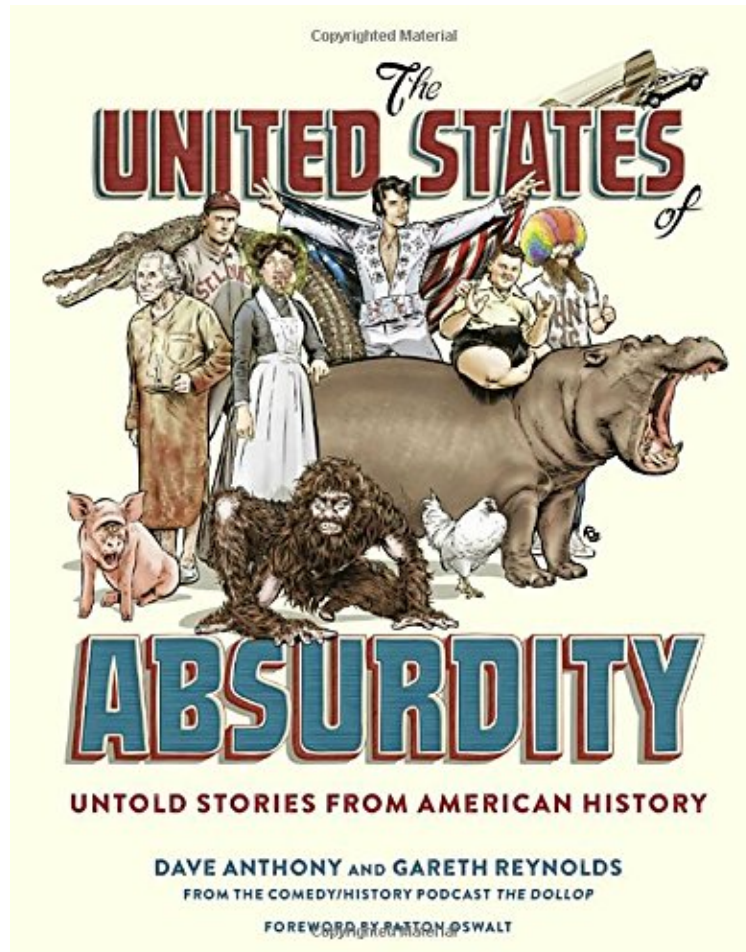


The United States of Absurdity: Untold Stories from American History

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Dave Anthony, Gareth Reynolds : The United States of Absurdity: Untold Stories from American History before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The United States of Absurdity: Untold Stories from American History:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun book, amazing podcast, superb guys! By Mrs. Woogie So happy that Dave and Gar(eth)y are sharing their greatness. Their show is fantastic, and this book serves to augment The Dollop with condensed versions of some of their highlights, with disturbingly beautiful artwork. Definitely 5 stars. If for no other reason, buy this book to support two great humans. I met them before and after the SLC show (I gave the guys directions to the venue), and they posed for pics and signed my Jos poster. All with no rush, nothing but kindness. Definitely two awesome guys. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Squeeeeeee!!! By Penny

S. Very excited to finally get my hands on this book. It was a mother's day gift from my family. (Mother's Day is a topic I hope The Dollop covers someday.) I found out about The Dollop from listening to My Favorite Murder and it quickly became my favorite podcast. (Maybe tied for first place with You Talkin' U2 To Me?) I love the mix of The Dollop stories we know and love and new ridiculousness I've never heard of anywhere else. The stories are concise, sharp, and funny with a little bit of entertaining bonus trivia to wrap it up. There are new jokes and takes on the stories already on the podcast so each story feels freshly told. The artwork is amazing. I adore it. It's beautiful, which feels weird to say since it's also often bizarre and grotesque. But it is indeed very beautifully illustrated. It perfectly matches the tone of the subject. Also, this book is excellent even if you've never heard the podcast before. It's a great way to explain the podcast to a Dollop virgin. I love this book. I love the podcast. I love these guys. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This book facilitated my ascension to Godhood. By Toolman This book is so awesome it literally changed my life; I can actually feel my DNA reformatting. It should be read aloud in every kindergarten in America 5 times a day until they can recite it by memory. For maximum effect begin each reading by meditating while softly chanting the mantra "Om Gari hozay hum"

The creators of the podcast The Dollop present illustrated profiles of the weird, outrageous, NSFW, and downright absurd tales from American history that you weren't taught in school. The United States of Absurdity presents short, informative, and hilarious stories of the most outlandish (but true) people, events, and more from United States history. Comedians Dave Anthony and Gareth Reynolds cover the weird stories you didn't learn in history class, such as 10-Cent Beer Night, the Jackson Cheese, and the Kentucky Meat Shower, accompanied by full-page illustrations that bring each historical "milestone" to life in full-color.

