



## The HORRIBLE TRUTH about Nick Arnold ...

Top children's author Nick Arnold is visiting your town. He will be presenting a Horrible Science Show at (check venue, time and location)

The show has been written to celebrate Nick's bestselling Horrible Science Series – a riotous romp through everything you ever need to know about science.

But the man himself just wants to entertain kids. Said Nick: "I love meeting my readers - it's a real holiday from writing."

- ⇒ Nick Arnold is Britain's best-selling children's science writer.
- ⇒ His *Horrible Science* series for Scholastic has sold over 4 million copies in the UK and about 15 million worldwide.
- ⇒ The books are published in 40 languages.
- ⇒ They won the Rhone-Poulenc Prize in 1997 and the Aventis Prize in 2004.
- ⇒ There are currently more than 30 books in the series. Recent titles include *The Horrible Science of Everything* and *Wasted World*, which tackles the topic of climate change and human impact on the planet.
- ⇒ There are currently a range of *Horrible Science* comics and kits available.

## Horribly true facts about Nick Arnold ...

- ⇒ Nick Arnold has wanted to be an author ever since he was eight.
- ⇒ He lives in Devon in a big "haunted" house by the sea.
- ⇒ A few years ago Nick broke his arm whilst performing a Horrible Science show. He finished the show and signed books before he was rushed to hospital.
- ⇒ Although Nick Arnold is best-known for science books he is not a trained scientist. His degrees are in history.
- ⇒ Nick Arnold was the first British children's writer to do a promotional tour of China.
- ⇒ *Horrible Science* is over ten years old – many of readers weren't even born when the series first hit the shelves.
- ⇒ *The Stunning Science of Everything* was the Christmas Number 1 in the UK Children's Non-Fiction Book Chart.
- ⇒ Nick Arnold is also the Director of the Appledore Book Festival – which he founded in 2006.

⇒ Nick Arnold is also a historian and he achieved international publicity in 2008 for his rediscovery of the site of the Battle of Cynuit, a turning point in British history that has been lost for over one thousand years.

Note to picture editors: Nick is willing to pose for pictures with silly costumes, props, children, etc at the venue just before the show. Nick's website (address below) contains more downloadable photos

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