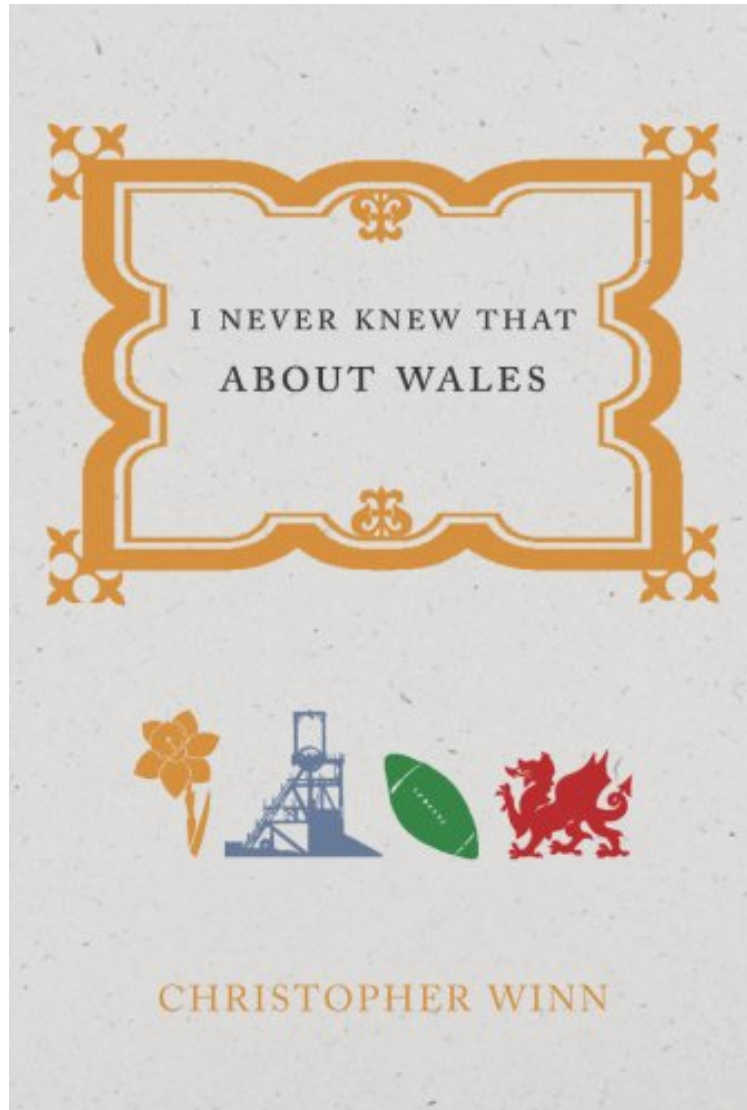


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Stories From the Beautiful Counties of Wales!By Happy ReaderI was charmed by this book! I think of it as a travel guide, because it is arranged with each county getting its own chapter. But instead of brief descriptions with opening times and directions, it is made up of stories. The stories vary in length and are very readable. The biggest reason to NOT think of this as a travel guide is that it is a lot of fun to read as a history book, even if youre not going to travel to Wales.Theres a lot more to Wales than visiting the train station

with the longest place name in Europe. How about the island where the Romans destroyed the last of the Druids? Or Nanteos, supposed home of the Holy Grail. I learned interesting historical tidbits. Such as, cremation was not legal in Great Britain until 1884, after a Welsh man in Glamorgan County was tried and acquitted for cremating his young son. And there's the fascinating story of how an illegitimate Welsh Prince may have discovered America 200 years before Columbus. Oh, to visit Clyro Court, Radnorshire, where the visiting Arthur Conan Doyle heard about their Baskerville ancestor and his Black Dog of Hergest. The pen ink drawings, by Mai Osawa, accompanying the text are lovely. There's at least 2 pictures in each 2-page spread. In the front of the book is a simple map showing the locations of Wales 13 counties. This is the second book I've read in Winns I Never Knew series. The first was on Ireland. There seemed to be more rogues in the Irish stories, but that may not be surprising! I Never Knew That About Ireland Happy Reader 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. a great read By Kathleen A. Baxter This was so much fun to read and I have been recommending it highly to my London traveler friends. I plan to create maps and do walks, and the only flaw in this book is the lack of maps. Anyone who buys Rick Steves (and I do, a lot) knows that maps and directions can be truly poor things, but we could have used even some written ones. I read it with a copy of my London map book firmly in hand. It is a sheer delight. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The rest of the story By terrdil Enjoy the in depth information in this series.

Take a spellbinding journey around Wales to discover the tales buried deep in the country's history. Packed full of legends, firsts, birthplaces, inventions, and adventures, I Never Knew That About Wales visits the 13 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. Davids 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 secondhand book capital of the world, Hay-on-Wye, and 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 facts and 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!"

- "[A] fascinating look at the heritage of a small country with a big, big history." --"Daily Record" About the Author Christopher Winn writes quiz questions for television as well as for Daily Mail and Daily Express. He is the author of I Never Knew That About England and I Never Knew That About Ireland.