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Before buying that plane ticket, don't you NEED to know which exotic islands still have cannibals? Wonder what it's like to live in Hell Town at the End of the World? Are you worried about coming down with "Alien Hand Syndrome?" In *Random Obsessions: Trivia You Can't Live Without*, historian Nick Belardes has dug into the raw source material found in historical archives, scientific studies, and libraries the world over. You'll also read first-person interviews with people who can explain the unexplained, from the permanently puzzling Mothman conspiracy to secret Star Wars Jedi religious cults, and the charmingly eccentric reason why British aerospace engineers sent teddy bears floating out into space.

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NICK BELARDES is a historian turned into a TV/online journalist overnight after blogging his way to success. His articles and essays have since appeared on the homepage of CNN.com and other news sites across America. Nick is the author of the first Twitter novel, *Small Spaces*, and you can follow his daily rants: twitter.com/nlbelardes. He lives in Bakersfied, CA.

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