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A gift that celebrates being yourself, in your own unique way. Do you ever feel different? A little weird, a little wacky? It's time to own it, because, as Meryl Streep proclaimed, "what makes you different or weird, that's your strength." In this inspiring collection, singers, poets, actors, activists, comedians, designers, athletes, and philosophers share wise and pithy reflections on what it's like to march to the beat of a different drummer. Every statement is a powerful, positive reminder that to live successfully is to be completely unapologetically you. "We are not what other people say we are. We are who we know ourselves to be, and we are what we love. That's OK." —Laverne Cox "All the colors I am inside have not been invented yet." —Shel Silverstein "I am different, not less" —Temple Grandin "The more I feel imperfect, the more I feel alive." —Jhumpa Lahiri "Self-censorship is insulting to the self. Timidity is a hopeless way forward." —Ai Weiwei

Children will learn the wonders of God's creation through photos and facts about creation as well as added bonus material. All facts align with Common Core Standards for informational reading for young readers. Featuring funny and ferocious plant and animal life from all over the world, *Weird and Wonderful Creations* makes reading and learning fun. This non-fiction collection includes four complete titles from the popular *Made by God* series with photos and facts that show children the wonder of God's creation. All facts align with the Common Core Standards for informational reading, helping children grow in both reading and comprehension skills. Sure to be loved by parents, educators, and children alike, *Weird and Wonderful Creations* also features more than 200 bonus fun facts about these amazing plants and animals. Titles include: *Spiders, Snakes, Bees and Bats Big Bugs, Little Bugs Sea Creatures Poisonous, Smelly, and Amazing Plants*

Idiomantics is a unique exploration of the world of idiomatic phrases. The very etymology of the word 'idiom' reveals what's so endlessly fascinating about the wide range of colourful phrases we use in everyday speech: their peculiarity. They're peculiar both in the sense of being particular or unique to the culture from which they originate, and in the sense of being downright odd. To cite three random examples - from American English, Dutch and Italian - what on Earth are a snow job, a monkey sandwich story, and Mr Punch's secret? Fascinating and illuminating, *Idiomantics* explains all... The ideal gift for word buffs and in fact, anyone who enjoys a good yarn, this playful book looks at 12 groups of idioms around the world, looking at subjects such as fun and games, gastronomic delights and the daily grind.

Lists the meaning of hundreds of bizarre and unusual words and includes a guide to coining new words.

Where in St. Louis can you... ..picnic at a radioactive waste dump? ...learn what West County Center's famous dove really represents? ...visit the grave of the man who burned Atlanta? ...join a nudist resort? ...view a cube comprised of a million dollar bills? ...see a piece from New York's Twin Towers? ...find out exactly what a Billiken is? Whether you are piloting a simulated barge on the Mississippi River, exploring the hidden history of Abraham Lincoln's bizarre swordfight in St. Charles County or eating a ten-pound apple-pie in Kimmswick inspired by the Great Flood of 1993, it is hard to get bored with a copy of *Secret St. Louis: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*. By turns wistful and whimsical, this is a book which answers the questions you never knew you had about St. Louis while taking readers on a whirlwind tour through 97 unique but often little-known spaces and places that can't be found anywhere else. A tourist handbook for people who thought they never needed one, "Secret St. Louis" provides a scavenger hunt of hidden gems traversing the somber, strange, surprising and silly locales which define the culture and history that make St. Louis such a diverse and amazing place to call home. From Weldon Spring to Wildwood, from Overland to O'Fallon, from Bellefontaine to Bridgeton, this is an exploration of St. Louis's odds and ends like no other.

A wondrous assortment of curiosities attracted the nineteenth-century spectator at the dime museum.

Did you know that there's a Connecticut hotel room with a real helicopter inside? Can you guess who inspired the character of Indiana Jones, who was president before George Washington, and who flew before the Wright Brothers? Find the state's most interesting and offbeat stories in *Secret Connecticut: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*. Are you interested in taking a safari or racing a chariot? Had you ever heard that Martin Luther King Jr. spent two summers in Connecticut? Included are more than eighty engaging stories that provide insight into one of America's oldest states. Inside are tales of pirates, an underground prison, and a possessed doll. Aren't you curious about the spectacular stained glass church that was unknowingly built in the shape of a fish by a famous architect? From the world's smallest Native American reservation to professionally coiffed cows and a replica of Marie Antoinette's palace, you'll find intrigue around every corner of this small but surprising state. Author Anastasia Mills Healy brings to life the long history of intriguing people, places, and events that will fascinate even life long residents of Connecticut.

