

Dirty Jokes and Non-



The author's comprehensive explanation of:

- Historical, linguistic, literary, and scientific facts of no importance
- Jokes too obscure to make you laugh
- Hidden obscene references

Chapter the First

Page 1

- Axilla Wiffing: The axilla is the armpit; hence, “axilla whiffing.”
- Ischial Callosities: The scabrous, crusty buttocks of a baboon.
- Google it: Darryl Dragon, Tony Tennille.

Page 2

- Zoril: A skunk-like mammal.
- Google it: Baggataway.

Page 3

- Eighteen inches: At the time the novel takes place, the legal wind-up distance for a stick check.

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- J'accuse: French for “I accuse” and the name of a famous 19th century polemic against anti-Semitism written by novelist Emile Zola. It indicted the government for its corrupt conviction of Jewish army captain Alfred Dreyfus on charges of treason.

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- Sisyphus: In Greek mythology, the mortal condemned by the gods to the eternal punishment of rolling a huge bolder up a hill, only to see it roll back down again.

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- Stluda Ylno: Read it backwards. From a sign at the author's YMCA whirlpool.

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- *Caesar—we who are about to die salute you*: Supposedly, what Roman gladiators chanted before their fight to the death.

Page 19

- Titzenboer: From the old expression “Useless as ____ on a ____.”

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- Bughouse Riley: “Bughouse” means “crazy” or “insane asylum.” The name was suggested by Humphrey Bogart's fake name at the beginning of *The Big Sleep*, Doghouse Riley.
- Freimann: In German, literally “free man.”
- Derrick Holden: Phallic. Think about it.
- Eagle's Nest: Hitler's mountaintop retreat at Berchtesgaden.
- Mahamudra: Bengali for “total deep orgasmic intercourse.”
- Google it: Spiro Agnew.

Page 21

- “Open Bombay doors”: A bad pun (good ones are in fact practically non-existent) with no thematic relevance to anything in the work.

Page 22

- “Achtung! Eine Americanische Kriegsschiff! Feuer Eins!”: “Attention! An American warship! Fire one!”
- Google it: golden showers.

Page 23

- Edema: An abnormal accumulation of bodily fluids in cells; swelling.

Page 26

- Tokyo Roz and Axis Sally: Two female radio propagandists in World War II, for Japan (Tokyo Rose, formally) and Nazi Germany, respectively.
- Monveneris: The mons veneris (literally, “mountain of Venus”) is the female pubic mound.

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- Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden: Student radicals of the ’60s. Both were members of the Chicago Seven. Rubin co-founded the Yippies, Hayden the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Hayden later went into politics and married “Hanoi Jane” Fonda.

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- Temperance Society: Anti-alcohol political group in the 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Henry Wadsworth: A very long fellow.

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- Figurative studies in periodicals: Girlie mags.

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- Schamduft: German for “pelvis fragrance.”

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- Clovis spear point: Clovis is a town in the American southwest where a particular type of ancient pre-Columbian spear point was discovered. This same type of spear point was subsequently found throughout the Americas. “Clovis” is thus used by archaeologists and anthropologists to identify what has traditionally been considered the earliest human culture in the Americas, although that theory in is some dispute as of this writing.

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- Denali: Native American for “the high one.” The original name of Mount McKinley.
- Belgian Tri: Check out the colors of the Belgian flag.

Page 41

- Peeking Man: A play on words for “Peking Man.” Besides its obvious geographical meaning, “Peking Man” is the name of one of the most famous lineages of pre-Homo Sapiens hominids, so-named because the original fossil remains were discovered near Peking. The more recent switch to the spelling “Beijing” interferes with the joke, and the author is considering legal action.
- Ho-Suk Wang: The author has no shame.

Page 42

- Bonobo: A smaller version of the chimpanzee known for its promiscuous social behavior.
- Jill Selvov: If you do not get the joke, you have led a cleaner life than the author.
- Google it: Comfort women.

Page 44

- Young Werther: Tragic hero of Goethe’s epistolary novel *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, which most scholars credit for having initiated the Romantic Movement. At the novel’s conclusion, Werther buys the farm by his own hand.

Chapter the Second

Page 50

- “Grading Complaint Rejected”: Contains 6 references to *Macbeth*.
- Montgomery’s tubercles: The tiny goose-pimple glands on the areola that enlarge during lactation and secrete a substance that protects the skin of the nursing mother.
- Polymastia: The condition of having more than two breasts.
- Moose charlies: One of 1,246 phrases in the 1970’s meaning “large human female breasts.”
- Peetie Deedlenik: Roommate of Dick Fuggbucker.
- Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Colson, Chapin: Just a few of the prominent members of the Nixon administration to bless our nation’s penal system.

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- Antoine-Laurent de Lavoisier: Founder of modern chemistry.
- Rike III: The Third Reich.

