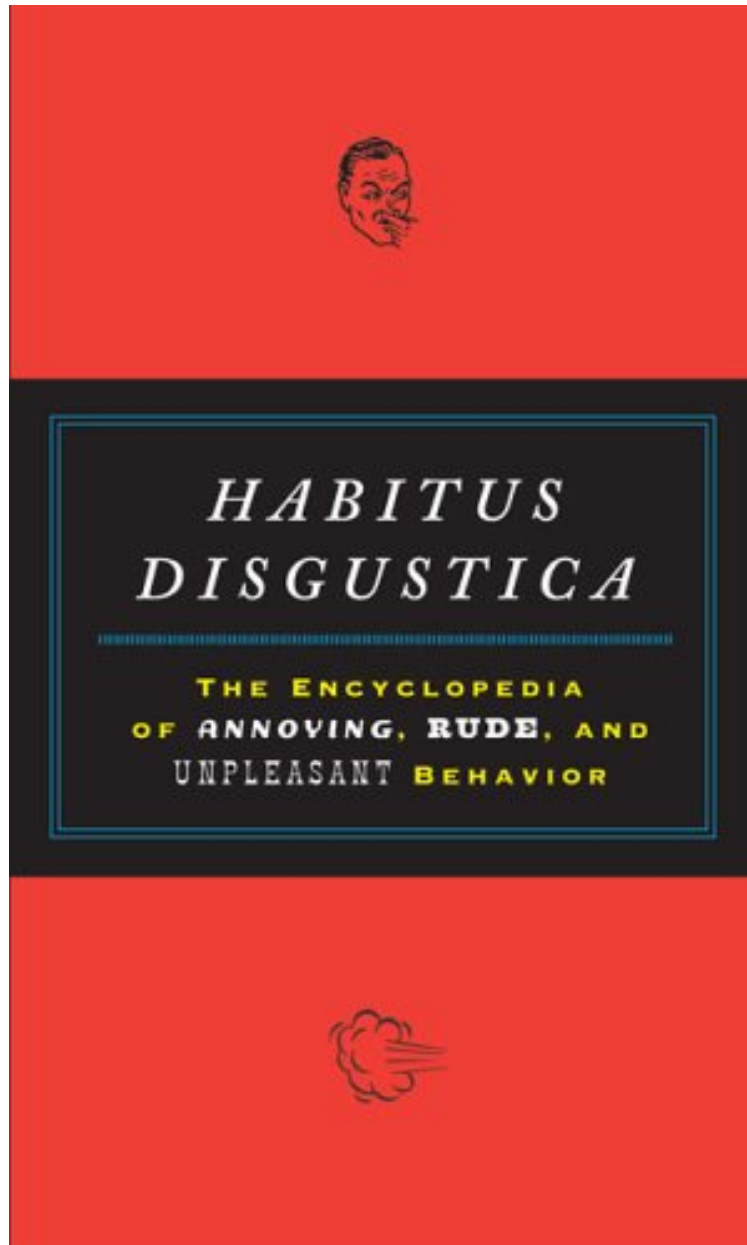


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By Frank J. Konopka
Sorry, but I couldn't resist using the title of a Jimmy Buffett song for the beginning of this review, even though it has absolutely nothing to do with the subject of the book. It's clever, concise and well-written, and covers most of what we would consider "bad" habits or manners. There are illustrations, and little sidebars with additional information. The matters discussed run from yawning to nose picking, and almost everything in between. Some of the subjects appear to be a bit far-fetched, but I clearly remember that when I was in college, lighting farts was a big source of entertainment. Of course, we never realized how dangerous it was; it just seemed like something fun to do at the time. I told this to my wife and older daughter yesterday, and their reaction was "Euuuugh!!!!". Oh well, at least college in the '60s wasn't all picket lines and placards, and marches for everything under the sun.

Illuminating and vulgar! At first glance, this reference source, with its scientific, analytical tone and practical, straightforward diagrams seems respectable enough. Upon closer examination, *Habitus Disgustica* is really a deadpan ode to about every unpleasant, rude, and downright disgusting habit known to man (and woman). Through statistics, science, history, and culture, *Habitus Disgustica* dissects and analyzes the whole range of deplorable behavior in double-page spreads that include detailed entries on biting fingernails, spitting in public, making rude hand gestures, and breaking wind (loudly and quietly), as well as over forty other voluntary and involuntary practices. The perfect gift for slovenly friends and brothers-in-law, *Habitus Disgustica* offers something for everyone to learn about and be offended by.

About the Author
IAN WHITELAW, originally from England, is an editor and writer who has absolutely no rude or disgusting habits.