Describes unusual museums and memorials across the U.S. and lists addresses, telephone numbers, hours, and admission fees
Scrabble® aficionados may know that both "Brr" and "Brrr" are legitimate plays, but what about everyday names like Peter, Carl, and Marge? They're not listed as proper nouns, but they are certainly playable. For lovers of *Scrabble®*, *Bananagrams®*, and *Words with Friends®*, this lively guide helps readers make the most out of word games, packed with new ways to remember the best words alongside tips for improving game play and much more. Part strategy guide and part celebration of all things wordy, this collection of facts, tips, and surprising lists of playable words will instruct and delight the letterati.

Get curious about creepy, crawly, and cool bugs Crawl inside the weird world of bugs and discover the fascinating lives of arthropods, insects, and arachnids. This book for kids ages 5 to 7 explains what makes a bug a bug--from their jointed legs to their strange eyes and awkward antennas. Learn how they see, breathe, and fly, and which bugs don't fly at all. Meet amazing bugs--from magnificent moths to peculiar pill bugs--and discover where they live, what they eat, and how they change and grow. Beautiful, colorful photos bring these incredible creatures up close with plenty of fun facts and fascinating details about what makes each bug so special. Budding backyard bug-catchers will have their hands full with this informative book. The *Weird and Wonderful World of Bugs* includes: Wild--From elusive earwigs to glorious glowworms, explore the lives of popular backyard bugs and those that live in far-away places. Weird--Did you know that a baby spider is called a spiderling? You'll discover even more fun facts about each cool bug. Wonderful--Explore how bees make honey, why stink bugs smell, and the amazing insects that help pollinate our planet. Take a microscopic look into the super cool and curious world of bugs with this fun guide.

Collects facts about the Anaheim, California amusement park, from why gum has never been sold in the park to how many people have been on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* ride.

Take a tour of Route 66 unlike any other, discovering the secrets, memorable characters, and little known stories behind many of the route's enduring icons. Find the answer to the question, "Who was Ella Jones?" and pay a visit to a secluded cemetery that few road warriors even know exists. Learn why Hooker, Missouri, disappeared, and who murdered Billie Grayson in Chandler, Oklahoma. Did you know that a

strongbox full of gold still lies buried near the Colorado River, or that tragedy hounds a tiny place in Arizona named after a cartoon? Is it true that ghosts and monsters lurk along the highway's reaches? Do you know what a Walldog is, or whether nuclear weapons were once used to blast a path for the route? Get the answers in *Secret Route 66: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*. Two of the historic highway's most recognized authorities, Jim Ross and Shellee Graham, chronicle these and dozens of other tales as they peel away the layers of history to expose the weird, wonderful, and obscure of America's Mother Road.

What's really inside Atlanta's sealed Crypt of Civilization? Where can you experience a midnight costume party or get your hair cut at a museum? And is there really an elephant graveyard in the city? Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction, and *Secret Atlanta* is the right book to prove this over and over again. Beyond the standard Atlanta tourist attractions, visitors and natives will find a city full of secrets—in the history, art, culture, nature, and places that are just plain weird. Tour the most hidden spots in the metro area, or see the famous sites through a new lens. You'll find the answers to common questions, like why there are so many streets named "Peachtree." Don't miss Atlanta's more uncommon quirks too, such as the story behind the clergy parking spaces at one local bar. Whether you're a lifelong Atlantan or a first-time visitor, local writer Jonah McDonald will help you marvel at Atlanta's most obscure oddities. His adventures through the city might sound too interesting to be true—but you couldn't even make this stuff up if you tried.

How did Omaha get its nickname, "The Gateway to the West" and where can you gawk at the footsteps of the first human to walk in space? Just scratch the surface of a city best known for Warren Buffett, college baseball, and a great zoo and find far more than meets the eye. And *Secret Omaha: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure* is just the book you'll need to uncover all the stories of Nebraska's lone metropolis. Omaha rises up out of the low broken bluffs along the west bank of the Missouri River and sprawls west across what was once the prairie grasslands of the Great Plains. The buffalo wallows have been replaced by a more urban mix of grit and gentrification, with tree-lined avenues, boulevards, and varied communities that hold on to their heritage for generations. There's a giant fork in Little Italy and stories told in stone around what was the world's largest livestock market. There's an old blues song by Big Joe Williams about an Omaha intersection that's now on the National Register, and Irish Nationalists erected a grand monument to the Fenian who invaded Canada twice. Anyone in Omaha can take a gander at Goose Hollow or visit a haven for herons, but now author and Omaha enthusiast Ryan Roenfeld takes you on your own behind-the-scenes tour of the Big O. With his book as your guide, you'll discover a whole new side to the city that's inspired him for years.

