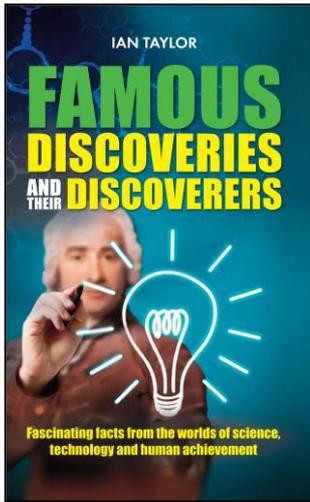


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Did you know that ... ?

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- A Greek scholar found a way of measuring the Earth, but it was 1300 years before the rest of the world would believe him?
- That nitrocellulose explosive was discovered when an inventor spilt some chemicals in the kitchen and blew up his wife's apron?
- As well as fireworks, the wheelbarrow, the rocket and the parachute were all Chinese inventions?

Written by a retired scientist and teacher, this meticulously researched book explores a fascinating range of discoveries (made over many centuries) relating to everything from geology and astronomy to atomic theory, zoology and men who discovered continents. It also gives revealing information about the colourful lives of some of the people whose findings changed the world (and often their own lives) for ever.

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