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#### Review

Although it is often funny, Vigen adds that 'this book has a serious side. Graphs can lie, and not all correlations are indicative of an underlying causal connection.' We may love to contemplate the data that seem to connect sharks and tornados (who wouldn't?), but Vigen's reminder is important when we're faced with spurious correlations in the wild, played not for laughs but to mislead. *"Boston Globe*

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"Draws into comical and obvious relief how easily we can get trapped into seeing relationships where there are none." *"Boston Globe*

"Hilarious." *"Washington Post*

"Cheeky." *"Huffington Post*

"Bizarre." *"The Daily Mirror*

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#### About the Author

**Tyler Vigen** is a student at Harvard Law School. He created the *Spurious Correlations* website during a week before finals, when he probably should have been studying. Prior to attending Harvard, Tyler was trained in visual intelligence collection and analysis by the military.

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