What's that noise? Explore the strange sounds houses make - especially when it's dark outside! Introduces readers to basic scientific concepts involving energy, structures, and matter that explain all those things that go bump, bang, and creak in the night.

Atypical Animals is an introduction to a weirder world of wildlife where every animal illustration is accompanied by a fascinating fact about the animal.

Describes interesting and bizarre roadside attractions from around the world, including an upside-down house in Poland, a live mermaid show in Florida, a dog collar museum in England, and a brain-shaped phone booth in Brazil.

Lists the strangest animals of the world by continent, providing key facts about their lifespan, diet, unusual characteristics, and habitats.

This title digs deep into forgotten corners of the dictionary, gathering both the most spectacular old and the most impressive new words. The result is more than 400 prime specimens with pronunciations, defined in a conversational style.

Another collection of quirky, thought-provoking and highly entertaining poems from a performance poet with an increasing fan base. In this collection Stewart Henderson takes a sideways look at creation - from the depths of the sea, to the breadth of the earth, and the realms of space and sky - and featuring many aspects of the animal world. The poems are often shown from the perspective of a child (answering curious questions, or helping children to understand more about their place in the universe).

Poems include short humorous verses, longer narrative poems and the poet's inimitable 'wry thoughts'.

Most visitors know all about Kansas City's barbecue, jazz, and football success, but there are hidden gems and wild pieces of trivia around every turn in Missouri's largest city. Is the giant Hereford bull anatomically correct? Can a seed that's been to outer space still grow into a normal tree? And who really killed President William Henry Harrison? You'll find answers to the questions you didn't know you had in *Secret Kansas City: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*. Learn why three completely unrelated groups have chosen Kansas City as the center of the world and the place you want to be when the world ends. Between these covers, you'll also find castles, a horse buried in a cul-de-sac, a ghost who likes a good laugh, and the world's longest snake. This is not a tour guide for outsiders; it's a scavenger hunt—insiders only, please. Longtime Kansas Citian Anne Kniggendorf is at your service to bolster your love and boost your respect for this middle-of-the-map city. With her eye for the odd leading the way, you'll have a great time discovering Kansas City.

There is always time to conduct science experiments, because science never sleeps! *365 Weird & Wonderful Science Experiments* gives you a full year of kid-friendly experiments to try alone or supervised. This fact- and fun-filled book of science includes hundreds of simple, kid-tested science experiments. All of which can be done with items from around the house, and require little to no supervision! Whether you're making your own slime, rockets, crystals, and hovercrafts or performing magic (science!) tricks and using science to become a secret agent, this book has something for every type of curious kid. Each experiment features safety precautions, materials needed, step-by-step instructions with illustrations, fun facts, and further explorations. With *365 Weird & Wonderful Science Experiments* you will: Create a drinkable rainbow Make a bowling ball float Capture a cloud Build furniture out of newspapers Blow bouncing bubbles that don't burst Plus 360 other weird and wonderful experiments. Engaging, encouraging, and inspiring, *365 Weird & Wonderful Science Experiments* is every budding scientist's go-to, hands-on guide for learning the fundamentals of science and exploring the fascinating world around them, just like a real scientist.

Looks at unusual fish from around the world, including the leafy sea dragon, the sawfish, and the porcupine fish.

Wild! Weird! Wonderful! Maine celebrates more than 300 of the natural wonders, characters, inventors, historical firsts, legends, and landmarks, that give the state its zest.

Take a journey to explore hidden nooks and crannies, that you never knew existed in Cleveland, without leaving your home. Haunted locales, "World's largest", odd sights, noteworthy inventions, unique foods and more exist among the pages of *Secret Cleveland: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure*. Discover where you can: •find a cure for your cravings •see a weeping angel •visit Lake Erie whales •walk in the footsteps of giants •take a bridge to nowhere•explore roadside attractions •visit the crypt of an ex-president •learn about a misplaced historical marker If you dare, take a leap down rabbit holes you never knew existed as you tour through ninety often overlooked gems in the greater Cleveland area. From bizarre to funny to surprising, you'll learn what makes Cleveland such a diverse and interesting destination to

visit or call home. Never a boring moment, Secret Cleveland is a literary trip that will keep you wondering what you'll discover on the next page as it walks you through attractions in Greater Cleveland, Bay Village, Lorain, and Medina, to name a few.

