

## The A Z Of Curious Aberdeenshire Strange Stories Of Mysteries Crimes And Eccentrics

*In this engaging book, Wendy Hughes takes you on a grand tour of the curious and bizarre, the strange and the unusual from Sussex’s past. Read about the Alfriston Star – the hostelry for medieval package tours with its unusual ship’s figurehead, the Russian memorial to Finnish soldiers, Crazy Jack who couldn’t stop building and who is buried in a pyramid, the inventor of vapour baths and the lady who fooled the army. Along the way you will meet scandalous residents, inventors, and smugglers galore. The A-Z of Curious Sussex is guaranteed to fascinate both resident and visitor alike.*

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*Winner: Himalayan Club Kekoo Naoroji Award for Mountain Literature ‘A full and fascinating portrait of one of the great figures of mountaineering.’ – Michael Palin ‘As well as relaying the literal ups and downs of the biggest walls and highest mountains in the world, Scott writes with honesty about the emotional and personal peaks and troughs of a life where family relationships are put under strain and life itself is so often at risk.’ – The Westmorland Gazette At dusk on 24 September 1975, Doug Scott and Dougal Haston became the first Britons to reach the summit of Everest as lead climbers on Chris Bonington’s epic expedition to the mountain’s immense south-west face. As darkness fell, Scott and Haston scraped a small cave in the snow 100 metres below the summit and survived the highest bivouac ever – without bottled oxygen, sleeping bags and, as it turned out, frostbite. For Doug Scott, it was the fulfilment of a fortune-teller’s prophecy given to his mother: that her eldest son would be in danger in a high place with the whole world watching. Scott and Haston returned home national heroes with their image splashed across the front pages. Scott went on to become one of Britain’s greatest ever mountaineers, pioneering new climbs in the remotest corners of the globe. His career spans the golden age of British climbing from the 1960s boom in outdoor adventure to the new wave of lightweight alpinism throughout the 1970s and 1980s. In Up and About, the first volume of his autobiography, Scott tells his story from his birth in Nottingham during the darkest days of war to the summit of the world. Surviving the unplanned bivouac without oxygen near the summit of Everest widened the range of what and how he would climb in the future. In fact, Scott established more climbs on the high mountains of the world after his ascent of Everest than before. Those climbs will be covered in the second volume of his life and times.*

*John Shipley takes the reader on a grand tour of the curious and bizarre, the strange and the unusual from Shropshire’s past. Here you will find out where an African Prince is interred; which pub is reputedly haunted by the ghost of John (Mad Jack) Mytton of Halston Hall; and which village lays claim to the oldest cottage in Europe. Along the way you will read about earthquakes and floods, giants and witches, highwaymen and bandits, scandalous residents and inventors. Richly illustrated, The A-Z of Curious Shropshire is great for dipping into, but can equally be enjoyed from cover to cover.*

Secret Shrewsbury

A-Z of Curious London

The Big, Bad Book of Beasts

The A-Z of Therapeutic Parenting

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Celebrate historic and contemporary Wonder Women from around the world, from Ada Lovelace to Zaha Hadid! Highlighting notable and inspiring women from across the globe and throughout time, The A-Z of Wonder Women features biographies of trailblazers and groundbreakers, including Ada Lovelace, Oprah Winfrey, Ruth Ginsberg, and Wajeha al-Huwaider. This empowering alphabet-style book celebrates a wide range of skills and masteries in the arts, politics and activism, STEM, and more, providing accessible facts about these heroic women--and inspiring young readers to make the change they want to see in the world.

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If we scratch beneath the surface of the Suffolk we know today, there are numerous surprising, touching and alarming tales which bring to life the rich history of this county. The Little History of Suffolk reveals the devastating effect of the dissolution of the monasteries, the decline of the once-booming cloth trade, drastic erosion of the coastline, and the disappearance of large country houses and estates. Here you will also find the rise of the chic Victorian seaside resorts, the captains of the brewing and iron industries who put Suffolk firmly on the post-industrial revolution map, and the key wartime role the county played over many centuries. No corner of Suffolk is left unturned in this small book with a huge punch.

