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GREAT BRITAIN
Everything
you ever
wanted
to know

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THIS IS NOT A GUIDEBOOK. And it is definitely Not-for-parents.

IT IS THE REAL, INSIDE STORY about one of the world's most exciting places – Great Britain. In this book you'll read fascinating tales about **kids down the mines**, battles on the football field, **secret stones** and kings and queens galore.

Check out cool stories about a famous spy, an **underwater monster**, a **flying scotsman** and a flying great grandmother. You'll find hats and bats, **crazy laws**, royal limos and some amazing **legends**.

This book shows you a **GREAT BRITAIN** your parents probably don't even know about.

HMM, I'VE GOT
A BALL AND A STICK.
I THINK I MIGHT
PLAY GOLF!



BRITISH BULLDOGS

AND BUDDIES

Some say that the British love their dogs more than they love their children. That might be a bit of an exaggeration, but many pet owners definitely treat their dogs like royalty. Even the royal family's pet pooches are treated like kings and queens!



A miniature poodle

BULLDOGS DON'T HAVE A STIFF UPPER LIP!

The leader of the pack

During World War II, the great leader Winston Churchill was nicknamed 'the British Bulldog' by the Russians because of his fierce fighting spirit. If only they had known that his dog was a poodle.



Bulldog buddy

The British bulldog was first used to guard and bait bulls and bears from the 1200s until the 'sport' of bull baiting was banned in 1835. Today, pet bulldogs are more like to guard their food bowls!

Pet power

King Charles II was besotted with his dogs to the point that he made a decree that the King Charles spaniel could go in any public place and even in the Houses of Parliament. This law still stands today.



King Charles II



Not King Charles II

I DON'T THINK DOGS LOOK LIKE THEIR OWNERS.

LOYAL TO THE ROYALS

Dogs can be a queen or king's best friend. Queen Elizabeth II is a loyal Corgi owner. She has had pet Corgis for more than 79 years!



A corgi

In 1910 King Edward VII's fox terrier, Caesar, was loyal to the very end. He walked in procession behind his master's coffin.



A fox terrier



I LOOK LIKE THE DOG'S DINNER IN THIS SCARF.

Pubs and pooches

Many pubs welcome dogs (and their owners!). Some serve dog-friendly pub grub. One pub dishes up Sunday roast with cat-flavoured gravy made from beef stock and fish sauce! It can all be washed down with a cool non-alcoholic dog beer.

WANT MORE?

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Mary, Queen of Scots was a bit of a drama queen. At just six days old, she became Queen of Scotland when her father, King James V, pegged it. She later hooked up with a succession of hopeless husbands during her reign. Unlucky in life *and* unlucky in love?

Teen queen

In 1558, aged 15, Mary married the young crown prince of France. By the age of 17, she was a widow. Her husband had died of an illness brought on by an ear infection, which ended up destroying much of his brain!



KISSING COUSINS

In July 1565 Mary married her cousin, Lord Darnley. Mr Right turned into Mr Wrong. Darnley was a selfish man, who some believed wanted Mary dead.

A killer of a crush

Mary soon detested Darnley and grew to fancy the Earl of Bothwell, who ended up murdering Darnley in February 1567. Mary wasn't too upset. She played golf just days later.



Loved by a loony

French poet Pierre de Boscotel de Châtelard wanted to be Mary's suitor but ended up being her stalker. On 14 February 1562, he hid under her bed. His obsession with her eventually got him hanged.



YOU ARE MY VALENTINE!

IS SHE DEAD GORGEOUS OR GORGEOUS DEAD?

I WONDER WHO IS GOING TO WEAR THE PANTS?

WANT MORE?

Lord Darnley and Mary, Queen of Scots



'I'd love to help'

In July 1567 Mary was forced to abdicate and was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle. Luckily, a lovesick man nicknamed 'pretty Geordie' helped her escape the next year.



Escaping Lochleven Castle

Mary's third husband, the Earl of Bothwell, kidnapped her and forced her to marry him!



Loyal to a royal

Mary had a very loyal subject – her dog. After being imprisoned for 19 years by Queen Elizabeth I of England, Mary was beheaded on 8 February 1587. Her dog hid under her dress!