

Who is the author of Knucklehead?	Jon Scieszka	cover
What is the full name of the Knucklehead book?	Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories about Growing up Scieszka	cover
Where did Jon Scieszka grow up?	Flint Michigan	Ch. 1
How many brothers did Jon Scieszka have?	five	Ch. 1
What were Jon Scieszka's brother's names?	Jim, Tom, Greg, Brian, and whatshisname....Jeff	Ch. 1
What birth order is Jon Scieszka?	second oldest	Ch. 1
What did the Scieszka family have none of?	girls (except for mom)	Ch. 1
What was Jon Scieszka's dad's name?	Louis	Ch. 1
What did Louis Scieszka do for a living?	elementary school principal	Ch. 1
What was Jon Scieszka's mom's name?	Shirley	Ch. 1
What did Shirley Scieszka do for a living?	nurse	Ch. 1
What did Tom get stuck in his leg?	a dart	Ch. 1
What part of Greg's body got broke?	His collarbone	Ch. 1
What do lots of people ask Jon Scieszka about his writing?	Where he gets his ideas	Ch. 1
Why weren't the Scieszka brothers allowed to wrestle in the living room?	They might break something	ch. 2
What did Jon do when Jim jumped him in the living room?	Put him in a headlock	Ch. 2
What did Jon and Jim break in the living room?	the couch	Ch. 2
What did Jim say to explain the broken couch?	Jon did it	Ch. 2
When was the Scieszka house built?	Around the time Jon was born (1954)	Ch. 3
How was the Scieszka house different from other houses?	It had a big metal 'S' on the front door for Scieszka.	Ch. 3
What was great about growing up in a neighborhood that was still being built?	Lots of empty lots and construction sites	Ch. 3

What did the Scieszka build with scrap wood from construction?	forts	Ch. 3
What games did the Scieszka brothers play?	War, cowboys and indians, and bike demolition derby	Ch. 3
Which brothers were roommates?	The ones next in birth order: Jim & Jon, Tom & Greg, Brian & Jeff	Ch. 3
Where did Jim & Jon move when Tom and Greg were born?	Into a room in the basement	Ch. 3
What room was Jon & Jim's bedroom in the basement near?	the kitchen	Ch. 3
What did Jon & Jim do with the space heater?	Peed on it to put it out	Ch. 3
Why was Jim a good roommate	He was neat.	Ch. 4
What did Jim become when he grew up?	a lawyer	Ch. 4
What did Jim do a LOT?	talk	Ch. 4
What did Jim try to sell to Jon?	His own clean shirt	Ch. 4
How much did Jim sell Jon the shirt for?	50 cents	Ch. 4
Why did Jon learn to cook?	He likes stirring oatmeal more than picking up dog poop	Ch. 5
How did Mom Scieszka solve the mixed up sweatshirts problem?	Bought six identical sweatshirts and ironed numbers on them	Ch. 5
What was Jim's and Jon's colors in Mom Scieszka's color coding?	Jim - blue, Jon - brown,	Ch. 5
What color does still Jon hate?	brown	Ch. 5
What did Dad Scieszka come up with to make sure the boys did work?	A job chart	Ch. 5
Which chores did Jon hate to do?	Feeding the dog, and cleaning up the dog poop	Ch. 5
Jon traded jobs with Brian and Jeff whenever they had what job?	cooking	Ch. 5
Where was the best place to be in the Scieszka house?	in the kitchen	Ch. 5
What was the added bonus of the cooking job?	You got to eat more	Ch. 5