The Hard Road to Everest

A-Z of Curious Suffolk

The A-Z of Curious Somerset

Little Miss Curious

The Amazing A-Z of Resilience

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*P is for Pirates, Q is for Questions and R is for Resilience. We all know PIRATES were always hunting for treasure. Follow this A to Z to QUESTION the world around you and you will find your way to the treasure within- your RESILIENCE! This alphabet of objects presents 26 familiar objects as conversation starters to develop resilience. Each object introduces a wellbeing theme to open up discussions about mental health between teachers, parents/carers and children. There is an activity for each letter to help children aged 8-12 develop life skills to become more resilient. Destigmatising mental health and providing children with the language to describe and communicate their wellbeing, this essential guide helps children to manage their inner emotions and feelings and makes these complex topics accessible and enjoyable to read about. It includes a section on how the book can be used and how to have conversations about resilience, feelings, emotion and mental health for the adult using this tool with a child.*

Illustrated Tales of Wales

The World's Most Curious Creatures

Haunted Spalding

The Little History of Bristol

A-Z of Curious Bristol

***The Little Book of Welsh Culture is a fast-paced, fact-filled journey through the cultural heritage of Wales, exploring the rich history of its literature, festivals, performing arts, visual arts and music, and unearthing some fascinating secrets and hidden gems along the way. Crammed full of myths, traditions, birthplaces and personalities, experience the country’s immense artistic legacy as never before, from the medieval legends surrounding King Arthur and The Mabinogion to its modern-day transformation into a thriving film location for big-screen blockbusters. Discover the truth behind the druidic rituals of the National Eisteddfod, separate the facts from the fiction that surround Dylan Thomas’ infamous lifestyle, and learn how Wales successfully regenerated the Doctor Who franchise.***

***This book draws upon the varied history and unique heritage of the County Palatine of Durham, an ancient land of saints and warlords. It is a catalogue of curious tales, odd anecdotes and quirky characters from County Durham’s past. Within its pages the reader will discover stories of hauntings, murders and mysterious deaths, while modern-day enigmas - such as the ancient structure that archaeologists remain at a loss to explain, or the lost treasure found at the bottom of the River Wear - are revisited. Inspired in part by the chronicles and compendiums of County Durham’s nineteenth-century historians and antiquarians, this book is a miscellany - at times tragic, at times comic, but always entertaining. And for those for whom the collective subjects hold a perennial fascination, it is ideal for dipping into, perhaps to learn something new about wonderfully curious County Durham.***

***The A-Z of Curious County DurhamThe History Press***

***Therapeutic parenting is a deeply nurturing parenting style, and is especially effective for children with attachment difficulties, or who experienced childhood trauma. This book provides everything you need to know in order to be able to effectively therapeutically parent. Providing a model of intervention, The A-Z of Therapeutic Parenting gives parents or caregivers an easy to follow process to use when responding to issues with their children. The following A-Z covers 60 common problems parents face, from acting aggressively to difficulties with sleep, with advice on what might trigger these issues, and how to respond. Easy to navigate and written in a straightforward style, this book is a ‘must have’ for all therapeutic parents.***

***The Little Book of Somerset***

***Cracking the Curiosity Code***

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Discover some surprising, intriguing and curious stories, myths and legends from Wales ranging from the quirky to the macabre.

They're back! Rediscover the zaniest characters you’ve ever met in this best-selling series which has sold millions worldwide. Bright and charming, with easily recognizable characters and a small take-along format, Mr. Men and Little Miss books are easy enough for young readers, witty enough for humor-prone adults, and highly collectible for one and all. Also check your local listings to view the Mr. Men & Little Miss TV show. Back to the Mr. Men & Little Miss microsite.

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The A-Z of Curious London

Book of Curious Birds

Shoot the Puppy

The A-Z of Curious Aberdeenshire

Curious George at the Ballet

**DID YOU KNOW?** The town of Wincanton is twinned with a place that does not exist. William Gibbs of Tyntesfield House made his fortune by importing bird droppings from Peru. A song by ‘Scrumpy and Western’ singer Adge Cutler was banned by the BBC for being too raunchy. Nine villages in Somerset are known as the ‘Thankful Villages’. From seaside to countryside and villages to towns, Somerset is a county where it’s difficult to separate history and mystery. This fast-paced, fact-packed compendium of places, people and trivia reveals all sorts of answers to questions you might have wondered about – and some you didn’t. The facts, stats and anecdotes will surprise even those familiar with this beautiful and historic county.

George goes to the ballet but his curiosity interferes with the performance.

From hair-raising first-hand accounts of unexplained sightings and paranormal phenomena to the search for evidence of ghosts, this eerie and richly illustrated tour around the historic town of Spalding and the surrounding area features many chilling stories of ghostly encounters. Amongst the spooky tales included are a pub where a resident ghost was so determined to make his presence known that he hurled a beer bottle at a member of staff, a hotel where a mischievous spirit sits on the beds and leaves ghostly handprints on a mirror, a sports club where cheeky spirits make their presence felt literally, and the chilling story of an evil spirit so intent on harassing a local family that it could only be removed by exorcism. Also featured are exclusive and intriguing findings from the first ever paranormal investigation at the fifteenth-century Ayscoughfee Hall & Museum, in search of the legendary White Lady.

