

## ALL ABOUT THIS BOOK

Information is easy to remember when you use every trick in the book – well, in this book actually! It's full of really useful memory devices called 'mnemonics'. Some are mental short-cuts, some are catchy rhymes, and there are even some silly jokes, but they are all designed to send quick reminders to your brain.



### Acrostics

You'll find lots of sentences where the first letters of each word combine to remind you how to spell another word. These are called 'acrostics'. Here's one that shows you how to spell **M-N-E-M-O-N-I-C**:

Mum Needs Effective Methods Or Nothing Is Certain.



### Rhymes

There are some unforgettable songs and rhymes to make sure that you can always bring a fact to mind. The title of this book, for example, is part of a rhyme that people use to remember how many days there are in each month of the year (you can read the whole rhyme on page 81).



### Acronyms

Acronyms are made up of initials. You probably use acronyms already without even realising it. Do you ever sign off text messages or emails with the letters '**LOL**'? That's an

acronym. The letters stand for 'Lots Of Love' or 'Laugh Out Loud'. Did you know that **SCUBA** is an acronym, too? It stands for **S**elf-**C**ontained **U**nderwater **B**reathing **A**pparatus, and **LASER** really means **L**ight **A**mplification by **S**timulation **E**mission of **R**adiation. You'll discover lots more in this book.



### Pictures

As you make your way through this book you will come across dozens of clever connections to keep vital information at the tip of your tongue, with pictures to fix the ideas in your mind.

You'll find lots of indispensable tips and hints, such as why you should 'Never Eat Slimy Worms' and what 'Lefty loosey, Righty tighty' reminds you of.

In no time at all you'll be creating your own mnemonics and spotting them yourself.

You'd better clear a space inside your brain – it's about to fill up with fascinating facts!

