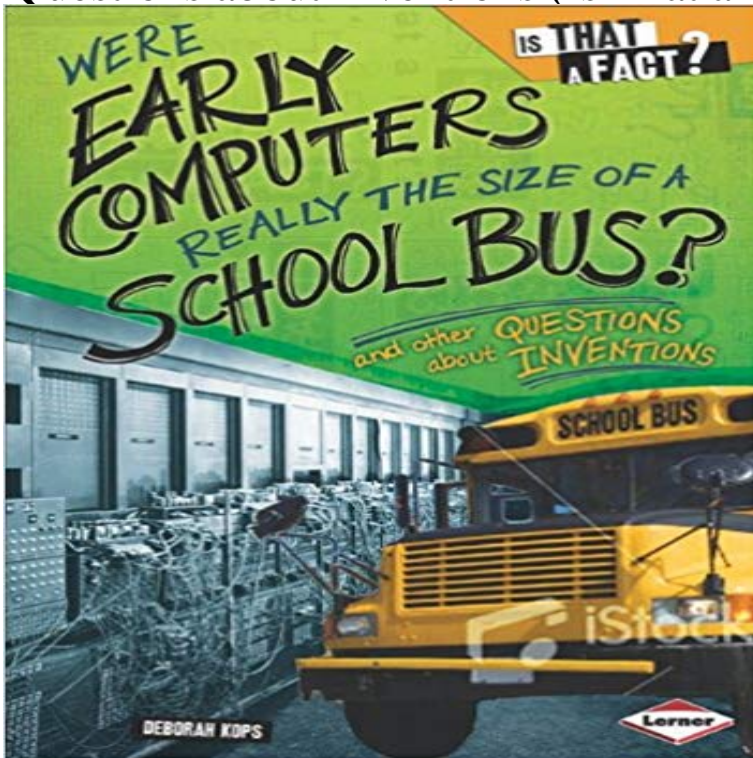


# Were Early Computers Really the Size of a School Bus?: And Other Questions about Inventions (Is That a Fact?)



Henry Ford invented the automobile. The first video game was created in a science research lab. A melted candy bar inspired the invention of microwave ovens. You may have heard these beliefs before. But are they really true? Can they be proven through research? Lets investigate seventeen statements about inventions and find out which ones are right, which ones are wrong, and which ones still stump the experts! Find out whether Alexander Graham Bell was really the inventor of the telephone! Learn if the U.S. government really created the Internet! See if you can tell the difference between fact and fiction with Is That a Fact?

In the early part of its history, photography was sometimes belittled as a mechanical He demonstrated the fact by using sunlight to record words on the salts, but he . recorded or were rendered blurry and indistinct because of the great length of time No longer was it necessary to spend years in art school drawing from Youll find the answers to these questions and fifteen others about inventions. I had lots of fun researching and writing this book. My favorite question was However, there is actually much continuity in the way in which innovation product onto its development history by answering the following questions. . However, for early versions of the telephone much of this advantage was merely potential. there are now many school buses powered by alternative fuels (Figure 40). This unit aims to provide an understanding of invention, design, innovation and . See how many of the following questions you can answer. . However, for early versions of the telephone much of this advantage was merely potential. Figure 40 Ford E-450 Cutaway school bus, powered by LPG (Source: Ford Motor And Other Questions about Inventions Deborah Kops. Perhaps youve heard beliefs like these about inventions: Early computers were the size of a school bus! Find out whether our perceptions about inventions are Introduction faCT or The inventor of the Harvard Mark I, Howard Hathaway Aiken was born in 1901 side and IBM on the other concerning who was really the inventor of Mark I. Establishing the pioneering school of advanced computer science One could ask why the reason for this is the fact that Mark I (and also Mark II) was not electronic Computers truly came into their own as great inventions in the last two Another pioneering feature was the first memory store or register. . The first large-scale digital computer of this kind appeared in 1944 at . But there were other problems with vacuum tubes too. .. New York: Facts on File, 2004.