The world's wildest collection of animal knowledge and lore! Lions, and tigers, and bears . . . and dinosaurs, dragons, and monsters. Oh my! For hundreds of years, the most popular books in the Western world next to the Bible were "bestiaries," fanciful encyclopedias collecting all of human knowledge and mythology about the animal kingdom. In these pages, eagles and elephants lived next to griffins and sea monsters. Now, in The Big, Bad Book of Beasts, award-winning author Michael Largo has updated the medieval bestsellers for the twenty-first century, illuminating little-known facts, astonishing secrets, and bizarre superstitions about the beasts that inhabit our world—and haunt our imaginations. You'll learn about the biggest bug ever, the smallest animal in the world, and the real creatures that inspired the fabled unicorns. You'll discover how birds learned to fly, why cats rub against your legs, and a thousand other facts that will make you look at nature in a wonderfully new way. Did you know? The fastest animal in the world is the peregrine falcon, which reaches speeds of over 200 miles per hours. Circus ringmaster P.T. Barnum fooled many when he displayed a "mermaid" carcass that was later proved to be monkey bones sewed together with the body of a fish. Discovered in a remote volcanic crater in New Guinea, the Bosavi wolly rat grows to the size of a cat. President Andrew Jackson bought an African gray parrot to keep his wife company. The bird outlived them both and was removed from Jackson's funeral for cussing in both English and Spanish. A to Z: From Aardvark to Zooplankton! For all ages! Includes 289 illustrations!

**The A-Z of Curious Sussex**

**The A-Z of Curious Nottinghamshire**

**Strange Stories of Mysteries, Crimes and Eccentrics**

**The A-Z of Curious County Durham**

**The A-Z of Curious County Limerick**

‘Curious’ is perhaps not the first word you would use to label Essex. But ‘curiouser and curiouser’ it becomes when you dig below the surface. Forget the popular image of Essex boy and girl. Come and meet larger-than-life characters, including the one-time fattest man in England, whose waist was wider than the height

of an average man. And talking of big, discover the origin of children's favourite Humpty Dumpty. Did you know that explorer David Livingstone, who trekked across Africa, got lost in Essex; that Essex villain Dick Turpin was only identified because a relative refused to pay the cost of a 'stamp', or that St George saw off his dragon here? Shocking, creepy and bizarre tales abound if you dig a little deeper. And if you literally look below the surface in Essex - 100ft underground to be precise - you'll discover one of the most incredible Government 'secrets' of all time.

Explore Shrewsbury's secret history through a fascinating selection of stories, facts and photographs.

This book romps through the rolling countryside and along the shingled coastline of Suffolk, unearthing the curious along the way. Sandwiched between ecclesiastical penances handed down to adulterers and fornicators, and the odd porcelain incendiary bombs commemorating the Zeppelin raids, is an alphabetical cornucopia of strange, spooky and mysterious facts about the county. Is the supposedly ancient game of dwile flonking quite so old? What did writers like Pepys and Defoe say about Suffolk cheese? Which tower was probably just built to curry favour with the monarch? And who was the unknown, self-taught archaeologist who made one of the most significant finds of all time? The A-Z of Curious Suffolk is a book to dip into, unless of course you can't wait to turn the page and read more!

The lifestyles of the people of Devon have traditionally been as diverse as its spectacular scenery. Little wonder then that the county's curious stories are so numerous and so varied. Including a train trapped in a giant snowdrift in Devon's worst blizzard; Lapford's murderous parson; Devon's ill-fated involvement in D-Day at Slapton Sands; black magic on Dartmoor; visitations by the Devil in South Devon; as well as witchcraft; heroes; piracy; record breakers; villains and eccentrics, this cornucopia of the peculiar and marvellous elements of Devon's history will surprise and delight everyone who knows and loves this county

The A-Z of Curious Wales

The Key to Unlocking Human Potential

The A-Z of Curious Essex

I Spy Animals from a to Z

Up and About

DUNCAN HARLEY takes the reader on a grand tour of the curious and the bizarre, the strange and the unusual from Aberdeenshire's past. Read about the Beatles' first, and almost their last, tour of the North-east, the Deeside artist who tended plaster sheep, and the strange tale of the Typhoid Queen. Learn about Hitler's secret bunker at Stonehaven, the doomed Marquis of Montrose, and the mysterious Mound of Death at Inverurie. Along the way you'll also meet scandalous residents, determined inventors, and Royal personages galore. The A-Z of Curious Aberdeenshire is guaranteed to enthrall both residents and visitors alike.

