

# Extraordinary Stories: Weird Facts From History Trivia

## Uncover the Strangest, Most Bizarre, and Downright Incredible True Stories From History

Do you love history? Do you love trivia? Do you love weird and wacky stories? Then you'll love Extraordinary Stories: Weird Facts From History Trivia.



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This book is packed with over 300 of the strangest, most bizarre, and downright incredible true stories from history. From ancient oddities to modern marvels, this book has something for everyone.

You'll learn about:

- The man who was allergic to water

- The woman who gave birth to 38 children
- The king who slept in a coffin
- The pope who was a cat lover
- The president who was a hypnotist

And much, much more!

These stories are sure to amaze, astound, and entertain you. So what are you waiting for? Free Download your copy of Extraordinary Stories today!

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## **Chapter 1: Ancient Oddities**

The ancient world was a strange and wonderful place. From the pyramids of Egypt to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, there are countless examples of human ingenuity and creativity. But there are also some truly bizarre stories from this time period.

For example, did you know that the ancient Egyptians believed that cats were gods? Or that the ancient Greeks believed that the world was created

by a giant turtle?

These are just a few of the many weird and wonderful stories from ancient history. Read on to learn more!

## **The Man Who Was Allergic to Water**

Imagine being allergic to water. It's hard to imagine, but it's a real condition called aquagenic urticaria. People with this condition break out in hives when they come into contact with water.

One of the most famous people with aquagenic urticaria was a man named Ashfaq Hussain. Hussain was born in India in 1953. He started developing hives when he was just 5 years old. At first, his parents thought he was just allergic to something in the water, but after several tests, they realized that he was allergic to water itself.

Hussain's condition made it impossible for him to live a normal life. He couldn't drink water, bathe, or even go outside in the rain. He had to wear special clothing that protected him from water. He also had to take medication to control his hives.

Despite his condition, Hussain was a remarkably positive person. He never let his allergy get him down. He even married and had children. He died in 2009 at the age of 56.

## **The Woman Who Gave Birth to 38 Children**

The Guinness World Record for the most children born to a single woman is held by a Russian woman named Valentina Vassilyeva. Vassilyeva gave birth to 38 children between 1725 and 1765.

Vassilyeva's first child was born when she was just 17 years old. She went on to have 16 sets of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets. She had a total of 69 children, but 31 of them died in infancy.

Vassilyeva's husband was a farmer, and they lived in a small village in central Russia. They were very poor, and Vassilyeva had to work hard to support her large family. She would often work in the fields with her children, and she would also make clothes and toys for them.

Vassilyeva died in 1782 at the age of 76. She is buried in the village where she lived. Her grave is marked with a simple stone that reads, "Here lies Valentina Vassilyeva, the woman who gave birth to 38 children."

## **Chapter 2: Medieval Marvels**

The Middle Ages were a time of great change and innovation. From the invention of the printing press to the development of new forms of government, there are countless examples of human progress during this time period.

But there are also some truly bizarre stories from this time period.

For example, did you know that medieval people believed that dragons were real? Or that they thought that the world was flat?

These are just a few of the many weird and wonderful stories from medieval history. Read on to learn more!

### **The King Who Slept in a Coffin**

Charles V of France was a strange and eccentric king. He was known for his unusual sleeping habits. He would often sleep in a coffin, and he would have his servants nail the lid shut.

There are many different theories about why Charles V slept in a coffin. Some people believe that he was afraid of being assassinated. Others believe that he was suffering from a mental illness. Whatever the reason, Charles V's sleeping habits are certainly bizarre.

### **The Pope Who Was a Cat Lover**

Pope Gregory IX was a cat lover. He kept a large number of cats in the Vatican, and he would often spend hours playing with them.

Gregory IX's love of cats was so great that he even issued a papal bull in 1233 that declared cats to be sacred animals. The bull also stated that anyone who harmed a cat would be excommunicated from the Church.

Gregory IX's love of cats was not shared by all of his contemporaries. Some people believed that cats were associated with witchcraft, and they were often persecuted.

### **Chapter 3: Renaissance Rarities**

The Renaissance was a time of great intellectual and artistic achievement. From the works of Leonardo da Vinci to the plays of William Shakespeare, there are countless examples of human genius during this time period.

But there are also some truly bizarre stories from this time period.

For example, did you know that Renaissance people believed that unicorns were real? Or that they thought that the Earth was the center of the universe?

These are just a few of the many weird and wonderful stories from Renaissance history. Read on to learn more!

## The President Who Was a Hypnotist

James Braid was a Scottish surgeon who lived in the 19th century. He is credited with being the father of hypnotism.

Braid was fascinated by the power of suggestion. He would often hypnotize his patients and then perform surgery on them without anesthesia. He found that his patients felt no pain while they were hypnotized.

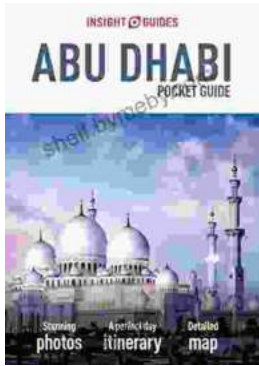


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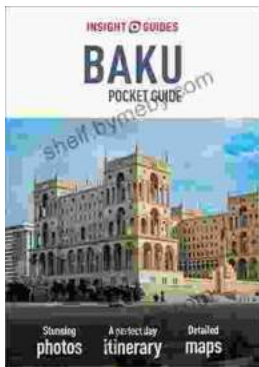
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