is a real hoot. I take it with me when I travel and when people see me reading it they invariably ask me about it. Most of these are serious aggravations but handled in a typically British humorous fashion. Some entries are less serious such as: Why is your destination always on the fold of your map? Using the equation $P = A/mn = 2b(2/m + 1/n - 4b/mn)$, scientists determined there is a better than 50-50 chance your destination on a map will fall into the Murphy Zone - after Murphy's Law - around the edge of the map or in the crease. This and other hilarious gems is a sure fire conversation maker.

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