What does Jon Scieszka still like to eat while he's cooking?	raw potatoes with a little salt	Ch. 5
What did Jon like to stand over in the kitchen on a cold, winter morning?	oatmeal	Ch. 5
What kind of oats does Jon's oatmeal recipe require?	whole grain oats	Ch. 5
Who was the cub scout den mother	Mom (Shirley Scieszka)	Ch. 6
What did Mom Scieszka teach Jon how to do?	read, cook, make gold spray painted decorations out of dried pasta, and to hate dressing like anyone else.	Ch. 6
What kind of shoes did Jon and Jim wear when they were little?	saddle shoes	Ch. 6
What did Mom Scieszka make for all the boys for Christmas?	vests	Ch. 6
Where did everyone in the Scieszka family learn their senses of humor?	At the dinner table	Ch. 6
What kind of jokes did Mom Scieszka tell?	medical jokes	Ch. 6
What word did the teacher in the joke say they should say, instead of the word "butt"?	rectum	Ch. 6
What did the Scieszka family use as a family joke?	rectum....darn near killed him!	Ch. 6
What books did Dad Scieszka leave around?	Go Dog Go and The Cat in the Hat	Ch. 7
What did Dad Scieszka like to do?	golf	Ch. 7
What did Dad Scieszka run in the summer?	The Flint Junior Golf program	Ch. 7
What do the Scieszka family do now every year for 25 years?	Have a family golf tournament called the Coup de Lou Classic	Ch. 7
What was one of Dad Scieszka's best pranks?	April Fools Day - he wore a coat with a long thread that kept getting longer as his wife pulled it out	Ch. 7
What was the best thing Dad Scieszka taught Jon?	Treat kids with respect by listening to them	Ch. 7
What did Brian and Jon Scieszka become?	teachers	Ch. 7

What did Jim and Jon like to add to the nativity scene?	Davy Crocket, action figures, etc.	Ch. 8
Why aren't there many pictures of all the Scieszkas together?	It was so hard to get everyone together for a photo	Ch. 8
Everytime the Scieszka family was all in the car, ready to go somewhere, what did someone have to do?	Go to the bathroom	Ch. 8
What did Mom Scieszka want the boys to say, instead of 'pee'?	urinate	Ch. 8
What did Mom Scieszka want the boys to say, instead of 'fart'?	pass gas	Ch. 8
What did Jim and Jon realize crossing pee streams when they were all going at the same time was like?	sword fighting	Ch. 8
Who called the Scieszka boys 'Knuckleheads'?	Dad Scieszka	Ch. 8
What grades did Jon Scieszka go to Catholic school?	1st grade through 9th grade	Ch. 9
How many kids were in each class in the Catholic School?	40 or more	ch. 9
Whose name was called in school for attendance, right before Jons?	Tommy Schmit	Ch. 9
How did Jon sign his name till 2nd grade?	Jon S.	Ch. 9
Who ran the Catholic school?	nuns	Ch. 9
What are nun's uniforms called?	habits	ch. 10
Who were nuns married to?	God	Ch. 10
Why didn't the kids argue with nuns?	They were married to God, so they were always right.	Ch. 9
Who was the nicest teacher in Jon's school?	Sister Helen Jude	Ch. 9
How did 4th grade boys show their love for Sister Helen Jude?	Did everything she did...drawing, practiced handwriting, sung in choir	ch. 11
What did Jim become in the boys choir?	Head choir boy	Ch. 11
What language did the Scieszka boys learn to sing in?	Latin	Ch. 9

How did Jim & Jon figure out how to make some money while babysitting?	Charged kids 10 cents to watch their baby brother, Jeff, chew up cigarette butts and spit them out	Ch. 10
What kind of books did Jon learn to read?	Books about a family that was very neat and different from his own family: Dick and Jane	Ch. 11
Who was Dick and Jane's little sister?	Sally	Ch. 11
What did Jon notice that Dick and Jane said a lot?	Each other's names	Ch. 11
What book did Jon's mom read to him?	Green Eggs and Ham, and Go Dog Go	Ch. 11
Who did Jon and Jim want to name their brother after?	Their next door neighbor, Fred Wright	Ch. 12
Why did Jon and Jim want to name their brother after Fred Wright?	He had excellent toy guns - like a machine gun and a bazooka - they wanted to play with	Ch. 12
What is brother Jeff Scieszka's whole name?	Jeffrey Fred Scieszka	Ch. 12
How many pounds of pressure can break your collarbone?	7 pounds of pressure	Ch. 13
What were the boys playing when Greg broke his collarbone?	Slaughter-ball	Ch. 13
What did Jon and Jim say to Mom when they brought Greg home with a broken collarbone?	Sorry mom, we broke Greg.	Ch. 13
How did the Scieszka boys dress up for Halloween?	Rotated four costumes - witch, Chinaman, bunny, bum	Ch. 14
Why did the boys have to wear the witch costume when they were young?	They didn't realize that witches were girls.	Ch. 14
What was the Scieszka boys' favorite Halloween costume?	bum - hobo	Ch. 14
What did anyone who didn't get a real costume have to be for Halloween?	ghost, or whatever was lying around the house (boy scout or dog collar)	Ch. 14
Where did the cub scouts go for a field trip?	the hospital	Ch. 15

