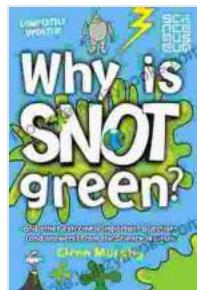


Why Is Snot Green? The Surprising Science Behind Your Grossest Bodily Fluid

Snot is a gross but necessary bodily fluid. It helps to keep our noses and throats moist and free of infection. But why is snot sometimes green? The answer has to do with a type of white blood cell called a neutrophil.



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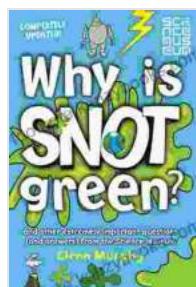
So, why do neutrophils die? There are a few reasons. One reason is that neutrophils are constantly fighting off infection. This can lead to them becoming damaged and dying. Another reason is that neutrophils can be killed by certain bacteria and viruses.

Green snot is not always a sign of infection. However, it can be a sign that the body is fighting off an infection. If you have green snot, it is important to see a doctor if you have any other symptoms of infection, such as a fever, cough, or sore throat.

Here are some other interesting facts about snot:

- Snot is mostly made up of water and mucus.
- Snot helps to trap dust, pollen, and other particles from entering the lungs.
- Snot can help to prevent nosebleeds.
- Snot is produced by the mucous membranes in the nose and throat.
- The average person produces about 1 liter of snot per day.

So, there you have it. The next time you blow your nose and see green snot, don't be grossed out. It's just your body's way of fighting off infection.



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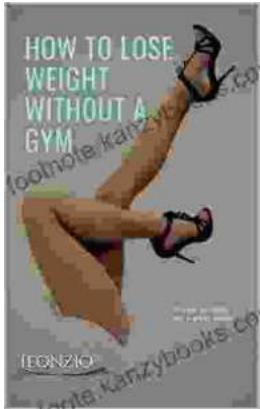
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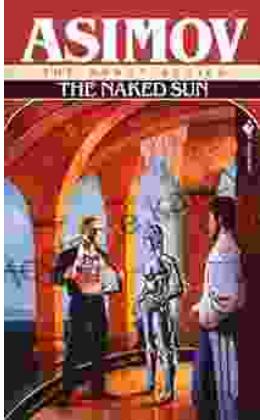
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