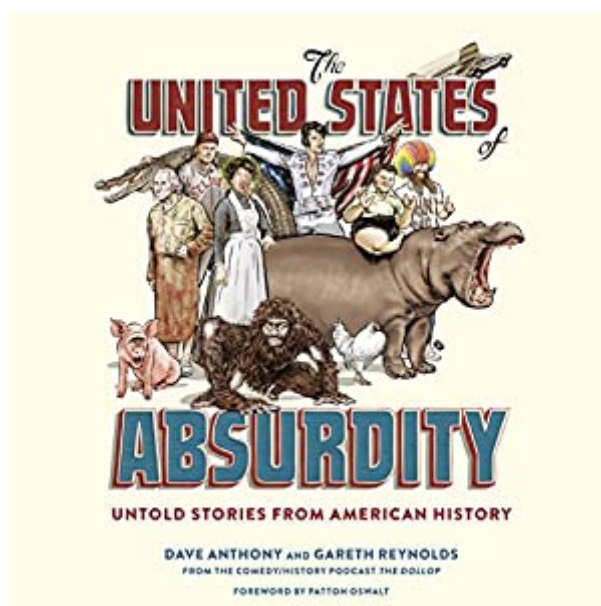


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The United States Of Absurdity: Untold Stories From American History



Synopsis

The creators of the podcast The Dollop present 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.

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Customer Reviews

Been a long-time fan of The Dollop ever since the Jackson Cheese episode was recommended to me by my best friend. I highly recommend the podcast to others, but some folks just don't listen to podcasts so I intend to throw this book at those people so they might understand some of the joy in learning about bananas stories from American history. The true stories in this book are condensed and still amusing tales covered in The Dollop episodes. I still highly recommend listening to The Dollop, as they cover some astoundingly racist aspects of our history that should be more prevalent in what we learn in school. This book doesn't delve into those episodes (possibly because those stories cannot be summed up in 2-3 page tales), so there is plenty to explore there. And James Fosdike's illustrations are wonderful. He just gets The Dollop.

I have been a fan of The Dollop podcast since day one and it is still my favorite today. Dave and

Gary are great hosts/comedians and I knew the book would not disappoint. For longtime fans this book is like having our favorite stories on hand at any time. For someone new to the world of The Dollop it is the perfect introduction. James Fosdike's illustrations give the stories extra depth and are even frame-worthy. Since I can't force my friends to sit down long enough to listen to the podcast I will be buying them copies of this book.

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 JosÃ© poster. All with no rush, nothing but kindness. Definitely two awesome guys.

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.

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"

Their podcast is so entertaining and hilarious. I have listened to almost all of them and seen them live twice. I really hope they write another one to follow up the stories where this left off. My advice to the reader: download podcast addict and subscribe to The Dollop. Definitely worth the listen.

If you listen to The Dollop, it's not really worth your time to read the book. It has a few dozen stories, all of which were told in a much more engrossing fashion on the podcast. Basically Dave, minus Gareth, minus most of the really entertaining details. I don't really fault them for doing this, and don't begrudge the opportunity for them to maybe reach out to a wider audience, but if you're a fan, this will be pretty disappointing.

This is a fabulously funny read. Witty and creative, it's great to read aloud with friends and family. I'm finally learning about all the hidden gems that this great country has lived through that were never revealed to me in school. Bad ass... totally worth it, and then some. It'll make you a more interesting person knowing these stories. Get it!

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