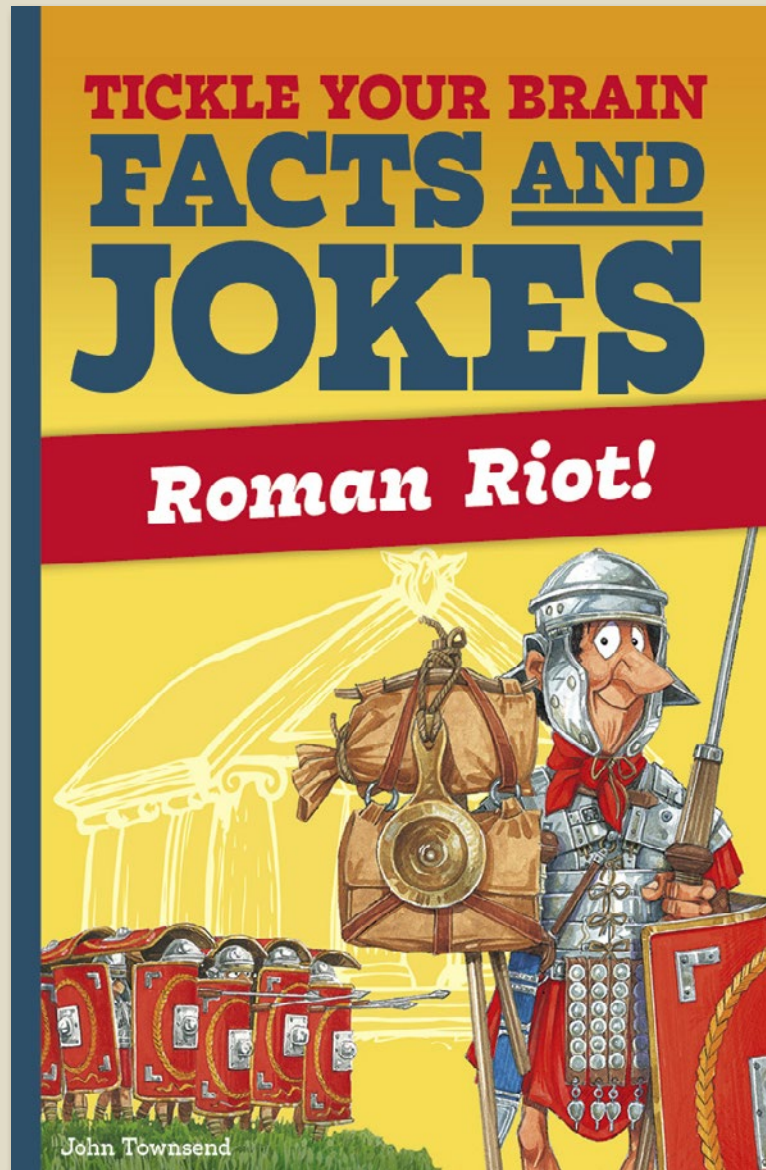


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INTRODUCTION



The ancient Romans really were an impressive bunch. Their legacy stretches across the British Isles, and the world at large, to this very day. As expert innovators and civil engineers, they created many inventions that changed the globe. They developed concrete, modern roads, aqueducts, baths and even underfloor heating. They even crafted a legal and political system that still lays the groundwork for much of the world today. No wonder they're so popular!


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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

About 70,000-80,000 Romans and British were killed in the battles led by Boudicca. All this trouble made Emperor Nero consider withdrawing all Roman forces from Britain. But once Boudicca was out of the way, the Romans carried on invading more areas.




No GPS needed - all roads lead to Rome!

Most Britons in southern Britain settled down to Roman order and discipline. Towns grew up across the country, including York, Chester, St. Albans, Bath, Lincoln, Gloucester and Colchester. All of these major centres are still linked today by roads built by the Romans, radiating from the port of London. The Romans were now here to stay.

BY THE WAY - A NOTE ON NERO

(Emperor from 54 to 68 AD)



A few Roman emperors were totally bonkers. Nero was one of them. He didn't like his mother much so he tried to poison her - three times. Each time he failed so it was Plan B. He made the ceiling collapse on her. She survived. Plan C was to sink the ship she was sailing on. She survived. In the end, he fell back on his lethal last resort: he sent his own soldiers to stab her to death. What a lovely son!

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NASTY NERO


But Nero's reign of terror didn't end with his mother. Oh no - he also had a nasty habit of turning Christians into human candles and burning them alive! Under Nero's rule, Christians became public enemy number one, as their new religion threatened the stability of the Roman Empire. The notorious Nero presided over a very tumultuous period of rule, including Boudicca's rebellion and the Great Fire of Rome that raged through the city for six days. But some modern historians have questioned Nero's villainous reputation, suggesting the man behind the myth was less monstrous than sources would have us believe.

Q: Did you hear about the rule of Nero?
A: He had many burning ambitions!

Q: Which Roman never gets asked out on a date?
A: Hiccup!

GORY GLADIATORS

Gladiators were armed fighters (from the Latin word gladius for sword), who fought against each other, condemned criminals and wild animals. In most cases, they fought till one of them accepted defeat or was killed. Gladiators fought for the entertainment of the public. People filled a stadium or amphitheatre to cheer on the gladiators fighting to the death in the arena. Those with ringside seats would risk getting splashed with blood, but that was all part of the fun, so they thought.



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GET READY FOR A FIGHT!



You're looking a little blue in the face!

ARRGGH

When the Romans invaded, they battled cut-throat Celtic tribes, determined to defend their land. In 60 AD, one native leader raised a huge army. She was Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe. Her forces rampaged Roman towns, burning Colchester and London before heading north to St Albans. When the Roman army heard about this, they abandoned their campaign in Wales to face Boudicca. Even though the Romans were outnumbered by Boudicca's 200,000 warriors, they were the better trained and better equipped side. Both sides clashed in a fierce battle, but the Romans finally won out. Romans 1, Britons 0. Boudicca dead. No one truly knows what happened to her; whether she killed herself to avoid capture, or died from illness.

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