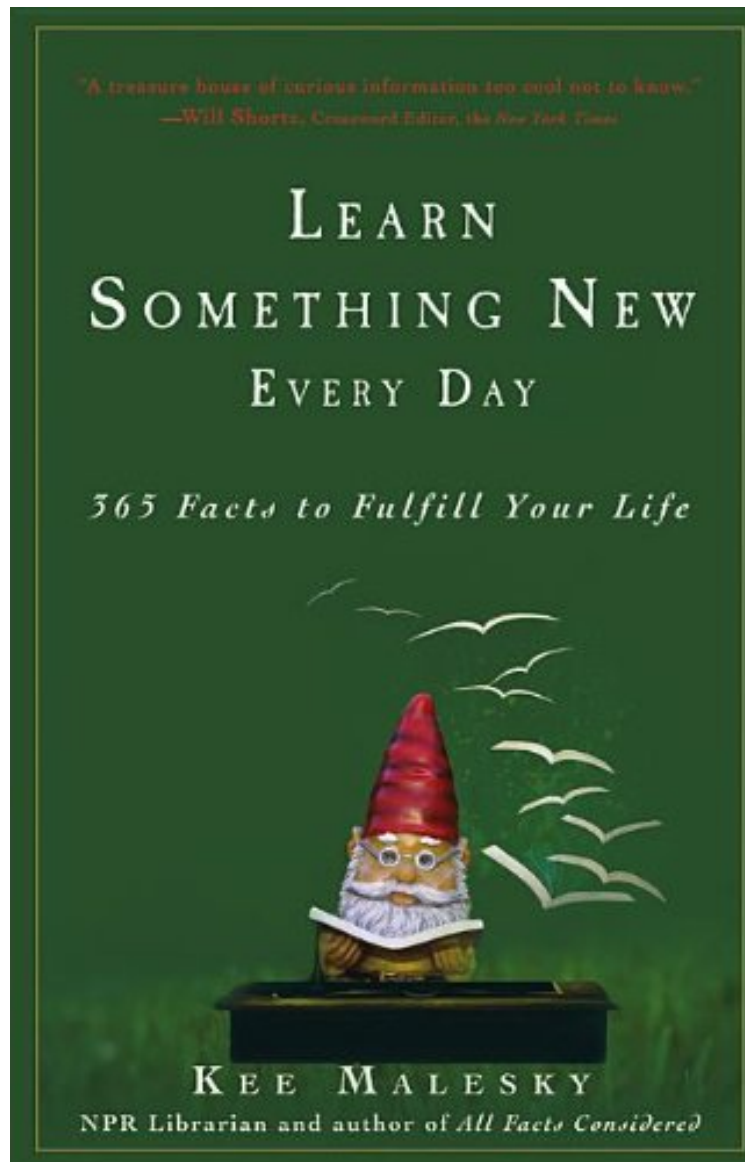


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clever collection for us to chuckle, snort, object, and declaim over. [nota bene: *IF* you should "object" don't go to your references expecting to be proved right. In fact, don't go to your references at all, make use of hers: the book contains sources as does her web site.]So is her second volume simply "Yet Again Even More All Facts Considered Too"? Not exactly. I would say (in fact, I did) that her first book All Facts Considered: The Essential Library of Inessential Knowledge- which I recommend you immediately procure - consisted of "fascinating stories about unusual facts". Here she has endeavored to "write under constraint" (see October 7) and fit 365 (or so) "interesting things" into a modestly-sized volume. So while each resulting gem tells its story - many will leave you wondering about the bits in between the bits that would fit. So you'll find yourself much more tempted to go digging for more. But if the density is a bit different I'm happy to report (and/or caution) the effect is not: again with this book you will become a terrible pest to those around you: "Gertrude! Can you imagine that they used `crowdsourcing` in 1905 to decide who created baseball! -eh? `what the heck is crowdsourcing`"? well, it's controversial and many feel that- um... well, you should look it up! But the funny thing is: the guy they picked, Doubleday, never even said he created baseball!" (see June 26) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love this book By Miriam Love this book! So much random knowledge, it's incredible! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great price. Arrived before date promised By Ms. Deborah Bandanza Very interesting. Great price. Arrived before date promised.

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* Malesky (National Public Radio's longest serving librarian; All Facts Considered: The Essential Library of Inessential Knowledge) shares her research savvy in this clever compendium of 366 clearly written half-page entries, including one for leap years. The material ranges from history and science to arts and language. Readers unfamiliar with entomophagy, for example, can read about it in the Feb. 25 entry, which describes the ""tasty"" protein of the future. Elsewhere they'll learn that President James Garfield, trained in classical languages, could simultaneously write in Latin with one hand and Greek with the other. Appended citations offer credibility and promote further study. VERDICT This entertaining and informative work is recommended for high school and public libraries, and for casual readers and fact aficionados everywhere. Bobbie Wrinkle, McCracken Cty. P.L., Paducah, KY (Library Journal, October 2012)