

Bum Fodder: An Absorbing History Of Toilet Paper - Richard Smyth

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This is the hidden history of an invention that we use every day but seldom dare to speak of. In medieval China it was cutting-edge technology. For 19th-century Americans it was a newfangled alternative to dried corncobs and the Sears Roebuck catalogue. Wits in Georgian London preferred pages of bad poetry. The sages of ancient Athens were content to wield the xylospongion instead. Its the tale of toilet paper; the biography of bumfodder. From its origins at the Imperial court of Emperor Hongwu to its reinvention as a quack remedy for haemorrhoids in 1870s New York city; from the Dutch and their mussel-shells to Henry VIII and his Groom of the Stool; from Madame de Pries pioneering bidet to the space-age Washlet; from leaf-wielding chimpanzees to Mr Thirsty Fiber and the worlds first three-adjective loo-roll its a story of necessity and invention, luxury and squalor, experiment and tradition. What does a submarine crew do when it runs out of toilet paper? Who stole the Popes loo-roll? Does printers ink cause piles? How do you fold a sheet of toilet paper in half more than seven times? What did bumphleteers do, and why? Richard Smyth answers the questions you never thought to ask about the product we cant live without. Author: Smyth, Richard Publisher: Souvenir Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Bum Fodder: An Absorbing History of Toilet Paper Pages: 00128 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-10-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780285641143 Category: Humor : General Category: Architecture : History - General Category: HUMOR / Form / Trivia

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