What's the best place in Houston to watch ostrich racing? Is there really buried treasure in Hermann Park? Do you know where to catch live jazz on the site of the original Republic of Texas capitol, or enjoy world class Cajun food in a church cloister from the 1800s? You'll find the answers to these questions and more in Secret Houston, your guide to H-Town's offbeat, overlooked and unknown. This book will take native Houstonians and fresh-off-the-freeway Newstonians alike on a behind-the-scenes look at the funkiest bits of the nation's fourth-largest city. Did you know Memorial Park was once a World War I training camp? Or the original use of the Last Concert Café and why its front door was always kept locked? And what's up with that old, mysterious crypt built into the bank of the bayou or that weird golden dome out on the west side? Local writer and longtime Houstonian William Dylan Powell helps you unlock Bayou City's most intriguing, entertaining and arcane secrets in this guidebook to the obscure. Some of these secrets you can enjoy today, while others are merely ghosts, legends or shadows of our city's past. But they're all waiting for you to explore right now in Secret Houston.

Did you know that there is a redwood forest in the middle of San Francisco? Have you ever heard a brass marching band leading funerals through Chinatown, or taken an underground sewer tour of the city? Where can you wander through a labyrinth where the land meets the sea? It's all revealed in Secret San Francisco: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure. Not your traditional guidebook, it will lead you to unlock the secrets and little-known stories behind the city's most enduring icons. You'll find directions to the real crookedest street, windmills, and an airport for flying boats. Along the way you'll encounter some bizarre and often hilarious history. For example, did you know that both Burning Man and Santa Con started here? Or that San Francisco was the site of the last American duel? Learn the story of how the city nearly broke Tony Bennett's heart, and almost allowed public nudity. International travel writer Ruth Wertzberger Carlson left no detail overlooked as she researched and wrote about her hometown. Her book will take you places locals would rather keep for themselves—that is, if they even know about them!

Having traveled extensively throughout South Korea, Dale Quarrington reveals a side of Korean Buddhism that is often misunderstood or unknown. In Korean Temples: Art, Architecture and History, he takes a look at the twenty-five most influential temples throughout the Korean peninsula. By exploring the art, architecture and history of South Korea's most famous temples, he introduces the intricacies and beauty of South Korean Buddhism.

What's the true story behind the "buffalo" wing, and why do Buffalonians refuse to call it that? Where is the nature preserve that was once an outlaw colony? Which obscure shop on the city's East Side produces hats for Hollywood? Find the answers to these questions and many more in Secret Buffalo, a guide to the mysteries, surprises, and incredible stories of this Gilded Age hub. Now known for its architecture, food, and natural beauty, Buffalo's history hides more than a few gems to astound visitors and locals alike. Learn about an early motion picture theater, the first woman to run for US president, the first Olmsted-designed park system, and more. Discover Buffalo's hidden public art, travel the Underground Railroad, and make a bucket list of hidden parks to enjoy. It's all here, and with local author Elizabeth Licata's lifetime of exploration to guide you, you'll be well on your way through the weird and wonderful sides of the Queen City. Uncover the secrets of a city you thought you knew.

Remarkable period photographs by F. W. Glasier capture the colorful world of the Big Top in early twentieth-century America, portraying an array of parades, tent raisings, circus spectaculars, and the everyday lives of the performers.

"Being Weird Is a Wonderful Thing" Inspiration for Living Your Truest Self Workman Publishing

To the untrained eye, Los Angeles may seem like a spectacle of glitz and glamour, freeways and traffic snarls. But beneath those superficial impressions hides a richly complex and diverse city teeming with quirky art, dazzling buildings, hidden histories, strange spectacles, and inspiring cultural landmarks. Secret Los Angeles guides you to the hidden gems that make the city and surrounding county truly sparkle. Discover the story behind the featherbrained "Statue of Liberty of L.A." and the butterflies of an abandoned oceanside neighborhood. Stroll along the other walks of fame and drive along a musical road. Explore a historic movie palace hidden in the Jewelry District and find the inspiration for Disneyland nestled within Griffith Park. Find the secretive locations of Prohibition-era speakeasies and sip top-notch booze at a Willy Wonka-like distillery. Experience a reenactment of the Great Los Angeles Air Raid and uncover the history of Central Avenue's jazz legacy. Local author Danny Jensen directs you to under-the-radar destinations that are often overlooked, even by locals, yet offer fascinating insight into a place that captures so many people's imagination. Whether you've recently arrived or lived here all your life, this book will help you see and understand L.A. in a completely new way and inspire you to explore further.

