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Why does the flu change every year?

- What makes glue sticky?
- What causes out-of-body experiences?
- Are all brands of gas the same?
- Will adult stem cells work as well as embryonic stem cells?
- Is one “horsepower” really equal to the power of one horse?
- Why can’t you sneeze with your eyes open?
- How much does a cremated body weigh?

These are just a few of the fascinating science and health questions real people have asked top science writer and *San Diego Union-Tribune* columnist Sherry Seethaler. *Curious Folks Ask* brings together 162 of her best answers—all crystal-clear, accurate, quick, and a pleasure to read. Seethaler is one of this generation’s best science explainers, and it shows: Every answer is accurate, fun to read, and distilled to a single page or less! Want to know how canned air works...or nuclear bombs? What causes goose bumps, earwax, dandruff, headaches? Whether it’s healthy to crack your knuckles, drink decaf, eat chocolate? What it costs to run all those LED lights around your house? It’s all here—and a whole lot more!

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