"The United States of Absurdity, a new book from the hosts of the American history podcast The Dollop, couldn't have picked a better time to arrive. Think of it as A People's History of the United States for the slightly lazy." NPR.org "If my history teachers in high school had been half as smart and one-tenth as entertaining as Dave and Gareth, I could probably tell you who fought in the Spanish-American War today. Josh Olson, Oscar-nominated screenwriter for A History of Violence This book, just like The Dollop, will teach you things you'll wish you had learned in history class. I dare you not to be equal parts fascinated, horrified, and in stitches. Al Madrigal, actor and comedian, The Daily Show "Dave and Gareth have created an amazing record of historical eccentricities which, while hysterically informative, has thus far only been available for your ears. This book will take The Dollop into the uncharted territory of your eyes. And hopefully, if my many requests are heeded there will be a scented version." Chris Hardwick, @midnight and Talking Dead "The United States of Absurdity is so funny that it makes me want to kidnap Dave and Gareth, keep them in a basement, and then live out their identities as my own which would still not be the weirdest story in this book." Wil Anderson, stand-up comedian, television host, writer, and podcaster Dave Anthony and Gareth Reynolds could make anything funny. This book is proof. Good thing they decided to use their powers for good to educate the masses with the lessons we can learn from history. Even the parts of history that make us vomit in our mouths a little. Ronny Chieng, stand-up comedian and correspondent on The Daily Show with Trevor Noah About the Author DAVE ANTHONY is a stand-up comedian, writer, actor, and podcaster. Beside co-hosting The Dollop, he's been seen as a stand up on Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Late Late Show, and on Comedy Central. He is a writer/actor on Maroon IFC. In 2015, he was named Comedian to Watch by L.A. Weekly. GARETH REYNOLDS is a writer/comedian who has written for shows on Comedy Central, Fox, TBS, and MTV. He has executive produced shows like MTV's Failosophy and the Travel Channel's Mancations. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Introduction Warning: This book will change the way you look at America. By opening this book, you agree with and understand this fact and are okay with it. With that said, welcome! Hi. Thank you for buying this book. (Or are you reading this at the book store, like a creep? Being all Hm m m m m what is this . . . Ill just have a free read. Freeloader.) This books about history, but not the type you are used to encountering. Sure, you may have heard of one or two of these stories, but by the end of this book, you will have a different perspective on America. Probably a conflicted one. Now for our history. For us, the discovery of Americas hilariously absurd past started with our podcast: The Dollop. For those of you who dont know what a podcast is, its like a radio show that you can . . . oh, just Google it. We, Dave Anthony and Gareth Reynolds, met in Los Angeles on a mutual friends podcast (you should have Googled what podcasts are by now) and didnt talk for a year after that. When Dave had the idea of doing an American history podcast, he knew exactly who to call: Chris Rock. Dave didnt know Chris personally, but he was a big fan. Chris had done so many things Dave admired. Unfortunately, Chriss busy schedule wouldnt permit his joining such an undertaking. Dave then talked to Sarah Silverman, but she was on location with a film. Next was Louis C.K., but that was a reach. Dave Chappelle, Dwayne the Rock Johnson, the guy who sells Flex Seal on TV, Ira Glass, Amy Schumer . . . they were all really busy. Dave then turned to Gareth, who was ready and available. And The Dollop was born! We began meeting to discuss tales from United States history that were apeshit. We quickly discovered that not only were these tales interesting to us, but others were drawn to the information as well. We started to build a following whose members all wanted to know the same thing: How have I never heard of this shit before?!? In a way, American

history is like report cards. The good ones go on the fridge to be boasted over; the bad get tossed in the trash and we pretend like they never happened. Regardless, these tales will not only show you how insane American history is, but also reveal how much this country loves alcohol. God, we love alcohol. So much. Like at a crazy level. The anecdotes ahead contain the stuff they should have taught you in history class. If class consisted of a teacher telling you how we discovered the lobotomy or learned how stomach acids work, or about the time a lady lived with a dolphin, just how Elvis became a federal agent, or even why meat rained down from the skies in Kentucky one day, school would have been way less terrible. America has been fucked up since Christopher Columbus set foot on this occupied land and claimed he discovered it. Yes, we really have a fascinating past, but for some reason we dont discuss it. So lets! With this book, weve got two aims: (1) winning a Pulitzer Prize and (2) sharing this absurdity with you. While one of these goals may be lofty, we think the Pulitzer is a slam dunk. No way we dont win that. Anyway, enjoy the book and discovering that you do actually enjoy history. Or just put it down already if youre still reading it at the bookstore. Seriously. This isnt a library, pal.