

# Misc. A compendium of delightfully random facts

From the creators of *Delayed Gratification* magazine

Have you ever wondered...

- How it feels to be bitten by a bullet ant
- Which literary masterpiece was eaten by its author's dog
- When town planning ceased to be an Olympic event
- Where you should put a grockle box
- What the fastest sporting projectile is
- Whether it would be nice to live on Mars
- Why football, beards and lip-synching at weddings have all been banned

Then you need **Misc.**

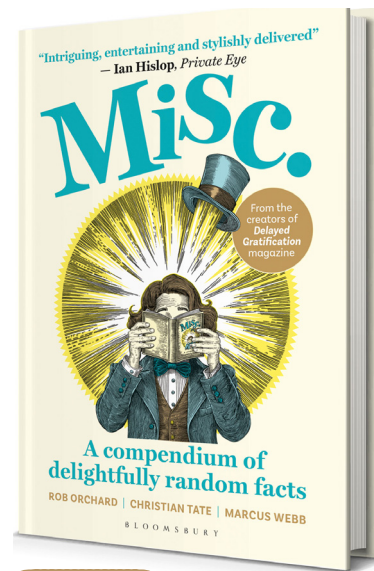
**Misc.** is a playful modern take on the classic miscellany, a delightfully random collection of facts discovered by the creators of *Delayed Gratification*, the Slow Journalism magazine. Inside you'll find a joyful abundance of things you didn't know you needed to know.

In an era when it feels like you need to adopt the brace position before reading the morning's headlines, this is a fun and frivolous book in which no one dies (except for Rasputin, see p70).

Designed to be dipped into and revisited time and time again, **Misc.** will spark a million spirited pub and dinner table conversations and prompt irrepressible guffaws in toilets across the globe.

## Author biography

**Rob Orchard, Christian Tate** and **Marcus Webb** are the co-founders of **The Slow Journalism Company**, publishers of *Delayed Gratification*, the world's first magazine dedicated to Slow Journalism. Launched in 2011 as an antidote to a kneejerk news cycle that prioritises speed over depth, detail and context, it has gone on to attract media praise and subscribers from around the world.



## Reviews

"Roughly a thousand fascinating, totally random croutons of information on every topic in the known universe. You'll laugh, you'll learn, but fortunately you'll be laughing so much you won't realise you've learned anything. **Highly recommended!**"

— **Andrew Hunter-Murray**, *QI, No Such Thing As A Fish*

"You can dip in and out of this wonderful treasure trove of facts and conversation starters, or absolutely smash through it in an afternoon like I did, stopping only to bother my husband with a hundred satisfying 'did you know?'s. **I love, love, loved it!**"

— **Angela Barnes**, *Mock the Week*

"**Intriguing, entertaining and stylishly delivered**"

— **Ian Hislop**, *Private Eye, Have I Got News For You*

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