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GREAT BRITAIN Everything you ever wanted to know

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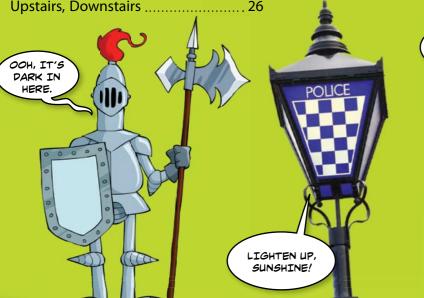
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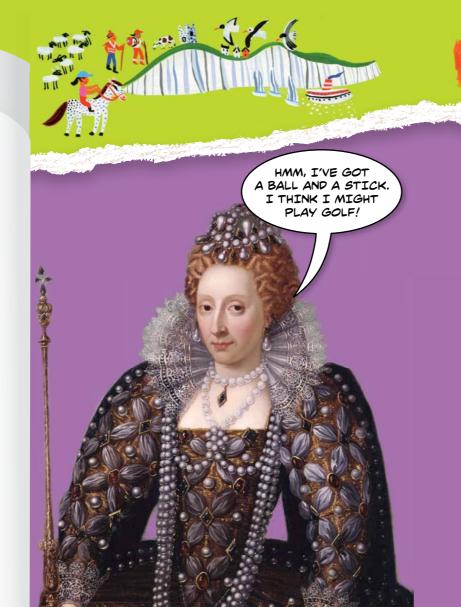
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THIS IS NOT A GUIDEBOOK, And it is definitely Not-for-parents.

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 Underwoter 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.

Great Britain is the name given to the island that is made up of three great places with three great names: England, Scotland and Wales. The great land of Great Britain has a great many great names. There are old names, long names, rude names and just plain silly names.



Cheeky name
Fancy visiting Backside in Scotland?
Unbelievably, there are two such places.
So be quick. It would be a bummer if you missed one of them!

BACKSIDE

keeps getting lost – its road sign. tiny village of Lost Some tourists find it a great souvenir. in Aberdeenshire. You are not likely to get lost in the s one thing that However, there Lost name

Scotland can be windy, and it might be slightly more windy in the town of Brokenwind in Aberdeenshire!

Windy name

Scotland

BROKENWIND

1507

WART MORE?

CRACKPOT

Yorkshire known as Crackpot. but rather a crack in a rock. It is not named after some There is a village in North eccentric English person,

Noisy name If you head to Great Snoring in Norfolk,

it might pay to take

some earplugs. If

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the noise gets too much, Little Snoring

might be quieter.

SNORING

GREAT

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Old name With a name like Mold, this market town in North Wales has definitely vegetables! The town sprouted up around Mold Castle in the 1100s. seen its fair share of mouldy

Street name Some road names in Great Britain make you laugh. Funnily, Ha-Ha Road in Greenwich is nowhere near Silly Lane in Lancaster.

Long name

Great Britain is Llanfairpwllgwyn gyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllanty siliogogogoch, which means the church of St Mary in the hollow of white hazel trees it Llanfairpwll for short. The longest place name in cave' Whew! Just near the rapid whirlpool St Tysilio's church of the red

Funny name

You would probably not stop smiling if you lived in Happy Bottom in Dorset. Mind you, Scratchy Bottom in Dorset might be funnier!



Grave name

One place in Kent

Food name

live in when you get older. You can bet that Gravesend in Kent will make a good Some towns are good to final resting spot.

near a hamlet called Ham. A famous sign that points could make you hungry. The town of Sandwich is to the hamlet and town reads 'Ham Sandwich'!

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GRAVESEND

A GREAT LAND 7

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!



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!

AND BUDDIES

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 LOOK LIKE

THE DOG'S DINNER

IN THIS SCARE.

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!

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



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.

A fox terrier

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.

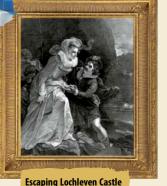
Loved by a loony

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.



'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.



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!

Mary was a half-sister of Elizabeth I ★ www.royal.gov.uk