What kind of nurse was Mom Scieszka?	A prenatal nurse	Ch. 15
What did the cub scouts see most of at the hospital?	pregnant ladies	Ch. 15
What did Tim find at the hospital?	Models of pregnant ladies	Ch. 15
What happened when Jon picked up the model of the pregnant lady?	A baby fell out	Ch. 15
Every couple of years, what did Dad Scieszka's school have?	donkey basketball	Ch. 15
what was the best entertainment during the donkey basketball game?	Watching them poop on the gym floor	Ch. 15
How much did Jon and Jim charge Greg for an extra cookie after bedtime?	25 cents	Ch. 16
How much did Jon and Jim charge Brian to have the dog sleep in his room?	10 cents	Ch. 16
How much did Jon and Jim want to charge Tom to let him stay up an hour later?	50 cents - but he wouldn't pay	Ch. 16
What did Jon and Jim do to Tom because he wouldn't pay to stay up past his bedtime?	Tied him to his bed with dad's ties	Ch. 16
What was the Bad Boys Home Phone Call?	If the younger brothers wouldn't mind them, Jim or Jon would say, "That's it...we're calling the Bad Boys Home", dial a random number and then tell the people to come pick up the boys.	Ch. 16
What did the boys do to the teenage girl babysitter from down the street?	Tied her up and put her in the closet for two hours	Ch. 16
What kind of comics did Jon like to read?	War Comics - Sargeant Fury and his Howling Commandos and GI Combat	Ch. 17
What did GI Combat comic tell about?	Lieutenant Jeb Stewart and his haunted tank.	Ch. 17
What ghost haunted Jeb Stewart's tank?	The ghost of confederate war general JEB Stewart riding a horse.	Ch. 17

How did the ghost of JEB Stewart save the tank commander?	He gave him warnings that saved him from the nazis	Ch. 17
What kind of tanks did the German Nazis drive in World War II?	Panzers	Ch. 17
How much did the war comic advertise 2-way radios for?	69 cents	Ch. 17
Where did Jon see ads for joy buzzers, trick black soap, prank onion gum, xray specs, and toy sets?	In the back of the war comic books	Ch. 17
What did Jon spend \$1.25 on?	100 toy soldier set that ended up being a cheap, tiny set (not cool like he thought)	Ch. 17
How long did it take for Jon to save \$1 from his allowance?	2 weeks	Ch. 17
How did Jon get the extra 25 cents he needed to buy the soldier toy set?	He popped a quarter out of one of Jim's coin collecting books	Ch. 17
What did Jon promise God after he stole Jim's quarter?	He would let him play with the army set a couple of times so he wouldn't kill him with an earthquake for stealing	Ch. 17
What company manufactured the toy soldier set?	Lucky Products Inc., New York	Ch. 17
How big was the box that came to Jon from Lucky Products?	About the size of a deck of cards	Ch. 17
How big were the soldiers that Jon ordered?	smaller and skinnier than a dime	Ch. 17
How much did Jon tell Tom the soldier set cost?	\$1.50	Ch. 17
What did Jim and Jon like to build?	models - cars, planes, etc.	Ch. 18
How did Jim and Jon hang planes from the ceiling?	from fishing wire	Ch. 18
What did Jim and Jon do with the model planes to make fighting with them more exciting?	set them on fire	Ch. 18
What did a neighbor tell Jim and Jon about setting on fire?	a plastic dry-cleaning bag to drip melting plastic onto the model tanks	Ch. 18

