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The Map of the System of Human Knowledge is a short encyclopedia, full of entries that waver between fiction and memoir, poetry and prose, realism and irrealism.

Construction workers build Indiana's first official mountain. The entrails of vacuum cleaners are examined for hints of a dark future. Gift shops are burned down, rebuilt, burned down once again.

New forms of fathers appear. A man builds his wife a womb to protect her from the cold while she bakes their daughter.

Entries end, almost inevitably, not on what we know, but on what we cannot know.

The Map of the System of Human Knowledge is about everything, is about the need to put what we know in order, is about how orders break down. Is about how any encyclopedia must be incomplete.

The map of the system of human knowledge is, by necessity, incomplete.

## **The Map of the System of Human Knowledge Details**

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## From Reader Review The Map of the System of Human Knowledge for online ebook

### Robb Todd says

Do not be deterred by the table of contents, which made me feel dumb as a ... I dunno, dumb as something that is really stupid. But I overcame my fear. This book will bend your brain. James Tadd Adcox knows how to twist up those gray tubes that are already twisty.

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### Jim Ivy says

What the...?! I'm not exactly sure what that was but I liked it a lot. I've never read anything quite like it. The chapter list reads like a bizarre science/psychology/philosophy textbook table of contents. Each adjoining chapter is more of an example pertaining to the table of content entry. Some are brief narratives, most are situational descriptions and characterization depictions, but all are strange and well written. A most unique read.

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### Never says

I never read books this fast. If someone were to ask me what I write about, I would tell them that I am interested in writing things that are about the existence of the truly mysterious and ineffable in everyday life. This is what I see these stories as being about as well. They push every one of my writing buttons and are consistently surprising and fascinating. I have not been this excited about a book since I first read Zachary Schomburg's Scary No Scary. This is a bit of a different feeling since I relate so strongly to what is going on in these stories. I want to live in the world these take place in. Also I am terrified of living in the world these take place in. Also I am simultaneously elated and terrified because I think I already do live in the world these take place in. I will be writing more about The Map of the System of Human Knowledge. I will probably talk many, many people's ears off about this book. I cannot say enough.

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### Cheryl says

A beautiful little book filled with flash fiction.

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### Mkfs says

Not sure how I end up with these books of short stories that each start with something slightly ridiculous ("That morning, I awoke next to an eggplant" or "One day, the toaster started singing") and attempt to become poignant by the end. Is this what MFA courses teach now?

Anyways, this is another one.

### **Brooks says**

"The picture of my aunt covered nearly half the living-room wall."

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### **Äshley Krälin says**

This is the greatest book ever written by man-kind.

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### **Matt says**

The strong stories were REALLY strong, REALLY good. There were some stories that didn't feel like stories and didn't feel as fleshed out as some of the others, but the strength of the best more than made up for it. They HIT you.

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### **Ben says**

Just because you figure out how to see what lies behind the curtains, it doesn't mean doing so provides you with a better grasp of why it is there in the first place.

More - <http://bentanzer.blogspot.com/2013/01...>

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### **erin says**

Yo so this was a really fun quick read but then two days later I thought about it and realized that it's essentially the "Book" from The Golden Age and that totally blew my mind and was really cool. That is all!

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### **Matty says**

Micro-fiction in book form is very paradoxical. James Tadd Adcox is highly imaginative, and his stories can be quirky and fun and serious and hilarious and sad and all of these things in just a few hundred words.

But when having to read these individuals collected as such, at think the point of the brevity gets lost. If I ever see his name pop up in a journal, i will definitely read whatever he got in there, but the only way I would read another book by him is if it were a novel, or a collection of longer pieces of short fiction, maybe a thousand words or more per story instead of a hundred.

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## **Kevin Fanning says**

Really loved:

(OK the titles/table of contents are A LITTLE clunky for my tastes, but)

\* History / Sacred

\* History / Civil

\* History / Natural / Uniformity of Nature / History of Land & Sea

\* Philosophy / General Metaphysics, Or Ontology, Or Science of Being In General, Of Possibility, Of Existence, Or Duration, Etc.

\* Philosophy / Science of Man / Ethics / Particular / Science of the Laws of Jurisprudence / Economics

\* Philosophy / Science of Nature / Particular Physics / Chemistry

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## **Rand says**

(( . . . ))  
holy fuck

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## **Sheldon Compton says**

It's my favorite I've read so far this year.

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## **diddleknabb says**

I like it.

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