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Are you a bobo or a wombat? Are you tempted by infobia or to kick dead whales up the beach? If your answer to any of these questions is "What are you talking about?", then you definitely need a copy of Shoot the Puppy. Amusing, informative and newly updated for 2007, it guides the reader through the ever-growing heap of contemporary jargon from around the English-speaking world, showing where it comes from, what it means, and what it tells us about our contemporary world.

Everyone is born curious. So, what happens? Why do some people become less curious than others? For individuals, leaders, and companies to be successful, they must determine the things that hold curiosity hostage. Think of the most innovative companies and you will notice they employ people who do not accept the status quo, they aren't reluctant to change, they evolve with the times, they look for problems to solve, and focus on asking questions. Drawing on decades research and incorporating interviews from some of the top leaders of our time, Hamilton examines the factors that impact curiosity including fear, assumptions, technology, and environment (FATE). Through her ground-breaking research, she has created the Curiosity Code Index (CCI) assessment to determine how these factors have impacted curiosity and to provide an action plan to transform individuals and organizations to help improve areas impacted by curiosity, including innovation, engagement, creativity, and productivity. "I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious" - Albert Einstein

The Little Book of Welsh Culture

The A-Z of Wonder Women

The Little History of Suffolk

A Survival Guide to the Curious Jargon of Modern Life

Spooky, gruesome, weird but true things about one of the world 's greatest cities come alive in The A-Z of Curious London. Discover London 's tiniest house, a 4,000-year-old mouse made from Nile clay, and have a giggle at things people leave on London 's transport (including false teeth, a human skull and a park bench - yes, really.) Why did a dentist keep his dead wife on view in a shop window? Where did a shopkeeper murder 150 customers? Which Queen showed her bosom to an Ambassador? Why was a man arrested for wearing a top hat? In the City proper, why is no thoroughfare called a road? To sum up, eccentrics, legends, folklore, murders, scandals, ghosts, incredible characters and oodles of wow factor, it 's all here.

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Readers learn the alphabet along with George as the man in the yellow hat teaches the curious monkey how to read.

Limerick 's history stretches back over thousands of years. It is famed for pigs and poetry, but so far only the surface of its past has been revealed. The A-Z of Curious County Limerick looks at the forgotten tales, such as the story of the deer that ran amok through the streets of Limerick City and the man who was sentenced to work in a bog. Many of these stories of the area were well known and talked about at the time but did not get passed down to recent generations. Each letter of the alphabet leads to another weird or wonderful tale, from animals and their amazing antics, to Zepp the travelling chip salesman.

The A-Z of Curious Devon

26 Curious Stories and Activities to Lift Yourself Up

Can You Spot the Animal for Each Letter of the Alphabet?

Curious George Learns the Alphabet

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No one knows for certain when Bristol was founded. What we do know is that for more than 1,000 years it has been at the centre of national and international history. From its earliest days Bristol 's prosperity was linked to its port, with the importation of wine and tobacco and its involvement with the slave trade. In those days, explorers sailed from Bristol on epic voyages and discovered new lands. In more recent times its economy has been built on creative media and the aerospace industry, including the construction of Concorde, the world 's first supersonic aircraft. From the Avon Gorge 's formation, Iron Age settlers and Norman castle construction, to civil war, riots and bus boycotts, The Little History of Bristol is guaranteed to enthrall both residents and visitors alike.

I Spy Animals From A To Z is a fun-filled guessing game for kids ages 2-4. You will find one letter of the alphabet on each page. See if you can spot the animal for each letter, then turn the page to see the right answer. This beautiful gift book will encourage young learners to interact while teaching them something about the abc, and the animals too!

Birds are curious creatures. From their unusual appearance to their unique behaviour, they really are one of the most fascinating species in the animal kingdom. In this book you'll find colourful feathers alongside peculiar beaks, beady eyes and funny-coloured feet. You'll read of dangerous birds, clever birds, fast birds, awkward birds, silly birds, massive birds and tiny birds. You'll laugh at their odd hairdos, marvel at their remarkable hunting skills and admire their wild mating dances. Most of all, you'll learn that birds are awesome and deserve our love, care and respect.