where did Jon and Jim set the knotted dry cleaning bag?	In the basement	Ch. 18
What happened when Jim and Jon set the dry cleaning bag on fire?	It made a big cloud of black smoke	Ch. 18
What is the 'Knucklehead Warning'?	Do Not Try this at Home	Ch. 18
What did Jon wear for his 3rd grade picture?	A jazzy striped coat	Ch. 19
Why couldn't Greg fit into the jazzy striped coat?	He had a cast on	Ch. 19
What did the little brothers always do to the older brothers?	watched them... swimming and water skiing, hitting golf balls, throwing horseshoes, riding bikes, throwing frisbees....and ended up being better than them at it	Ch. 20
What was the one thing Brian and Jon did NOT have?	a nickname	Ch. 20
What nicknames did Jim have?	Dr. Justice, J. Bug, J. Love, Chim, Jimmy Love (all in one month)	Ch. 20
What nickname did Tom get when he got a buzz haircut?	Silvathin	Ch. 20
What nickname did Tom have because he loved coney dogs and polish keilbasa	Tomsky	Ch. 20
What nickname did Jim and Jon give to Greg?	Kirby, after a soldier on a favorite show...Kirby keifer, Kirb, lemonhead	Ch. 20
Jeff's nicknames	Chas (Chuzzlewit) Chuff, chuffrey, chuffrey Fred, Chas Bon des,	Ch. 20
What musical instrument did Jim want to learn to play?	flute	Ch. 21
What musical instrument did Jon learn to play?	piano	Ch. 21
What musical instrument did Tom learn to play?	guitar	Ch. 21
On what day was Jon's piano lessons?	Wednesday	Ch. 21
What language did Jon learn to count to ten in?	French	Ch. 21

Where did Jon bowl?	Four Lane Basement Community Center Bowling Alley	Ch. 21
Where did Jon make a clam shell shaped ashtray?	Flint Institute of Art	Ch. 21
What is the one thing Jon remembers from piano lessons?	Where to fine middle C	Ch. 21
What did people buy in Catholic School that is almost impossible to explain?	pagan babies	Ch. 22
Who was Jon's 3rd grade teacher?	Sister Mary Catherine	Ch. 22
Who were the pagan babies?	Starving African babies who were not Catholic, so they were considered pagan.	Ch. 22
What was the prize for collecting change and bringing it to school to buy a baby so it could be changed to Catholic?	Whichever group brought in the most money would get to name the baby.	Ch. 22
What did the 3rd grade boys want to name the two pagan babies they collected money for?	Al Kaline and Bill Freehan - Detroit Tigers baseball players	Ch. 22
What did the nun name the pagan babies?	Matthew and Mark	Ch. 22
Why did the nun reject the boys' names for the pagan babies?	The names had to be after apostles (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)	Ch. 22
	Maryann, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Catherine	Ch. 22
What were Mom Scieszka's parent's names?	James and Emmy Marschand	Ch. 23
When did Jim and Jon always stay with Nana Emmy?	Every time their mom had a new baby	Ch. 23
Where did Nana Emmy live?	Detroit, Michigan	Ch. 23
What did Nana Emmy have behind her house?	An alley where Jon and Jim could shoot the arrows she bought for them	Ch. 23
Where were Grandma and Grandpa Scieszka born?	Poland	Ch. 23

Where did Grandma and Grandpa Scieszka meet?	America	Ch. 23
What did Grandma have in glass bowls in the living room?	candies that tasted like medicine	Ch. 23
What did Jim and Jon do with Grandma Scieszka's candies?	Spit them out and put them back in the glass jar	Ch. 23
What animals did Grandpa Scieszka raise?	chickens and turkeys	Ch. 23
What did Grandpa Scieszka make?	His own wine	Ch. 23
What words did Grandpa Scieszka teach Jim and Jon to say in Polish?	Please, thank you, and numbers up to five	Ch. 23
What does 'yeden, dva, che, chi, pinch' mean?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Ch. 23
What did Jim and Jon do whenever they said 'pinch' (five) in Polish?	pinch their little brother	Ch. 23
What games did the Scieszka brothers invent?	Ghost rider, slaughterball, black tiles	Ch. 24
What was the Ghost Rider game?	Ride under the monkey bar arch, grab bars over head, swing up so bike continued on by itself like a ghost was riding it.	ch. 24
What did the kids call it when two Ghost Riders crashed into each other?	Ghost battle	Ch. 24
What did the kids call it when as many Ghost Riders as they could fit crashed into each other?	Ghost war	Ch. 24
What was Black Tiles?	About 1/2 miles from their house were the Flint City Storm Sewer pipes emptying into the river. They had to cross a pipe over a 10 foot ravine to get to it. The kids ran through the pipes under the city.	Ch. 25
Who slipped in slime inside the sewer pipes?	Deeners	ch. 25
What was Jon's favorite part of the cub scout rules?	obey the law of the pack	Ch. 25
How old was Jon when he became a wolf scout?	eight years old	Ch., 25