Eric 'Winkle' Brown, the former Chief Naval Test Pilot and Commanding Officer of the renowned Aerodynamics Flight at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as having flown more types of aircraft than any other pilot in the world. The ground rules for this assessment were that only pilot-in-command flights should count, and that marks or variants of a basic type of aircraft were not included. This remarkable record is reflected in the fact that Captain Brown is both the most decorated Fleet Air Arm and British test pilot. The variety of aircraft he has flown is incredible, and though his test and naval flying writings are already internationally known, he now has opened up pages of his flying log books to reveal some of the more unusual types in his unique experience, and to relate their virtues or vices. From the infamous Mitsubishi Zero-Sen and U.S. Navy's piston-engine Grumman F8F-2 Bearcat to the post-war swept-wing de Havilland Swallow. From the North American Savage designed to take off from an aircraft carrier with a nuclear bomb to the Supermarine Attacker, Eric 'Winkle' Brown has tested their qualities and takes the reader into the cockpits of those exciting aircraft to thrill to the joys and hazards of flying both weird and wonderful aircraft with one of

the greatest of all pilots.

All about the weird and wonderful world of frogs. The story begins with an introduction by a Wallace's frog, explaining just how long frogs have been around for. This frog becomes the narrator as he introduces the reader to all sorts of weird and wonderful frogs. Frogs as big as cats, frogs as small as a fingernail, frogs with see-through skin, poisonous frogs, flying frogs, frogs with claws, greedy frogs and more. Each page is supported by fun facts, covering important subjects such as the lifecycle, diet, and habitat, touching gently on the theme of habitat loss and what frogs need to survive. Included at the end of the story is a wonderful full colour frog diagram to scan and print, along with folding instructions to make your own paper frog, or even an army of paper frogs! Children can play many games with their very own frogs, armed with the knowledge from the story, such as 'feed the frog', by flipping the frog on to the endpapers of bugs, or lining up several frogs and having a game of 'race the frog'. Using the instructions and different sizes of paper introduces the option of making big frogs and small frogs, different colours of paper creates different coloured frogs, and children could even colour in their own frog by choosing their own design. This book is an informative read with a fun activity to support learning that encourages imaginative play.

Celebrate the weird, wonderful, and the downright bizarre in this compelling compendium of unusual animals. From the green fur of a three-toed sloth, to the pink and wiggly appendage of the star-nosed mole, there's something new to marvel at on every page. Delve into the forests, burrow under the ground, and dive into the deep to discover nature's most peculiar creatures and learn about their behavior, diet, and habitat, as well as folk beliefs about each animal. Hidden away in Earth's forests, caves, and oceans, these creatures might look or behave in peculiar ways but, as you will soon find out, every oddity serves a purpose: the long, skeletal finger of an aye-aye, used by this lemur to tap on trees to locate hollow tunnels where delicious insects hide the barrel-shaped eyes of a Pacific barreleye fish that turn upward to watch for prey above through its transparent head the big, bulbous nose of a proboscis monkey designed to attract mates the armor-like scales of a pangolin that are so tough that even lions and tigers can't bite through them Come face-to-face with the most curious creatures from across the globe, and decide for yourself who's the weirdest of them all.

A collection of scenes from various childrens books.

Introduces some of the world's most unusual plants and animals, explains what they eat and how they live, and discusses how their unique characteristics help them survive.

Do you know what a snollygoster is? Would you eat something called a muktuk? Do you know anyone who engages in onolatry? Impress your friends and pepper your dinner party conversations with such nuggets as gobemouche, mumpsimus, and cachinnate. You can learn about all of these bizarre and beautiful words and many more in *Totally Weird and Wonderful Words*. Both witty and entertaining, this new paperback brings together two best-selling compendiums to all words unique and strange, *Weird and Wonderful Words* and *More Weird and Wonderful Words*. Offering a potpourri of colorful and fascinating words compiled by noted lexicographer Erin McKean, it contains hundreds of definitions, and has been updated to include two new essays, with over 150 words new to this edition. Written in a clear and conversational style, the book contains full-page cartoon illustrations by Roz Chast and Danny Shanahan. Featuring hundreds of words guaranteed to amuse and astonish, this is a book that will appeal to logophiles everywhere. It also features a bibliography of Oxford dictionaries and a guide to creating your own unusual words correctly from Greek and Latin roots. Smart and funny and with just a touch of whimsy, *Totally Weird and Wonderful Words* is the perfect book for reading in your sitooterie with a bumbo in your hand while mavis sing in your ear.

Did you know there's a wasp that looks like a panda, a basilisk snake that runs over water, and a butterfly with a large skull on its body? Kids will discover all this and more, as they join an explorer and see a world of curious animals. Along with detailed illustrations of these cool creatures, young naturalists get lots of fascinating information from a team of experts.

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