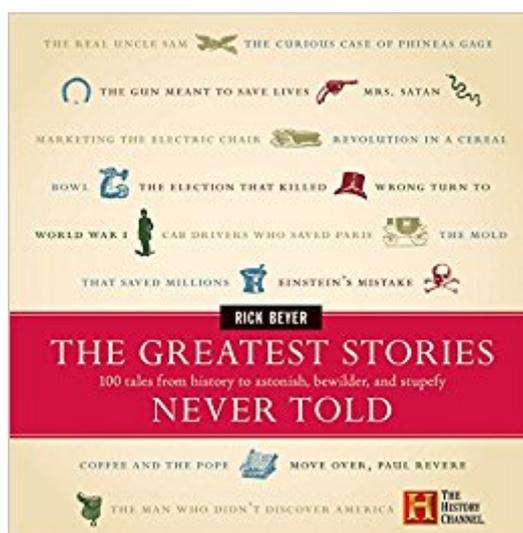


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The Greatest Stories Never Told: 100 Tales From History To Astonish, Bewilder, And Stupefy



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Honestly, a good little book for putting on the back of the toilet. Interesting topics, nice little anecdotes, and a quick read. Good for hanging out on the porcelain throne for a bit and losing yourself in the stories. A few stories caused me to bookmark and research further, which takes you down the rabbit hole that is Wikipedia. Good read. Nice and compact book too.

I bought this book as a present for my daughter's 10th birthday. She loves history (as do I) and I thought that the stories would be nice quick reads at bedtime. Each story is a very short very brief synopsis of an event with a couple of photos and a couple more related snippets. It does make you want to google the event to find out more information. I would prefer that it included more information about each event. Each story is about a 1 minute read, rather than the 5-10 that I expected. Also, it is fun, but take it with a grain of salt. I found some stories that are well known tales, but are not accurate - such as the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth and did not continue on to Virginia because they were out of beer. It is a nice little book for quick tales that you can use to have fun and get an interest for history. Then pick the subjects to look into further on the internet.

Had fun reading this compilation of 100 oddities. Reminds me of " Ripleys believe it or not". Two of the surprises- there were 6 presidents prior to George Washington. And there was a Japanese "Schindler " during WWI, an ambassador to Eastern European country who handed out 5000 visas to help Jews escape. Lighter reading than I expected, almost like a comic book.

Any one who loves history will love this book. I knew some of the stories (and any of you who watch much History Channel will too) but others I was surprised with. One of my favorite quick reads!

Some really fascinating stories. Really easy to read and good for someone that only wants to read

short stories.

My son really enjoyed the book.

I enjoy reading about strange things that one takes for granted

this was a Christmas gift, she seemed to love it.

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