

Introduction

Welcome to the strangest book you'll ever read. The editors at Portable Press have collected thousands of bizarre facts and mind-blowing stories, from the recent past all the way back to prehistory, spanning all four corners of the globe (back in the days when the Earth had corners). So prepare yourself for a smorgasbord of oddities: kings, queens, commoners, criminals, gladiators, aliens, ghosts, gods, monsters, and much more.

But be forewarned: History wasn't always pretty. In fact, most of humanity's past was stinky, brutal, bloody, scary, and downright disturbing. But trust us, it's a lot more fun to read about it than it was to live it. So sit back and enjoy.



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