What was the towel wrapped around Jim's neck called?	A neckerchief	Ch. 25
What did Aquila want wolf scouts to be?	square	Ch. 25
How did Tom get his hand cut by a knife?	He got too close to Jon and Jim playing mumbly peg.	Ch. 25
Where did Jon learn how to track animals, build snares, make pm headds, chop wood, paddle canoe, signal morse code, shoot arrows, ID birds, name constellations, and obey law of pack?	In cub scouts	Ch., 26
What was the advantage of being the oldest brother?	more food, newer clothes, more attention, beat up smaller brothers	Ch. 26
What special gum was kept in Jon's scrapbook?	Gum he chewed when he won the junior bowling tournament	ch. 26
What was the advantage of being the youngest brother?	Didn't have to join everything, could eat whatever they wanted, stayed up later	Ch. 26
What were Jon's favorite books for random reading?	Golden Book Encyclopedia	Ch. 27
What little picture is on the map of Michigan near Detroit?	a car	ch. 27
What little picture is on the map of Montana?	sheep	ch. 27
What magazine did Jon like to read that the nun thought was sinful?	MAD Magazine	Ch. 27
Who always beats up Curly in the Three Stooges?	Mo	Ch 27
How did the nun describe TV shows, comic books, and MAD magazine?	sinful	Ch. 27
What cartoon did Jon like to watch?	Coyote and Roadrunner	Ch. 27
What comic did Jon like to read in MAD Magazine?	Spy vs. Spy	Ch. 27
Why wasn't having his birthday in early September good for Jon?	He always got presents that were more for school than for fun.	Ch. 28
What did Jon get a LOT of for birthday presents?	Socks	Ch. 28

What did Jim and Jon throw when they had war?	dirt clod grenades	Ch. 29
In what TV show did the boys learn about war?	Combat	Ch. 29
Who came along when Jim and Jon were in their foxhole?	Fred and Bobby D.	Ch. 29
What did Jim and Jon call Fred and Bobby D. when they came?	snipers	Ch. 29
What happened to Tom in the dirt clod war?	He got hid in the side of the head with a dirt clod	Ch. 29
In what class was Bill M. the resident wise guy?	4th grade science	Ch. 30
What did Sister Chopper do to Bill M.?	Grabbed him and slid him up the blackboard until his feet were off the ground	Ch. 30
Why did all the 5th grade boys get into trouble?	A girl told the principal, Sister Mary that the boys were swearing on the playground.	Ch. 30
What was the punishment for the kids who were swearing?	They had to write down all the swear words they knew and hand them in to their teacher (a nun)	Ch. 30
What two words did all the girls write down as the swear words they knew?	damn and hell	Ch., 30
What happened when boys turned in papers that only had damn and hell written on them?	They were sent back to their seats.	Ch. 30
What swear words did Jon write on his paper?	hell, damn, dufus, butt, goober, stupidhead, then added head to everything and double his list, then combined other words to invent new swear words (like dufus-hell or goober-damn).	Ch. 30
What did the Scieszka boys do during the summers?	Ran wild at the cottage their Mom's dad had built on hill overlooking lake in Michigan.	Ch. 31
What did Mom Scieszka do to the boys every June outside?	Buzzed their hair	Ch. 31

