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And still they come ... yet more horrible titles to sicken you with gruesome gut-churning contents. Billed as 'science with the squishy bits left in', you need a strong stomach to tackle either of these two titles and certainly before eating. (The perfect solution for dieters perhaps - read one chapter to quell your appetite for the rest of the day.) An over-18s age warning advises that you may be too ancient to really appreciate the corny jokes and flaky cartoons. But if you are addicted to the 'Horrible History/Geography/Science' approach, then these two new titles from Scholastic's ever-popular series, in which Nick Arnold won the Rhone Poulenc Science Prize with **Blood, Bones and Body Bits**, will surely fit the bill. Diseases, germs and other ghastly things you might catch are amply covered in **Deadly Diseases**, with all manner of quizzes, fact boxes and activities, while **Microscopic Monsters** addresses smaller varieties of nasty unmentionables (protozoa, microbes, amoeba) to be found between the toes, under the loo seat etc. Please pass me a joke-free information book while I lie down in a darkened room to recover.

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