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From School Library Journal YA-- A statistical look at life which YAs will love. The wide variety of topics includes sports, travel safety, health, and natural disasters. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Encompassing a dozen areas, including health, weather, mind/emotion, crime and punishment, and sports/gambling, this book is an entertaining collection of "what ifs." Some are popularly known, as "seat belts are 40%-50% effective in preventing fatal injuries." Some are--until now--probably obscure, such as "17.7% of all VA doctors who claim to be board certified are not." This book makes for good conversation openers as well as good trivia. Siskin claims that attitudes (and hence behaviors) may be changed after reading this book, but it is difficult to believe that someone would move to Japan rather than Spain because driving is less hazardous there. A fun, but not necessary, purchase.- Patty Miller, New Hampshire Vocational-Technical Coll. Lib., Laconia Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.