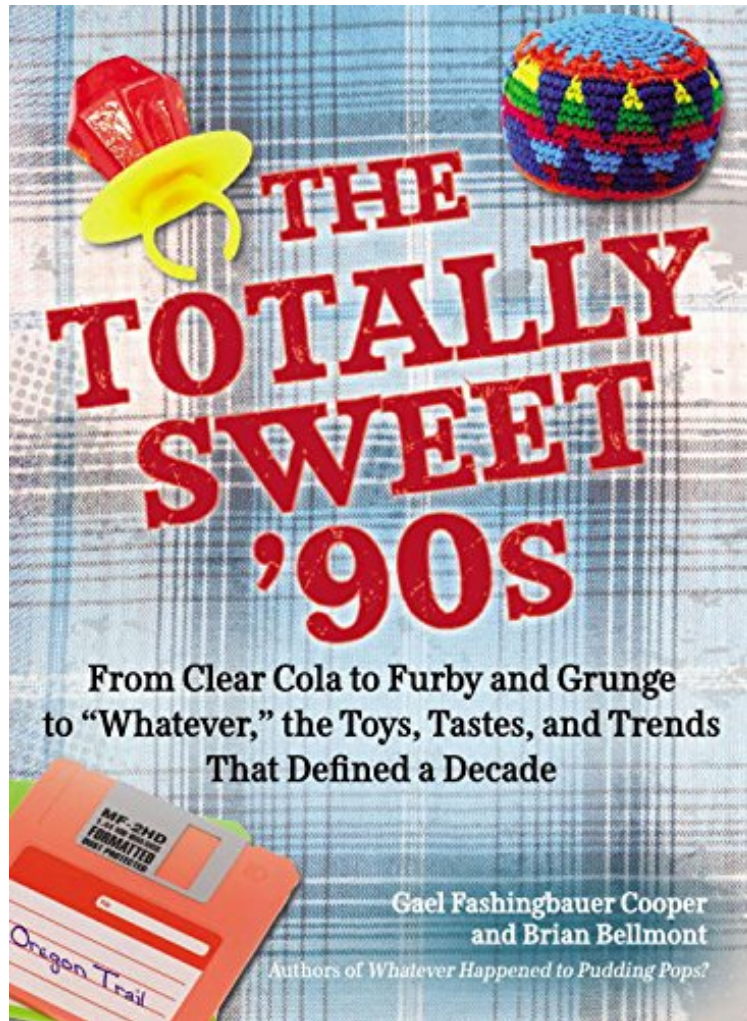


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that I'm partial to the decades of my childhood/college years (70s and 80s) and still maintain a historical interest in previous decades, but, I simply can't stand the 90s. THE TOTALLY SWEET 90s, while humorous and informative, seemed to validate my negative sentiment of a decade where style firmly overtook substance on almost every level (a trend that started in the 80s). THE TOTALLY SWEET 90s is an A-to-Z encyclopedia that covers a myriad of iconic toys, foods, clothes and entertainment that defined a decade probably more memorable for its projected doomsday ending (Y2K) than the preceding 10 years. Each entry consists of a brief description in which the authors inject their own sarcastic take on the subject matter, followed by a current-day status update and an informative fun fact. The authors have provided a nicely organized 1990s time-capsule with plenty of research and several photos to jog your memories. I must credit the effort in developing such a comprehensive list that includes many forgotten/obscure items (Surge Soda and Gak) on top of the obvious (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles). As expected, there will be those disappointed in the exclusion of some 90s-related item that only a handful of people care to remember, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a more comprehensive list (for crying out loud, even the *It's Pat* movie is mentioned in the book). I do wish each and every entry included a photo. Even though I enjoyed the light-hearted trip down memory lane, the ongoing list of mindless techno-junk (Tamagotchi and Furby), completely unnecessary food experiments (Doritos 3-D), music (Macarena) and fads (Beanie Babies) started to annoy as well as rationalize my disdain for the 90s. I was reminded how mindless things started to get; when things began to matter more than people. A decade defined by Riverdance, Jim Carrey, the Spice Girls and Zubaz is something I'd rather forget. Sure, the decade wasn't all bad, after all it did deliver Seinfeld and Snapple, but those gems are buried in a mountain of sludge that includes MMBop, the Ebola Virus, OJ and the boxers or briefs debate. While the 90s weren't memorable for me, I find THE TOTALLY SWEET 90s to be a nice resource documenting that moment in time for better or for worse.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ahh, the Memories! By Chef Steph
Another great job by Gael Fashingbauer Cooper! Though I'm more of an 80's kid and identified more with the previous book ("Whatever Happened to Pudding Pops?"), this book brought back a lot of memories from high school. The writing style is perfectly worded and hilarious, basically describing things the exact way many of us would. I really wish the authors would come out with two or three more books per each decade (80's and 90's), as there was so, so much to remember and limited space in each book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get Ready For The Nostalgic Fuzzies
By Brian Gagnon
From the authors of "Whatever Happened To Pudding Pops?" comes a look back at the 90's that one may grow fond of. From Beanie Babies to Furbys, from Clear Cola to Magic Middles Cookies, from Clerks to The Big Lebowski, from *Scream* to The Blair Witch Project. This insightful book looks at several decade-defining objects from the 90's and explains how they've shaped our culture. Fellow 90's kids, go and order your copy now. You won't be disappointed.

If you can tell the difference between the Petes in *Pete Pete*, know every step to the Macarena by heart, and remember when *The Real World* was about more than just drunken hookups, *The Totally Sweet 90s* will be a welcome trip down memory lane. With this hella cool guide, you'll reminisce about that glorious decade when Beanie Babies seemed like a smart economic investment and Kris Kross had you wearing your pants backward. Whether you contracted dysentery on the Oregon Trail or longed to attend Janet Reno's Dance Party, you'll get a kick out of seeing which toys, treats, and trends stayed around, and which flopped. So throw your ponytail into a scrunchie, take a swig from your can of Surge, and join us on this ride through the unforgettable (and sometimes unforgivable) trends of the 90s.

Praise for *Whatever Happened to Pudding Pops*
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"Jen X 67" Its full of fun trivia and facts about all the games, toys, and pop culture that made the 1990s awesome.
"How About We" About the Author Gael Fashingbauer Cooper is a journalist who writes the nationally recognized pop culture blog *Pop Culture Junk Mail*. Brian Belmont is a former television reporter and producer who now runs a public relations agency