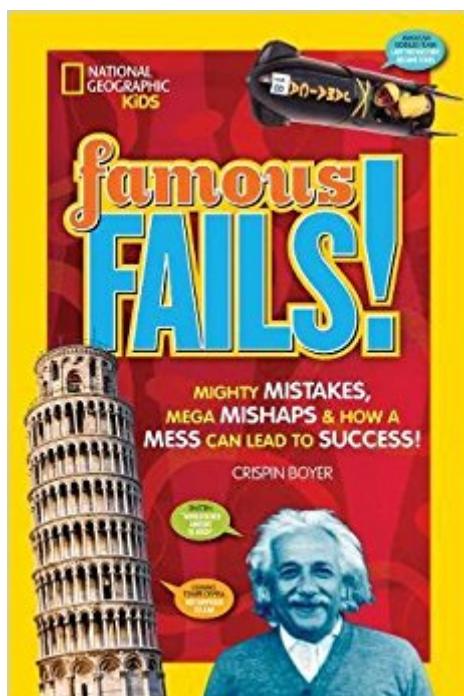


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# Famous Fails!: Mighty Mistakes, Mega Mishaps, & How A Mess Can Lead To Success!



## Synopsis

This fun book of quirky failures and famous flops will keep kids laughing while they learn the importance of messing up in order to get it right. Science, architecture, technology, entertainment -- there are epic fails and hilarious goof-ups from every important field. Silly side features help to analyze the failures: "Lesson Learned," "It Could be Worse!," "Losing Combinations," and a "Fail Scale" help readers navigate the different kinds and scopes of the mistakes made. Read to learn what went wrong, what went right, and what kids can learn from each failed attempt.

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## Customer Reviews

"An unusual and satisfying collection." -- Kirkus .

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chose his book This or That? as one of 2015's top picks for reluctant young-adult readers.

Bought this as a gift from r my son very excited to have him open it on Christmas.

love the book ....

loved it

Making a mistake is how we learn. We can always pull up our boot straps and try it again. After all, practice makes perfect! In the 1970â€¢s Henry Smolinski took it upon himself to put airplane wings on a Ford Pinto. It was a big idea and a big mistake. It cost him and a friend their lives. In the 1960â€¢s director Mike Todd, Jr., introduced Smell-o-Vision. He wanted movie goers to experience various smells while watching a movie. Technical glitches ruined its reception with critics and audiences. One of the greatest blunders in product history is when Coca-Cola decided to change their formula for its popular drink. Other famous fails are bacon cooked in a toaster, fortune cookies for dogs, and chocolate covered French fries. Not all mistakes are bad or end in doom and gloom. Some famous fails turned out to be happy accidents. In 1905 Frank Epperson left a favorite soda in a cup overnight outside. It froze and, as a result, the popsicle was invented. Percy Spencer was experimenting with a microwave and popcorn kernels. He invented a two-for-one in a conventional oven and microwave popcorn. Readers will discover a plethora of mistakes in sports, musicals, historical events, animals and so much more. Fun facts in bright yellow squares and circles hilariously tagged It Could Be Worse and Lesson Learned provide insight on the topic at hand. Silly Mash-ups like Rock + Dog = Pet Rock are insightful and fun. There are plenty of photos that show the good and bad points of these famous fails. Everyone in the family will enjoy and be inspired by this guide.

Pages upside down? Very disappointing.

I feel much better about my life and many failures after reading this book. Somehow it's very comforting to know that I'm not the only one who has messed up. I found this book absolutely fascinating as I read about the many different types of failures the world has scene. Everything from buildings that burn things to flying cars to failed inventions. It was especially interesting to read about some really famous people like Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison who despite being really

successful in the long run, also experienced their own failures. There are many types of failures depicted in this book, everything from sports, to food, to entertainment (Smell-o-vision, anyone?), failed escape attempts, to fashion. Side bars share lessons learned, things that were even worse, and tips for dealing with one's own mistakes. This is a book that should definitely be in libraries for all ages for there is much to be learned here. There is even a game of sorts included challenging the readers to identify 9 mistakes in the book itself. Lots and lots of fun to be found in this book.

I think you can learn as much or more from a failure as you do from a success and this book is full of so many failures, but it also shows you what happens in the aftermath of these failures also. The book was a ton of fun to read and being filled with great images and information you learn a ton throughout the book! Get ready to be educated and entertained as you fail and find ultimate success along with these famous failures!

This little soft cover book is fun. It chronicles failures - some not so well known and some epic. It also shows how failure can lead to success. The Table of Contents doesn't give a clue about the individuals (famous) one might wish to seek out, but you can find them in the Index in the back. Example: Thomas Edison and Einstein. I love this quote: "Only the one who does not question is safe from making a mistake." Albert Einstein A fun book to tuck away some interesting facts into your head and to while away a few hours. I received a complimentary copy to facilitate a review of my opinions and I was not compensated.

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