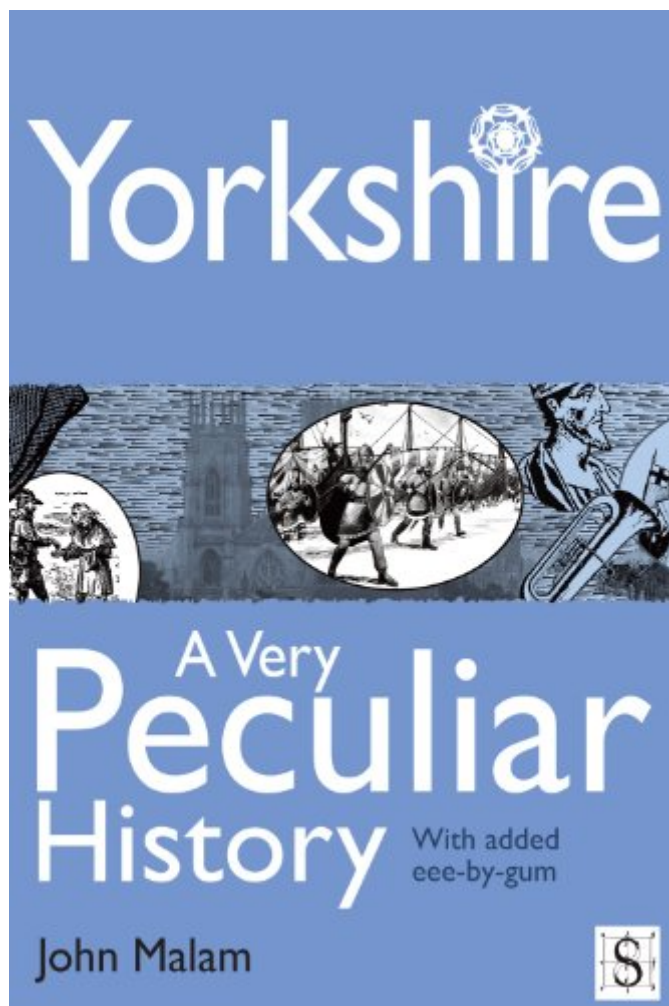


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Customer Reviews

I stumbled upon this little book while looking for info on Yorkshire. What a delight! It's got heaps of interesting facts presented in a deliciously zany humorous style and gives you a kind of back-door entrance into Yorkshire culture and history. Can't wait to get the Wales book in this series since I am Welsh and I know firsthand how peculiar the Welsh are. I will re-read this one whenever I need a lift - how can you fault a book that tells you where to find a nine-inch petrified poo?

I love all things Yorkshire, so when I received this book for my birthday in March, I was very much looking forward to reading it. Can you believe it took me until the end of 2016 to finish it? Well, it is easily explained: I didn't read it in one go. Instead, I kept it handy on a shelf where I walk past several times a day, and whenever I found a spare minute or two, I would open the book and read a few pages. This book lends itself beautifully to such short reading sessions. It is divided into 12 chapters plus an introduction, a glossary, a timeline of Yorkshire history and an index. The history chapters span the period from Prehistoric times to the conflict between Royalists and Roundheads in the 1700s. Chapter 11 is titled "Made in Yorkshire and proud of it!", while chapter 12 offers a "Yorkshire factfile", which is interesting and amusing and could come handy in the odd pub quiz. Historic facts are presented in an easy-to-read and often witty way (without trying to make the past look better than it was). What happened is described in a detailed enough manner, at the same time keeping in mind the bigger picture. I really enjoyed reading up about things I only had a sketchy idea of, or didn't know anything at all. It is a small enough book to keep within easy reach, and a good source for reference. About the author, I found this brief note on the publisher's website: "John Malam attended the University of Birmingham before working in publishing. He is now a writer and editor with over 20 years experience in producing books for children. He lives in Cheshire with his family."

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