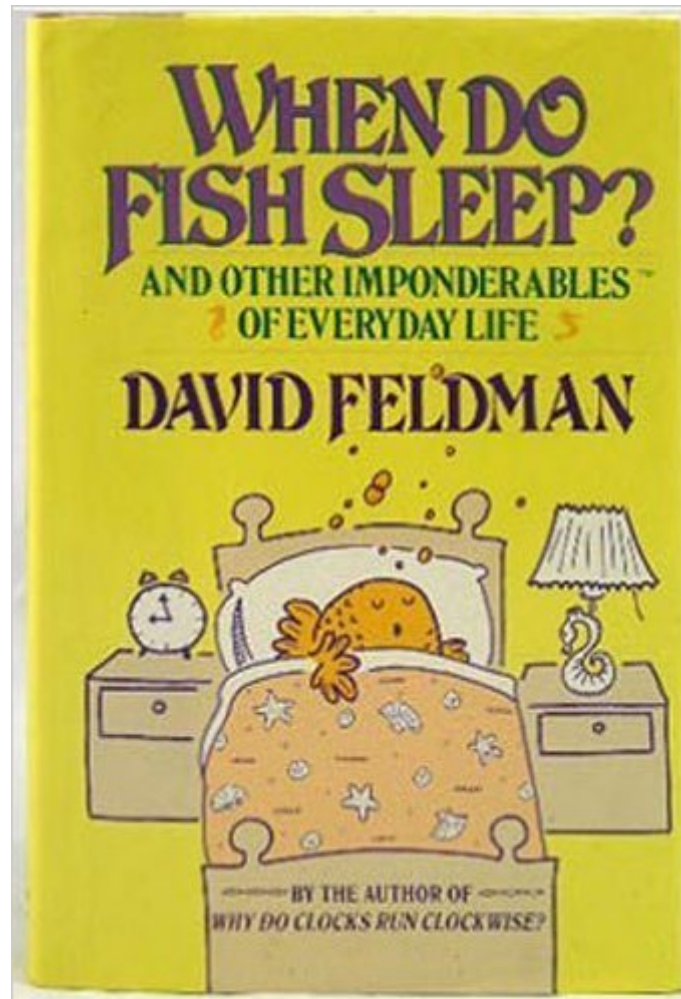


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# When Do Fish Sleep: And Other Imponderables Of Everyday Life



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Another great collection of the answers to life's little mysteries, from the bestselling author of *Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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"When do Fish Sleep" is a book of "Imponderables" (a term invented by the author meaning a question that cannot be answered by conventional means of reference books, calculations, or tangible means such as measuring). An example of an imponderable is "Why don't birds tip over when they sleep on a telephone wire?" or the like the title, "When do fish sleep?" As with any book that covers a myriad of information, there are fascinating parts and there are parts that seem to drag on. I felt some of the imponderables in the book seemed a little elementary, such as "Why is one side of a halibut dark and the other side light?" (the dark side is for camouflage and the light side is down so it does not need to be camouflaged), "What is the purpose of corn silk?" (for pollination), and "Why are bowling shoes ugly?" (so people don't steal them). Other questions were fascinating such as "Why do roaches always die on their backs?" (this is not always true, but it has a lot to do with the shape of the roach) and "Why do recipes warn us not to use fresh kiwi or pineapple in gelatin?" (the fruits contain an enzyme that break protein down). The book even has a section of "Frustrables", questions where readers have mailed in theories or questions that do not yet have an answer. The author even provides a way to contact them to answer frustrables or to propose new imponderables. As a geek that likes to learn, even useless information, I enjoyed the book. However, the book had no format. I felt the book could have benefited from a table of contents or have the

questions divided into related sections instead of aimlessly wander from topic to topic in the book. If you have a friend who sits and reads the cards from a "Trivial Pursuit" game, this is definitely a book for them.

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