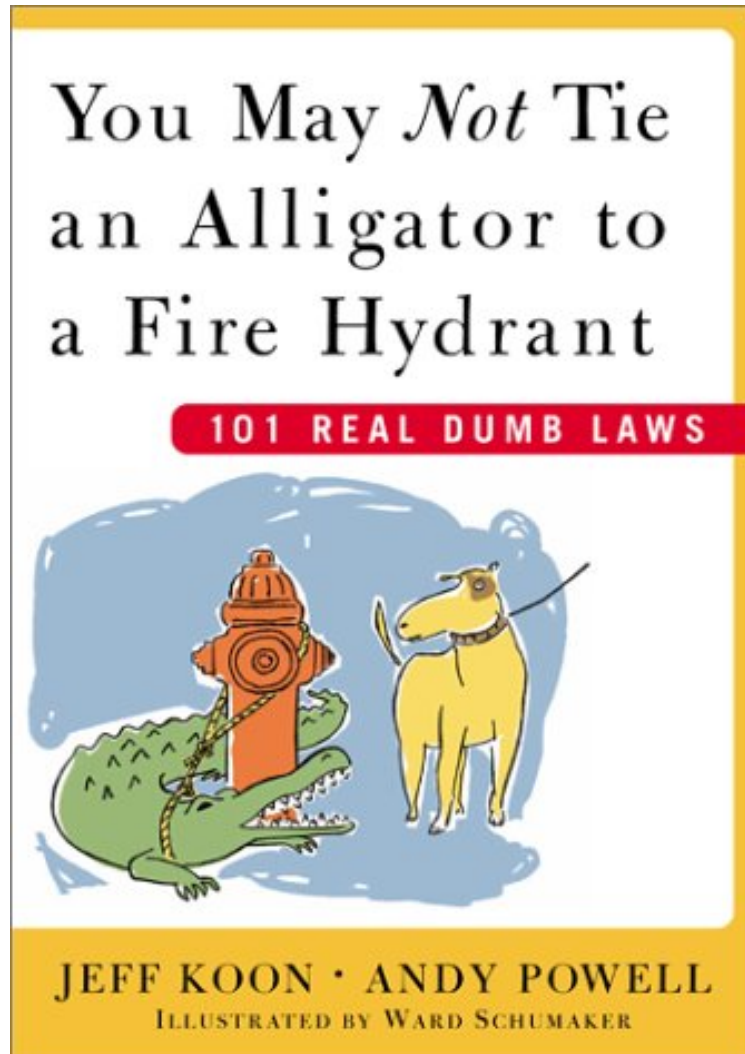


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shouldn't excuse them from poor grammar and poor attempts to sound clever. They seem to have confused "dumb" (cannot speak) with "stupid", and I am not sure if by "real dumb" they mean "true" and "stupid" or just "very stupid." The book tries to be clever by reading sophomoric humor into several of the laws. A law forbidding the disturbance of religious meetings becomes "It is illegal to intentionally burp in church in Nevada." Other laws don't seem to be "dumb" at all, despite the authors' opinions. In California, potbellied pigs and lizards have the same rights as cats and dogs. The law in question mandates that these animals be held for adoption at shelters for the same amount of time as cats and dogs. How is this "dumb"? 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A fine manifestation of bad, misleading journalism...By MICHAEL M. de Freitas This book is actually pretty bad. Many, if not most of the laws listed are actually not stupid. Not to mention that many of the section titles are pretty misleading. For instance, they say in La Plata, Maryland, it's illegal to drive a cab with only three doors. What the law actually says is that a cab or car for rental has to have four doors. Which is not all that unreasonable! The authors state it as if cars with three doors were the most common thing ever and their prohibition was sheer nonsense! No. Cars come in either two or four doors most of the time. The law was most likely written to prevent cabs with only two doors rather than cabs with three doors! Another example of the kind of really bad and misleading journalism these guys are doing. "In Texas one needs to pay an annual fee of 25 dollars for a licence to own a dead alligator". Again, they seem to suggest that at some point people keeping a dead alligator all year long was rampant in Texas, so the state decided to regulate the practice by charging a 25 dollar annual fee. I would have been shocked to learn that was the case. The way the law is stated just says that someone would have to pay 25 dollars for a licence to hunt an alligator, which, again, is not unreasonable at all! I could go on for almost each of the remaining 99 laws but I hope that was enough to make my point.

You May Not Tie an Alligator to a Fire Hydrant is a collection of the 101 dumbest real federal, city, and state laws in America, compiled by Jeff Koon and Andy Powell, a couple of high school seniors with a Web site visited by hundreds of thousands of browsers every month. These laws will astonish, possibly outrage, and certainly amuse citizens everywhere. Here you will learn that forgetting to close a gate is against the law in Nevada; that flying a kite is illegal in Schaumburg, Illinois; and that shaking carpets in the street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is strictly forbidden. You probably haven't tried cutting off your arm to make people feel sorry for you -- but if you live in Alabama, it is against the law. Many Texans will be surprised to learn that their hoes must be no less than four feet long. Perhaps more disturbingly, Indianans will be forced to recognize that being sexually aroused in public could get them arrested. With so many potential legal pitfalls around us all, it is comforting, finally, to learn in these pages that, in Alaska, the people who make laws have sagely concluded that emergencies are "held to a minimum and are rarely found to exist." This hilarious compilation features forty-six original illustrations by award-winning artist Ward Schumaker that brilliantly capture the absurdity of so many of our laws with a light and elegant touch. **WARNING** These laws, all verified by the authors and presented along with a reference to the corresponding federal, state, or city statute, may cause readers to lose any desire to pursue a career in law.

From Publishers Weekly In Utah, first cousins can marry, but only after they're 65 years old. Training a bear to wrestle is a felony in Alabama. In Delaware it's illegal to sell perfume as a drink. Seventeen-year-olds Jeff Koon and Andy Powell collect these and other wacky laws in *You May Not Tie an Alligator to a Fire Hydrant: 101 Real Dumb Laws*. Some of the laws show compassion (in Florida's Jupiter Colony Inlet, you can't launch missiles at birds), while others are just plain bizarre (in Oklahoma, hamburgers purchased on Sunday can only be eaten in the restaurant). Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. About the Author Andy Powell will graduate from high school in 2002. So far his grades in mathematics have been pretty good. After starting his first Web site with Jeff in primary school, their site listing stupid laws made Yahoo!'s site-of-the-year list in 1998. Jeff Koon will graduate from high school in 2002. His favorite subject is history. Appearing on the Montel Williams Show with Andy in summer 2001 crowned his dot.com career.