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In 1952, one member of the  
CENSORSHIP BOARD reviewed  
seventy books in a three-month period and  
banned all seventy.

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**THE IRISH ALPHABET DOES  
NOT CONTAIN THE LETTERS  
J,K,Q,V,W,X,Y OR Z.**

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Ballygally Castle in County Antrim,  
nowadays a hotel, is said to be one of the  
most haunted places in Ireland, thanks to  
Lady Isobel Shaw, who supposedly knocks  
on doors at night. Lady Isobel was reputedly  
locked in her room and starved by her  
husband during the 17th century, until she  
finally leapt to her death from a window.



**THE REAL NAME OF  
DUBLIN'S HA'PENNY BRIDGE IS  
THE LIFFEY BRIDGE.**

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The cliffs at Croaghaun, Achill Island, at  
668 metres, are said to be the HIGHEST  
SEA CLIFFS in Europe.



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The 70's Celtic Rock Band 'HORSLIPS' took  
their name from a spoonerism on 'The Four  
Horsemen of the Apocalypse' which became  
'The Four Poxmen on The Horslypse', even-  
tually shortened to 'Horslips'.

**CLARE IS KNOWN AS 'THE BANNER  
COUNTY' BECAUSE OF ITS FORMER  
TRADITION OF CARRYING  
BANNERS TO POLITICAL MEETINGS.**



Ireland's most FAMOUS WITCH was Dame Alice Kyteler, born in Kilkenny in 1280. All four of her husbands died, and she was accused of poisoning them. In 1325, on the night before she was to be burned at the stake, she escaped and is believed to have fled to England. Her maid and follower, Petronilla de Meath, was burned instead. She was the first person in Ireland to be burned at the stake for witchcraft.



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The geographical centre of Ireland  
is at a point in ROSCOMMON, 3km  
south of Athlone.  
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**SAINT BRENDAN IS SAID TO HAVE  
DISCOVERED AMERICA A THOUSAND  
YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS.**  
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The infamous Nazi  
propaganda broadcaster, William Joyce,  
aka LORD HAW HAW, was raised and  
educated in Galway.  
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The Europa Hotel in Belfast is the  
world's most BOMBED HOTEL,  
having been blasted 33 times.  
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**OVER 40% OF THE PRESIDENTS  
OF THE UNITED STATES HAD IRISH  
ANCESTORS.**

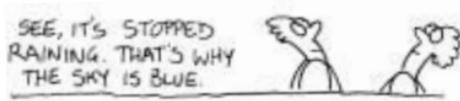


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Foxrock, Co. Dublin, is said to be the only  
village in Ireland WITHOUT A PUB.

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In 1944 the CATHOLIC HIERARCHY  
asked the Minister for Public Health to ban  
tampons as they might 'stimulate young  
girls at an impressionable age,' and the  
Government happily complied.

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**MORE THAN 150,000 IRISH  
MEN FOUGHT IN THE AMERICAN  
CIVIL WAR.**

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Irish physicist John Tyndall (1820-1893)  
was the first person to explain why the  
SKY IS BLUE.



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The lowest ever AIR TEMPERATURE  
recorded in Ireland was  $-19.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  at Markree  
Castle, Co. Sligo on 16 January 1881.



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The phrase 'BY HOOK OR BY CROOK'  
is said to have been coined by Richard de  
Clare, aka Strongbow during the Norman  
invasion of Ireland when he stated that he  
would take Waterford by landing his army  
at either Hook Head or by Crook village.