

# Fact and Opinion

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**FACT:** Melissa Silverman, daughter of NBC television executive Fred Silverman, loved the Smurfs so much she inspired her father to create the *Smurfs* animated series which ran for almost a decade.

**OPINION:** I love fruit salad. Why doesn't someone make an animated series out of that?

**FACT:** Smurf figurines stamped with a special "M" stick-figure on the bottom are produced by a company called "Schleich." Schleich stopped marking their figurines with the special "M" around 1972.

**OPINION:** "M" stands for "Motherfuck! These things scream when you burn the letter 'M' into their feet!"

**FACT:** The word "Smurf" is used extensively by the Smurfs, as a noun, verb, and everything in-between.

**OPINION:** Using the word "Smurf" in different contexts can lead to confusion. For example, saying "Smurf my ass" will either get you arrested or get you a discount on a lawnchair at Zellers.

**FACT:** Smurf figurines debuted in 1965, although they were not available in North America until 1980.

**OPINION:** North American immigration policies prevented the arrival of millions of little blue people and Smurfs too. Stop racism.

**FACT:** Smurf figurines are made of

PVC, stand 2 inches tall, and have eight fingers and eight toes.

**OPINION:** These figurines are obviously anatomically incorrect. Smurfs are three apples tall, not 2 inches. And, unlike the figurines, they do have cocks.

**FACT:** There are six Easter Smurf figurines.

**OPINION:** My favorite is Jesus Smurf with his mushroom crucifix.

**FACT:** In Chinese, "Smurf" translates to "Lan Jing Ling."

**OPINION:** Try ordering that in a Chinese food restaurant. They taste squishy.

**FACT:** The Smurfs were created in Brussels, Belgium by Pierrot Culliford (Peyo) in 1958.

**OPINION:** He was under the heavy influence of drugs and leprechaun magic.

**FACT:** The Smurfs debuted in newspaper comic entitled "Johan et Pirouit."

**OPINION:** "Johan et Pirouit" was the first comic to feature little blue creatures, and full frontal nudity.

**FACT:** Each Smurf Christmas tree ornament figurine comes with a fine gold cord.

**OPINION:** Strangle your little Christian Smurfs with this gold cord in order to sacrifice them to our Lord and Saviour, Gargamel.



Merde!