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Nature's Yucky! 2: The Desert Southwest

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This follow-up to the disgustingly popular *Nature's Yucky!* takes young naturalists and other lovers of foul facts and icky information on an expedition to the American Southwest. *Nature's Yucky! 2* introduces readers to sixteen desert creatures and vividly answers such scintillating scientific questions as: How does the regal horned lizard squirt blood from its eyes? Why do dung beetles eat poop? Why does the piglike javelina smell like stinky socks? Astonishingly detailed illustrations capture not just Mother Nature's revolting qualities but her stunning beauty.

With its "Eeewww!!! That's Yucky" refrain, the book is especially fun for reading aloud. Serious scholars will enjoy gathering further information about each animal in the "More Fun Facts" section. Those with an appetite for further yuckiness can use the kid-friendly recipe for raven-gut upside-down cake or sing the "Nature's Yucky!" song. There is also a list of books and Web sites to encourage further scientific exploration.

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