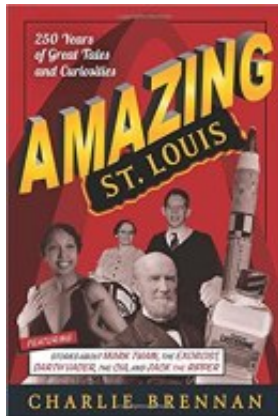


Amazing St. Louis by Charlie Brennan

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This book is subtitled, *250 Years of Great Tales and Curiosities*, which sums up this book perfectly. If you live in St. Louis, have lived in St. Louis, know people in St. Louis or just have a general interest in St. Louis, you will find this book enjoyable.

Because it is a series of very short articles, it makes the perfect night stand book or a book for the bath room. I read the whole book over a period of time while visiting the throne room.

Did you know – that halitosis became a thing thanks to a St. Louis company

Did you know – that using flake to refer to a person started in St. Louis, thanks to Cardinal baseball player

Did you know – that Reddi-wip was invented by a businessman from St. Louis

Did you know – that if Colorado Springs had not gotten the Air Force Academy the next choice was Alton, IL, a town just up the river from St. Louis

Did you know – that a St. Louis doctor was suspected of being Jack the Ripper

Did you know – that a St. Louisian, William Sherman, forever changed the face of warfare

Did you know – two brothers, both World Heavy Weight Champions, are from St. Louis

Did you know – Darth Vader got his start in St. Louis

Did you know – that there is a good argument for the first skyscraper being built in St. Louis

Did you know – that the movie *Animal House* was co-written by a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, and may have been, in part, based on a fraternity there

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