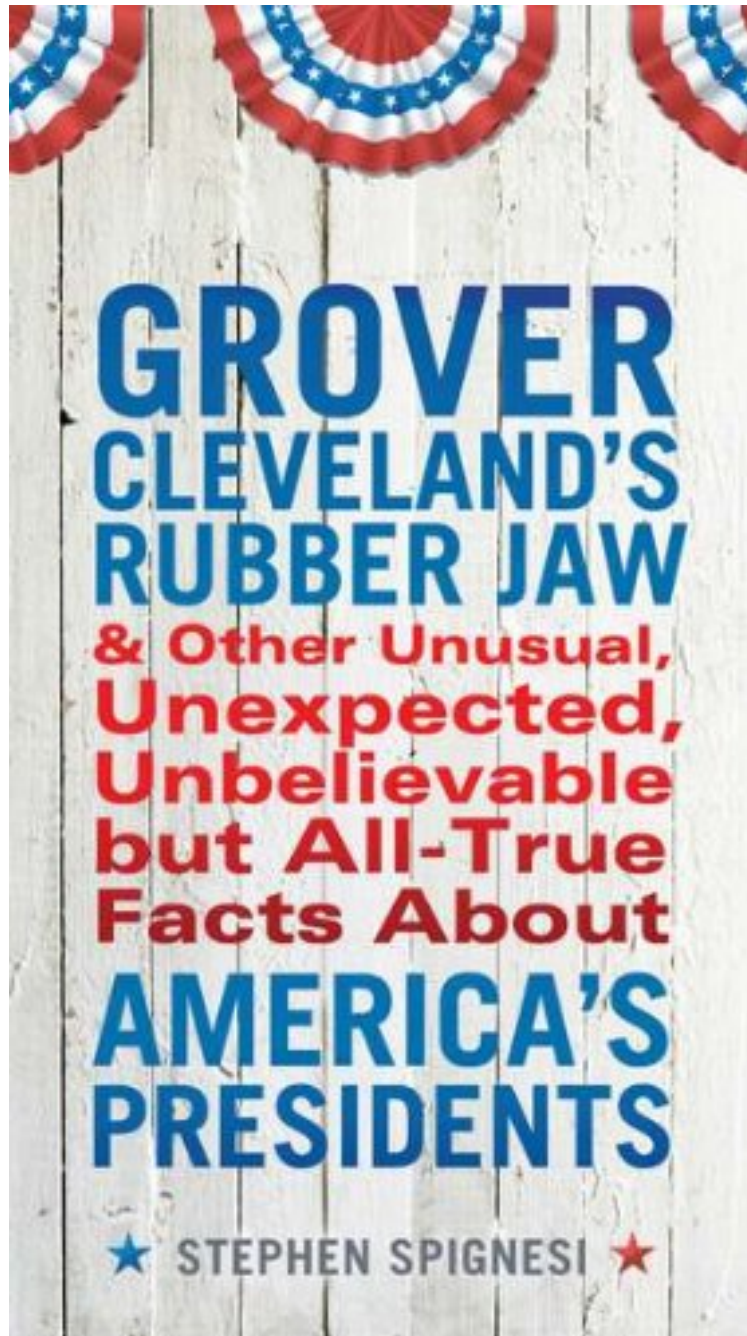


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Grover Cleveland's Rubber Jaw and Other Unusual, Unexpected, Unbelievable but Al:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy pezthemusicalWe bought this for a friend of ours. He uses this book all the time.0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One thing missing....By CustomerI enjoyed this book quite a bit, had heard about it on Public Radio. I especially liked the pertinent info on each president, date of birth, date of death, cause of death, children's names, term of office, religion, education, occupation before becoming president, etc., but was really disappointed the more I read, that where they were born, where they died, was omitted. Maybe I'd like to visit one or two in a national cemetery somewhere, but then I'd have to look that up elsewhere. So much information was given, it's a shame that the author didn't also put in those little details, next to date of birth -- and date of death. I found it interesting also that the first few presidents were not born here, hmmm. Gave me an interest in presidents I did not have beforehand.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative Grab-bag of Presidential Trivia!By Mike O'ConnorProlific author Stephen Spignesi turns his attention to American Presidents in GROVER CLEVELAND'S RUBBER JAW AND OTHER UNUSUAL, UNEXPECTED, UNBELIEVABLE BUT ALL-TRUE FACTS ABOUT AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS, an entertaining and informative 2012 Penguin Group release. Whether you're interested in trivia or the Presidency or both, you'll want to latch on to this gem. Aside from the facts regarding the aforementioned 'mandible replacement,' Spignesi also provides the following Presidential tid-bits: *when George Washington was inaugurated, he had a grand total of one tooth in this mouth; *Thomas Jefferson invented the swivel chair; *John Quincy Adams believed in the Hollow Earth theory; *William Henry Harrison had 48 grandchildren and 106 great-grandchildren; a White House record; *James Buchanan was nearsighted in one eye and farsighted in the other; *Then-Vice President Andrew Johnson was falling-down-drunk at Lincoln's inauguration; *Teddy Roosevelt owned and could walk on stilts; *FDR was played in movies by, among others, Ralph Bellamy, Dan O'Herlihy, Jason Robards, Jon Voight and Edward Herrmann (three times!); *JFK could read four newspapers cover to cover in 20 minutes; and finally; *Barack Obama loves playing Scrabble. So, if you're a lover of trivia, these and thousands of other Presidential morsels await you in Spignesi's book. Trivia buffs will undoubtedly enjoy this book. I know I did. Recommended.

From George Washington to Barack Obama, this collection of weird and wild but true! facts will show you a whole other side of our nation's leaders: Andrew Jackson was married to a bigamist. Martin Van Buren wore pistols in the Senate chamber in case things got too rowdy. Franklin Pierce ran over a woman with his horse while in office and was arrested, but was released when the police realized he was the president. James Garfield could simultaneously write Greek with one hand and Latin with the other. Dwight D. Eisenhower's nickname for his staff driver was Private Parts. Barack Obama can bench press 200 pounds.

About the Author Stephen Spignesi is the New York Times bestselling author of more than 50 books including The Italian 100, The Complete Titanic, George Washington's Leadership Lessons, The USA Book of Lists, The Essential Stephen King, and American Firsts.