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Guinness World Records : Guinness World Records 2012 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Guinness World Records 2012:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Here it is! By Steven Peterson Well, here it is. The 2012 version of the Guinness Book of Records. Much of this is silly and baroque. Still, so much fun! The very first record in this volume? The largest object lifted by helium balloons (in this case, a house). The last? The most layered bed-of-nails sandwich (difficult to explain, but a little different!). In between are myriad records, many of which are of little moment (such as most wins of the mashed potato wrestling championships). Others: Greatest distance pushing a mini scooter; Most times climbing to Mount Everest's summit; First wedding conducted by a robot; Busiest railroad station; Most expensive bridge; Longest running children's magazine; Longest serving TV host; Most wins in a WNBA season. So, are you interested in world records of a particular sort? Then this book will be enjoyable reading for you. 17 of 18 people found the following review helpful. great! By Robert W. Smith I've been an enthusiast of the Guinness Book of World Records since I was VERY young. I used to spend countless hours perusing the annual records books - memorizing often useless details. It turned out that, over the decades, many of those details have been useful,

especially at parties and social gatherings. several times the information has been useful in academic settings. imagine how thrilled i was when my children both expressed an interest in the guinness book of world records. the format changed some years ago - it's much easier to read, page through, perhaps it has a few less records but it has bigger, brighter, and more photogenic images that grab the attention of kids! year after year, it's not significantly different. most of us can go 2-3 years without a new volume. the quality of the information, images, and the books itself is outstanding. this book, this year, is my effort to encourage my son to read a bit more. i give everything a grade, and i believe that this merits a solid "A". i believe that the guinness book of world records is excellent in detail and quality, and ought to be considered essential to public libraries, school libraries, and homes of individuals with an interest in "trivia".0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Lynda FaithGift for couple married in 2012.

It's an Olympic year, and to celebrate, the latest incarnation of the world's biggest selling annual unveils its most thrilling edition yet with a dynamic new "widescreen" design, thousands of new and classic records, never-before-seen photos and an exciting selection of new topics and features. * Crisp, new design and color-coded sections to help organize and signpost the record content. * 100% new pictures and fully updated records * Mythconceptions - Test yourself and test your friends with quiz questions about the record facts that you think you know well! * Fact files - Fascinating introductory articles about the stories behind the records. * All-new sports section - Categorized by theme and allowing you to compare superlatives across every major sport. * Pioneers - Meet the new generation of young men and women who are pushing the boundaries of human achievement... on land, air, ice and sea. * The average reader - Find out how much time you spend watching TV, playing videogames and sleeping, and discover how much you laugh, weep, breathe and fart! * Connexions - What connects China and Ireland? What does the USA have in common with Zaire? Find out with our country-by-country global connections at the bottom of every page.

.com QA with Barrington Irving Barrington Irving is the Guinness World Record holder for "Youngest Person to Fly Solo Around the World." How did you come up with the idea of flying solo across the world? I wanted to inspire other kids to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace so I thought this might be an amazing feat that would inspire them. How do you feel about achieving a Guinness World Record? Awesome, unreal, humbled, and inspired to accomplish even greater feats. Records are made to be broken. Im just glad I have two records, and one of them--being the first black pilot to circle the world--no one will be able to ever break because I was the first. What is your earliest memory of Guinness World Records? I remember as a kid that I could never afford to purchase the Guinness records books, but every time I went shopping with my mom, I would read through the Guinness book, wondering what amazing talent I might have myself. Little did I know someday my own name would appear there! Who do you consider to be your inspiration for this achievement? My inspiration was my Jamaican parents for working so hard when they came to the U.S. and providing me an opportunity to receive an education. In addition, my mentor Capt. Gary Robinson inspired me to fly and Fabio Alexander, my first donor, was the first person to believe in my record-setting flight. Can you share with us any moments that were scary or dramatic? Did you have a time that you thought you wouldnt make it? When I began this historic venture, I immediately realized why the youngest person before me was in his 30s. The skills, patience, timing, training, and decisions I made at 23 helped me to survive. I almost died encountering a sandstorm at 17,000 feet over Saudi Arabia; crossing the North Atlantic on a 12.5-hour flight; encountering a monsoon over Vietnam (when I dropped my airplane from 20,000 feet to 9,200 ft., almost colliding into a mountain); and crossing the Bering Sea, when my aircraft was heavily covered with ice and I landed with only 12 minutes of fuel remaining on an island only one mile long! Inversely, when did you realize that you were going to make it around the globe? I never really felt comfortable until I reached Alaska and I saw US cable TV. (laughs) How did you keep yourself alert and focused during the flight? Eating sunflower seeds, drinking energy drinks, and relying on my own sheer will. Tricking myself mentally is what kept me focused. I took off my watch and said to myself: "No more will I worry about the time, I determine time now." What happened to your plane once your trip was finished? Ive used it to fly 600 kids around the U.S. What did your family and friends think of your expedition? Crazy, daring, perplexed, scared... now they are glad to know Im a Guinness World Record Holder! What are your plans for the future? I plan to provide a teaching experience like no other from a flying classroom, 40,000 feet in the air, helping kids explore math and science.