What did Jim and Jon catch in the lake at the cottage to use for bait?	minnows, crayfish and frogs	Ch., 31
What kinds of fish did Jon and Jim catch in the lake?	Bait for sunfish, bass, tiger muskies built like torpedos with teeth	Ch. 31
What did the Scieszka boys use to tattoo themselves?	walnut stain and red berries	Ch. 31
What did Jon do when it rained at the summer cottage?	Read all kinds of things...ield & Stream magazine, Reader's digest condensed, joke books, WWII service manuals	Ch. 31
What two books were Jon's favorites of the ones he found in the summer cottage?	My Side of the Mountain and Swiss Family Robinson	Ch. 31
What bird sang at dusk at the summer cottage?	Red winged blackbirds	Ch. 31
What was the classic family line invented by Jeff?	Stop breathing my air	Ch. 32
When was the finest brotherhood moment?	A car trip from Michigan to Florida with everyone, including the cat.	Ch. 32
What kind of car did the Scieszka's drive from Michigan to Florida?	a station wagon	Ch. 32
What restaurant did the Scieszka family stop at to eat during their road trip?	Stuckey's	Ch. 32
What did someone drop on the floor of the car from Stuckey's that the cat ate?	a pecan log roll	Ch. 32
What happened after the cat ate the pecan log roll?	Jeff threw up on the cat. The cat jumped on Brian. Brian barfed on Greg, Greg on Tom, Tom back onto Greg...Jim and Jon rolled down windows, yelling. Dad stopped the car and they all rolled out onto the grass, yelling and laughing.	Ch. 32
What did the boys always want to do to be near fire?	Help dad with the BBQ, help mom with the stove, make sure matches still work	Ch. 33

Who was Wild Uncle Al?	Mom's younger brother who had been a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division.	Ch. 33
What did Wild Uncle Al do with a jeep he built with his brother?	Drove it into a lake to see if it would float (it did NOT)	Ch. 33
What did Wild Uncle Al do with a pony?	Wrestled it to the ground	Ch. 33
What did Wild Uncle Al have tattooed on him?	a parachute	Ch. 33
What did Wild Uncle Al teach Jon to do?	a paratrooper salute and how to make a mortar	Ch. 33
When was Dad Scieszka's birthday?	Christmas Eve	Ch. 34
What did Dad Scieszka always get for his birthday and Christmas?	Matched things... salt shaker, then pepper shaker, two socks (one each day), birthday cuff link and Christmas cuff link	Ch. 34
What did Mom Scieszka get for her birthday when the boys were younger?	cheap jewelry or perfume	Ch. 34
What was the new tradition for Mom Scieszka's birthday starting with the moonlighter glow-in-the-dark frisbee?	Getting her things that they wanted for themselves	Ch. 34
What was the name of the Scieszka brother's elementary school?	St. Lukes	Ch. 35
Who was Jon's 5th grade teacher?	Sister Margaret Mary	Ch. 35
What were the correct answers to the question, "What is so funny?" if asked by a nun?	"Nothing" or "I'm sorry, Sister"	Ch. 35
What was the choice Jon made in regard to the joke Tim K. told him in class?	To go for the laugh and suffer the consequences	Ch. 35
What's so funny?	Nothing, or "I'm sorry"...5th grade religion.	Ch. 35

What was the joke Jon shared with the class?	A guy wants to be a bell ringer, but doesn't have any arms. He said, "I don't need arms"...and then bounces his face off the bells and makes beautiful music. Finally he misses the bell and falls out of tower. A crowd gathers around him and asks, "Who is this guy?" The priest says, "I don't know his name, but his face rings a bell".	Ch. 35
Where did Jim go to high school?	Culver Military Academy in Indiana	Ch 37
How could Jon and Jim afford to go to Culver Military Academy?	They got scholarships	Ch. 37
What did Jim tell Jon and Tom he could do to them when he came back after a year of high school at Culver Military Academy?	That he could take both of them wrestling at the same time.	Ch. 37
How did Jon learn to make a bed at the Culver Military Academy?	So tight you could bounce a quarter off of it	Ch. 37
When was the first time Jon heard the word knucklehead?	From his dad finding his toast tasted like melted army man. Jim had put one in the toaster.	Ch. 38
What would the boys always say when their dad asked "What knucklehead ..." did something?	I don't know...	Ch. 38
Who put a window fan on the floor and stuck his toe in it?	Tom	Ch. 38
What did someone do to the Thanksgiving turkey?	Took a bite and filled the hole with stuffing	Ch. 38
What camp song does Jon Scieszka know the words to?	Camp Grenada	Ch. 38
What kids book did Jon Scieszka write about a run away man?	Stinky Cheese Man	