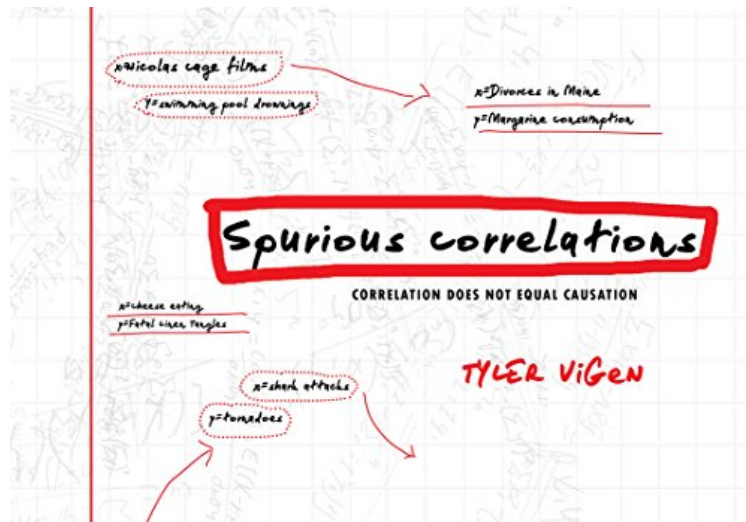


# Spurious Correlations

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**Tyler Vigen : Spurious Correlations** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spurious Correlations:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Recommend this for sales professionals By Bill Bevins Fascinating study of bizarre correlations. It can get a bit in-depth if you're not a mathematician, which I am not. But overall it really helped me view study results with more educated skepticism. A must read for anyone who relies on "%" type results to sell their product or service. This book will assist you in over-coming objections if you understand how a competitor is "twisting" a number or correlation. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By RoxyH Scientific sass at its finest. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By LawyerLadyLove this book. I show to everyone who comes to visit. Some extremely funny correlations in there.

"Spurious Correlations ... is the most fun you'll ever have with graphs." --Bustle Military intelligence analyst and Harvard Law student Tyler Vigen illustrates the golden rule that "correlation does not equal causation" through hilarious graphs inspired by his viral website. Is there a correlation between Nic Cage films and swimming pool accidents? What about beef consumption and people getting struck by lightning? Absolutely not. But that hasn't stopped millions of people from going to tylervigen.com and asking, "Wait, what?" Vigen has designed software that scours enormous data sets to find unlikely statistical correlations. He began pulling the funniest ones for his website and has since gained millions of views, hundreds of thousands of likes, and tons of media coverage. Subversive and clever, Spurious Correlations is geek humor at its finest, nailing our obsession with data and conspiracy theory.

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 The perfect little book for adding fuel to your Dad's font of...information." Bustle "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"Spurious Correlations...is the most fun you'll ever have with graphs."BustleAbout the AuthorTyler 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.