i never knew that about london christopher winn

I Never Knew That About London

An engaging miscellany of facts about London's history, culture and architecture shares lesser-known legends and adventures pertaining to such subjects as the church steeple that inspired the traditional wedding cake, London's first nude statue and the Monument's famous 311 steps. 20,000 first printing.

I Never Knew That About New York

A treasure trove of fascinating trivia about the city that never sleeps Did you know: • Grand Central Terminal is the largest railway station in the world. • Columbus Circle is the point from which all official distances to and from New York are measured • When Queen Elizabeth II visited Trinity Church in 1976, she was presented with 279 peppercorns in back rent • Macy’s owns almost a full city block...but not the real estate its famous sign featuring its signature red bag is on. Take a delightful journey from the bottom of the island of Manhattan to the top and discover extraordinary facts about New York along the way. You'll find yourself saying, “I never knew that about New York!”

I Never Knew That About England

The inspiration for the primetime ITV series on Great Britain, this is the ultimate journey around England. Christopher Winn takes us to each county, to see where history happened, where people and ideas were born, where dreams took flight and where men and women now rest from their labours. To tread in their footsteps, to touch and experience some of what inspired and moved them is to capture some of the flavour of their lives and make their stories alive and real. Crammed with facts and information, I Never Knew That About England celebrates the places and people that make the country unique and includes history, legends, firsts, supremes, unsuals, inventions, birthplaces and gossip. You'll be able to visit the bridge where Pooh and Piglet played Poohsticks and see where Alfred burnt the cakes. In a small village in Bedfordshire you can visit the graveyard where Long John Silver and Wendy rest. These stories will bring any place that you visit to life (keep one copy in the car and one in the house!) and enable you to discover the rich and surprising history of England.

I Never Knew That About Ireland

Take the ultimate trip around Ireland Bestselling author Christopher Winn takes us on a fascinating journey around Ireland, to discover the tales buried deep in Irish history. Packed full of myths and legends, firsts, birthplaces, inventions and adventures, this fact book visits each of the four provinces - Ulster, Leinster, Munster and Connaught - and unearths the hidden gems that each county in these provinces holds. Discover where people and ideas were born, where dreams were inspired and where the unforgettable figures of Ireland's past now slumber. You'll
be able to visit the holy mountain, Croagh Patrick in Country Mayo, where St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes in Ireland into the sea. At Lismore Castle in County Waterford you will uncover the bathroom dedicated to Fred Astaire, whose sister Adele was the hugely popular Chatelaine of Lismore in the 1930s and 40s. On the winter solstice you can bathe in the sunlight that fills the burial chamber at Newgrange, County Meath - the oldest solar observatory in the world. This irresistible compendium of facts and stories will give you a captivating insight into the Irish, and the ideas and events that have shaped the individual identity of every place you visit, and will have you exclaiming again and again: 'Well, I never knew that!'

### I Never Knew That About Coastal England

We all love to be beside the seaside! Be it the crunch of the sand beneath your feet, or the promise of an unexplored rock pool that draws you to the sea, prepare to be whisked away by bestselling author Christopher Winn as you delve into the charming tales of England's coastline. Divided into eighteen chapters – one for each of the coastal counties in the UK – this book will entertain and illuminate, by casting new light on the many points of intrigue to be explored along 3000 miles of spectacularly diverse and historically rich English coast. Illustrated with beautiful black-and-white line drawings, by Mai Osawa, this book makes the perfect companion for any seaside outing. You'll find yourself exclaiming again and again – I never knew that!

### I Never Knew That About Ireland

This charming and beautifully illustrated volume is packed with little known insights into the history and culture of the Emerald Isle. Including: *A tiny hamlet in Desart, Co. Kilkenny, was the birthplace of the man who designed the White House in Washington, D.C. *Five Irishmen were awarded the Nobel Prize. Four, W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, and Samuel Beckett, and Seamus Heaney, were awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The fifth, Ernest Walton, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics: he split the atom. *The first transatlantic flight landed near the wild and isolated coast town of Clifden in Co. Galway. *Ireland was, during the 18th century, the world's largest exporter of butter *The shipyard at Belfast was once the busiest in the world *Van Morrison, James Galway, and Chaim Herzon (President of Israel) were all born in Belfast. Organized county by county, searching out their secrets and unearthing their hidden gems, this irresistible book holds a wealth of captivating information about the heritage, memories and monuments that have shaped Ireland right history.

