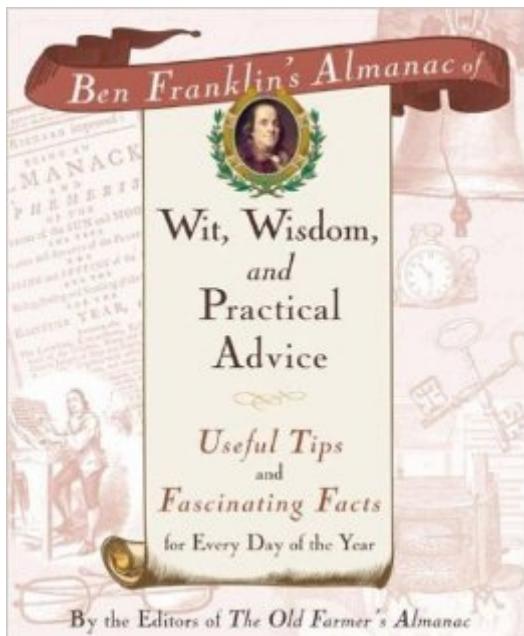


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# Ben Franklin's Almanac Of Wit, Wisdom, And Practical Advice: Useful Tips And Fascinating Facts For Every Day Of The Year



## **Synopsis**

Ben Is Back! Ben Franklin's inventiveness made him the greatest American genius of them all. Now, the spirit of Ben meets the challenges of 21st-century living in Ben Franklin's Almanac of Wit, Wisdom, and Practical Advice. With the 1,538 tips in this amazing book, you'll be able to do everything smarter, better, and cheaper-- just like Ben himself! Try these for starters. \* Keep eggs fresh twice as long by keeping them in their carton-- not in the refrigerator egg holder-- and stashing them in the lowest part of the fridge. \* Make your panty hose last five times longer with a saltwater soak. \* Grow your best garden ever-- with toilet paper! \* Get your PC screen and keyboard spotless with a used fabric-softener sheet. \* Keep ice cream cones from dripping-- even on the hottest days-- by dropping a marshmallow into the bottom of the cone before adding ice cream. \* Rub off rust spots on your car's chrome with aluminum foil. \* Rid your pets of fleas by adding a tablespoon of vinegar to their food. \* Make your plastic containers smell fresh again with the daily news! And look inside for more than 1,000 others! You'll get 365 days' worth of ingenious hints, practical solutions, and delicious recipes, along with a generous portion of Ben's witty maxims, historical tidbits, inventions, and advice. Packed with clever cleaning ideas, kitchen wisdom, smart gardening tips, savvy health hints, easy home-repair advice, weather wisdom, and, of course, money-saving strategies, Ben Franklin's Almanac of Wit, Wisdom, and Practical Advice is a book you'll turn to every day of the year.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm surprised that no one has reviewed this book, since it's very useful and entertaining, easy to

read, and inexpensive. There's one page for each day of the year. On one side of each page are facts about that day (famous birthdays, events). At the top of the page is a quote from Benjamin Franklin on some principle (saving money, etc.) with some illustrative biographical information from Franklin's or somebody else's life. At the bottom is practical advice for the home and garden, from cooling the house to storing cheese (wrap in wax paper, not celophane, because the live cultures need to breath). It usually takes only a couple of minutes to read a page. I've had the book on my kitchen table or in other place that you regularly visit for a few minutes every day. It's a well-edited and well-designed book and reasonably priced. I'm planning on giving copies as gifts because it's cheap and I can't imagine anybody not enjoying some aspect of it, either from the household hints, the principles, or the daily facts.

Ben Franklin exemplifies one kind of American spirit. The historian Daniel Boorstin said that the greatness of America was in the small improvements it continually provided to everyday life, the spirit of invention. Ben Franklin built a lot of different kinds of better mousetraps, including bifocals, the postal service, and a whole way of thinking about improving the self day - by- day. This Almanac is compiled in his spirit and contains many examples of his wisdom. It also is chocked full with practical advice for homemakers, and home- improvers. Old Ben also had a sense of humor on occasion with his wisdom. "Fish and visitors smell after three days he told us" And when were in trouble we can always think of Ben's advice "Any port in a storm" Some of the stuff here may seem corny , trite , boring . But different strokes for different folks as they say , and there is enough here for 'everyman' to get a little advice and a little enjoyment of. Happy Sunday, Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday , Saturday. And Gut Shabbos.

Not impressed with the content of the book. Was expecting some new ideas, but I found it to be quite boring and useless. Don't think I found even one helpful idea. I admit, I did not read it from cover to cover; but I did give it a pretty thorough review. I ended up donating it to a local charity. Hopefully someone else may find some bit of information that is of value in it.

If you like Franklin's wisdom and the Farmer's Almanac, this book is right along those lines. I purchased this used and it was a nice little light read each night before bed to divide my work mind from my restful mind. Some might find the tips in here helpful enough to keep it as a resource. Writers might like it as the tidbits may inspire a story or article. It was fun, but I've not kept it for future use.

I am thoroughly enjoying Ben Franklin's Wit and Wisdom. Being an older senior citizen much of this take me back to my Grandfather and his own wit and wisdom. It is a great compilation of Franklin's humor.

This Book is great to read for anyone with an inspired mind, I love the fact that you can read one page, full of facts each day of the year. Highly recomended.

Excellent. Many practical suggestions and lots of sound advice.

Enjoyable book full of useful information and amusing dialog. Handy tips through the year. Helpful gardening tips. Nice coffee table book for anyone to glance through.

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