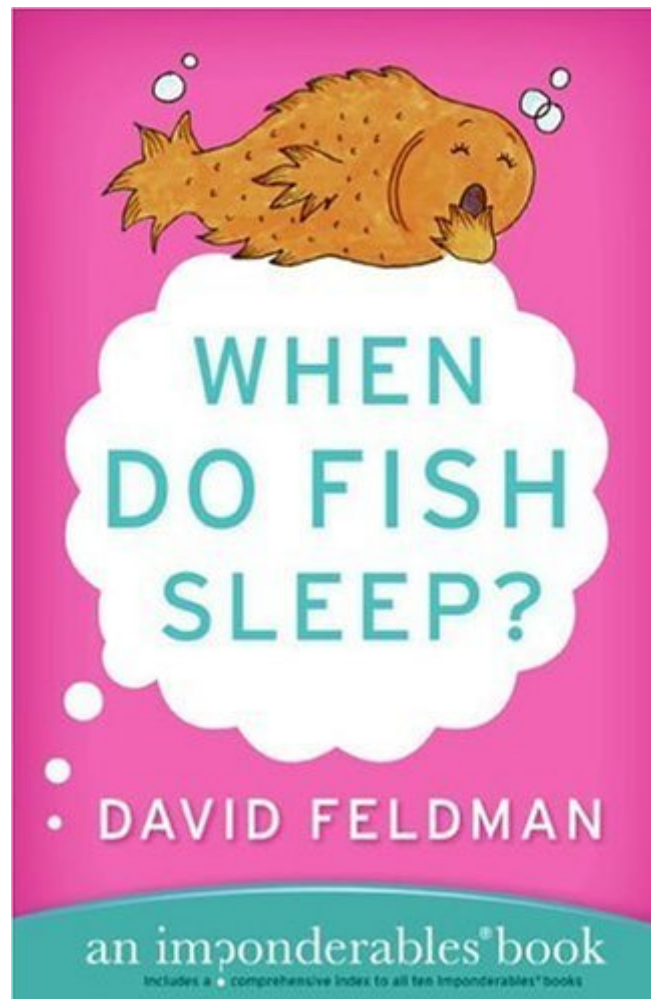


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# When Do Fish Sleep?: An Imponderables Book (Imponderables Series)



## Synopsis

Ponder, if you will ...Why are tennis balls fuzzy? How come birds don't tip over when they sleep on telephone wires?What makes yawning contagious?Why, oh why, do roosters have to crow so early in the morning?Pop-culture guru David Feldman demystifies these topics and so much more in *When Do Fish Sleep?* -- the unchallenged source of answers to civilization's most baffling questions. Part of the *Imponderables*® series and charmingly illustrated by Kassie Schwan, *When Do Fish Sleep?* arms readers with the knowledge about everyday life that encyclopedias, dictionaries, and almanacs just don't have. And think about it, where else are you going to get to the bottom of why Mickey Mouse has only four fingers?

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"When do Fish Sleep" is a book of "Imponderables" (a term invented by the author meaning a question that cannot be answered by conventional means of reference books, calculations, or tangible means such as measuring). An example of an imponderable is "Why don't birds tip over when they sleep on a telephone wire?" or the like the title, "When do fish sleep?"As with any book that covers a myriad of information, there are fascinating parts and there are parts that seem to drag

on. I felt some of the imponderables in the book seemed a little elementary, such as "Why is one side of a halibut dark and the other side light?" (the dark side is for camouflage and the light side is down so it does not need to be camouflaged), "What is the purpose of corn silk?" (for pollination), and "Why are bowling shoes ugly?" (so people don't steal them). Other questions were fascinating such as "Why do roaches always die on their backs?" (this is not always true, but it has a lot to do with the shape of the roach) and "Why do recipes warn us not to use fresh kiwi or pineapple in gelatin?" (the fruits contain an enzyme that break protein down). The book even has a section of "Frustrables", questions where readers have mailed in theories or questions that do not yet have an answer. The author even provides a way to contact them to answer frustrables or to propose new imponderables. As a geek that likes to learn, even useless information, I enjoyed the book. However, the book had no format. I felt the book could have benefited from a table of contents or have the questions divided into related sections instead of aimlessly wander from topic to topic in the book. If you have a friend who sits and reads the cards from a "Trivial Pursuit" game, this is definitely a book for them.

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