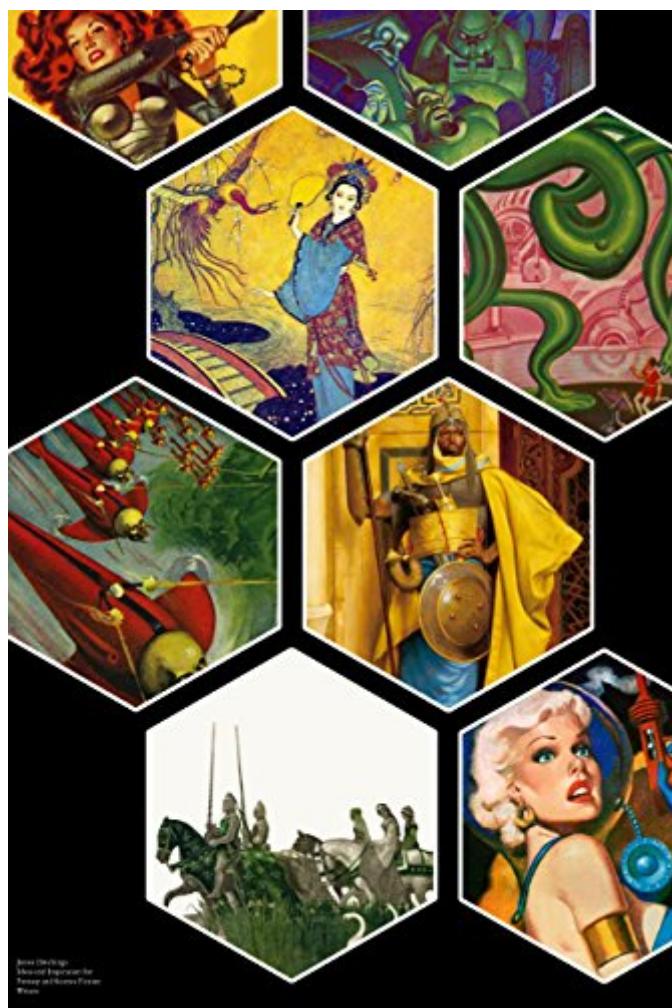


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When I started reading the book, I went back to the blurb provided to me. I was told that the book is a collection of articles that could trigger ideas. The collection contains various topics that can be used for Sci Fi books and fantasy stories. Hence, the book attempts to deliver what it claims. But sadly, there is no introduction or a precursor to what to expect and the like. Thus, jumping straight into the content was like diving into unknown waters. James has made concerted efforts in compiling the articles and kudos to him for doing so. The only thing I felt that could have improved the writings were a personal touch or giving examples. There were facts, there were folklores. Yet, I felt something was amiss. Maybe, with a sentence or two in first person the reader would have felt like returning back to the article. Also, a bit of change in the writing style would have succeeded in creating better mental imageries. This would have led to topics becoming better and effective inspirational triggers. Otherwise, the language used is simple and can be easily comprehended. One high point of the collection is that various interesting topics have been touched upon. The book could have been a wonderful source for Sci Fi and Fantasy writers suffering from a writer's block or

seeking ideas and inspirations. However, the narration may act as a bit of a deterrent. A bit more tweaking could have converted this non-fiction into a more interesting read. To sum up, the book is readable at least once for the efforts that the author has invested in compiling the articles. The collection is good enough to be flipped through at least once by writers wanting to write a science fiction or fantasy story. P.S - Thank you James for sharing your collection of articles with me. I am sure as a writer you appreciate an honest opinion. Looking forward to your next which would definitely be better.

This is an alphabetically ordered encyclopaedia of... imaginings? story kernels of various levels of weirdness, humour, fancy and factual accuracy? myths? historical snippets? I am not sure. Maybe all the above. Some of the items are a mere sentence, or a short paragraph. Others are well-researched history, covered in some detail. I found some of these to be very enjoyable in their own right. Others are horrible. They may give wonderful ideas to horror writers -- but then I find reality terrible enough without wanting to read horror fiction. The 247 page book is obviously a work of love, and must have taken years to accumulate. Like me, James clearly likes to research, and has a fine eye for the unusual. If you have time to fill, you don't need to be a speculative fiction writer to enjoy dipping into it. There is the potential for hours of browsing, and if you like, you can make any item the starting point for some internet research, or, indeed a story. Personally, I don't need other people's bizarre ideas. I have all too many of my own. But if your muse dries up, a random inspection of James' offerings may well rejuvenate it.

This resource is remarkably extensive and varied. There are articles on strange human behaviours, odd customs and traditions, peculiar animal behaviour, secret societies and events, curses, unusual illnesses, myths, fakes, religious peculiarities, odd individuals and many other topics. This isn't a book to sit and read, but a research and inspiration tool to use for those times when you have the urge to write something unusual or speculative but the ideas escape you. Here you'll find ideas to stimulate and inform, those oddities that can form a platform from which the writer can dive into the world of the impossible, improbable, eclectic and strange. It's a veritable compendium of stimulants for the brain, a lever for the imagination, a cave of treasures for the storyteller in search of inventiveness. If you write either fantasy or science fiction, you'll come across ideas and events here to help you make your stories more interesting, intriguing, adventurous and yet strangely plausible.

It's a work to enjoy and keep at hand for those moments when the imagination lags and the ideas begin to dry up. Definitely worth the tiny sum I paid for it.

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