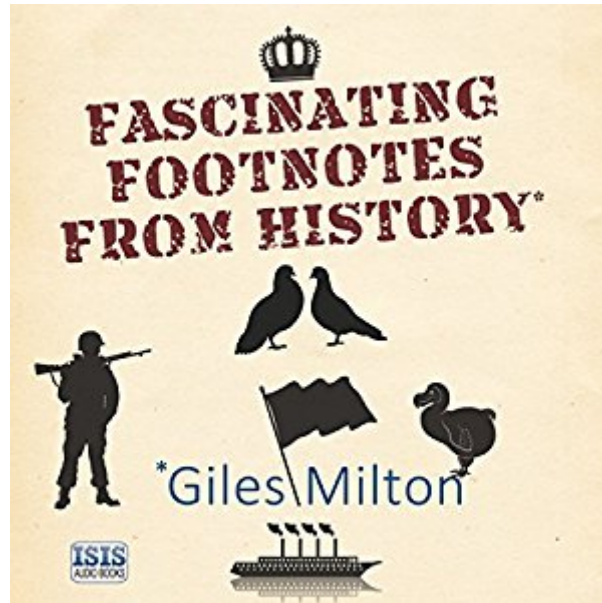


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Fascinating Footnotes From History



Synopsis

Fascinating Footnotes from History details 100 of the quirkiest historical nuggets - eye-stretching stories that sound like fiction but are 100 percent fact. There is Hiroo Onoda, the lone Japanese soldier still fighting the Second World War in 1974; Agatha Christie, who mysteriously disappeared for 11 days in 1926; and Werner Franz, a cabin boy on the Hindenburg who lived to tell the tale when it was engulfed in flames in 1937. Peopled with a gallery of spies, rogues, cannibals, adventurers and slaves, and spanning 20 centuries and six continents, Giles Milton's impeccably researched footnotes shed light on some of the most infamous stories from history.

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What a thrilling journey! This book's 338 pages of main text contain 100 tales from history, separated into 33 parts - each of which contains about three tales with a specific theme. Most of these stories take place from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries, and each recounts a little-known event in history from various locations in the world. I was familiar with just a few of these events - having read about them in other books such as this one - but they all had me glued to my seat. The author's writing style is clear, friendly, lively, to-the-point and immensely captivating. In reading this book, I never experienced a dull moment; needless to say, I found it very difficult to put down. I do believe that absolutely anyone can enjoy this amazing book, not only history enthusiasts but also readers fascinated by peculiar and absorbing historical facts that haven't made it into most standard history books.

This is basically a 'bathroom reader' comprised of 1-2 minute reads. I found little that I didn't already know, but I'm 62 and have been reading the papers since my teens. It's heavy on Nazi stuff and hardly has anything to indicate women exist in any other form than spies and whores. It would probably have been a hit if published in 1955.

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