### I Never Knew That About the River Thames

Bestselling author Christopher Winn takes us on a captivating journey out of London along the banks of the River Thames to discover the secrets and stories of England's most famous waterway. Discover the Thames's literary heritage at Pangbourne, near Reading, famous as the home of The Wind in the Willows's Kenneth Grahame, then explore Mapledurham House, the inspiration for its famous Toad Hall. Explore Henley-on-Thames, where the first Oxford and Cambridge boat races were held, then marvel at Southend Pier, the longest pleasure pier in the world. As he follows the river from source to sea, visiting its towns, villages and places of interest, Winn unearths a fascinating array of facts, folklore, landmarks and legends that are
guaranteed to have you exclaiming 'I Never Knew That!' Illustrated with line drawings this charming gem of a book is guaranteed to inform and delight in equal measure.

I Never Knew That About Wales

The inspiration for the primetime ITV series on Great Britain, this is a spellbinding journey around Wales by bestselling author Christopher Winn. Packed full of legends, firsts, birthplaces, inventions and adventures, I Never Knew That About Wales visits the thirteen traditional Welsh counties and unearths the hidden gems that they each hold. Discover where history and legends happened; where people, ideas and inventions began; where dreams took flight; where famous figures were born and now rest. A glittering pantheon of writers and artists, thinkers and inventors, heroes and villains have lived and toiled in this small country. Remarkable events, noble (and dastardly) deeds and exciting adventures have all taken place with Wales as their backdrop. This book seeks out their heritage, their monuments, their memories and their secrets. You'll be able to visit Britain's smallest city, St David's with its glorious 12th-century cathedral slumbering in a sleepy hollow near the sea. Explore Britain's greatest collection of castles from the first stone fortress at Chepstow to Britain's finest concentric castle at Beaumaris and the magnificent Caernarvon, birthplace of the first Prince of Wales. Browse through the second hand book capital of the world, Hay-on-Wye, wander the glorious Gower peninsula, Britain's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Take a trip to Fishguard, where the last invasion of Britain took place in 1797. Marvel at Thomas Telford's Menai Bridge, the world's first iron suspension bridge or Pontcysyllte, the longest bridged aqueduct in Britain. This irresistible compendium of interesting facts and good stories will give you a captivating insight into the people, ideas and events that have shaped the individual identity of every place you visit, and will have you exclaiming again and again: 'Well, I never knew that!'

I Never Knew that About Ireland

Organized by county, an illustrated odyssey around Ireland explores the landmarks, history, and lore of the Emerald Isle, in a volume that profiles the Irish Nobel Prize winners and other notables, looks at great moments in the country's history, celebrates the influence of Celtic culture, visits important monuments around the country, and furnishes other fascinating facts and trivia. 10,000 first printing.

I Never Knew That About Yorkshire

Bestselling author Christopher Winn takes us on an intriguing journey through Britain's largest county, uncovering the hidden places, legends, secrets and fascinating characters of this unique and compelling piece of England. From England's largest vale and northern Europe's largest gothic cathedral to Britain's oldest city, Yorkshire is home to some of Britain's best architecture, most ravishing scenery and is the cradle of some of our country's most influential and individual characters. You will discover the only clog factory in the world, the first English actor to win an Oscar, the world's oldest association football club and largest expanse of medieval stained glass. This gem of a book will act as a wonderfully surprising and highly entertaining guide to one of England's best loved counties.
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Christopher Winn admits he was “very frightened … I Never Knew That About Scotland and I Never Knew That About London – have been hugely popular and critically acclaimed.

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