Page 55

- Dr. Johnson: No relation to Dr. Samuel Johnson, man of letters, some-time poet, and creator of the first dictionary of the English language.

Page 56

- “As ill at ease as Jocasta in a Mother’s Day parade”: Jocasta was Oedipus’s mother.

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- PUNS: Slang for the vagina.

Page 64

- Darius the Great: Persian emperor who tried to conquer Greece and was defeated at the Battle of Marathon.
- Dave Debusschere: Hall of Fame player for the New York Knickerbockers and a personal favorite of the author. Hirsute.

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- Nevada's medal: Medal of Honor, aka Congressional Medal of Honor.
- *Rolling Stones*: Rock and roll band that made it big in the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, and '00s. A glorified bar band and the most over-rated group in history. Can't carry the *Beatles*' jock straps. And Mick, always wigglin' his ass, you know it's just a lot of bullshit....

Page 69

- "Squeeze my squirting scrotum": You may think you've heard this expression before, but no, it is one of the author's own devising, as are all Derrick's quaint *bons mots*.

Page 70

- Alana Latheps: Anagram for the 2-word name of the Greek goddess that she represents. Fill in the blank: Pallas _____.

Page 76

- Tojo: Hideki Tojo, Japanese Prime Minister largely responsible for Pearl Harbor and the war in the Pacific. Executed for war crimes after the war.

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- Haiphong: Main seaport of North Viet Nam and one of the top two targets of American bombing.

Chapter the Third

Page 89

- Big John: Title character of the number-one song *Big Bad John* by Jimmy Dean. Check it out, it's good.
- To leave skid marks: Behavior unlikely to get you a return visit.
- Lingam: Hindu symbol of the penis.

Page 93

- The Southern Comfort incident: To this day the author cannot abide hard liquor.

Page 95

- Adam Smith and Darla: In 1776, Adam Smith published *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*. The most important treatise on economics in the history of—well, history, it is perhaps most famous for enunciating the law of supply and demand. Darla was his research assistant and was often described as being “no better than she should be.”



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- Hikouki: Japanese word meaning “airplane.” The Zero (an American corruption of what was really the letter O) was the most famous Japanese fighter of World War II and the most common type of Kamikaze aircraft.

Page 107

- Areola Kraken: The Kraken is a giant mythological monster. The areola is the colored circular area that surrounds the human nipple. Put them together.

Chapter the Fourth

Page 117

- “Mascot Thieves Give Cops the Slip”: Contains nine references to ladies undergarments (but who’s counting?).
- Sharon Diennay: What you are doing during sexual intercourse (assuming no barrier contraceptives).

Page 120

- *You're traveling through another dimension—a dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind....*: The beginning of Rod Serling’s introduction to each episode of *The Twilight Zone*. There were actually a few different versions; this is the author’s favorite.

Page 132

- “Jet-fringed, in silken damask”: The author could make you look it up, but what the hell: “Red silk fringed with black.”

Chapter the Fifth

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- “Martha...is gonna get her tit caught in a big fat wringer”: When Carl Bernstein phoned Mitchell with a Watergate accusation, the Attorney General responded that publisher “...Katie (Graham) is gonna get her tit caught in a big fat wringer.”
- Kitty Schrödinger: Erwin Schrödinger defined the “wave equation,” one of the theoretical underpinnings of quantum physics. Curiously, he rejected quantum physics, the very revolution that he helped engender. “Schrödinger’s cat” is an intellectual paradox that he described.
- Constance Planck: No relationship to physicist Max Planck, who formulated Planck’s Constant.
- Captain Robert Walton: The narrator of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*.
- Buzz Bomme: Zoology professor with an explosive temperament. Close friend of Werner von Braun.
- Google it: George W. Jorgensen, Jr.

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- Zyklon-B gas: The poison gas the Nazis used in the death camps.

Page 175

- Toad, Toad Hall: Mr. Toad is the protagonist of *Wind in the Willows*. Toad Hall is his estate.

Chapter the Sixth

Page 177

- The picture: This is a caricature of the iconic Patty Hearst photo.



Page 177 (continued):

- “A Grim Note from ‘Rhonda’”: This is very nearly word for word Patty Hearst’s message.
- National Socialism: The full name of which “Nazi” is the abbreviated version.
- Sudetenland: A region of Czechoslovakia. When Hitler’s troops entered it in 1938, the allies realized appeasement was a failure and war was inevitable.

Page 178

- Gulf of Tonkin resolution: The resolution passed by Congress that gave President Johnson near-carte blanche in Viet Nam.

- Google it: Gordon Liddy.

Page 181

- Bobby Coolidge, Straight Hall: The person is fictitious, the event historical.

Page 191

- Aqualung: Derelict character from a *Jethro Tull* song.
- Madwoman of Chaillot: Play by Jean Giraudoux.

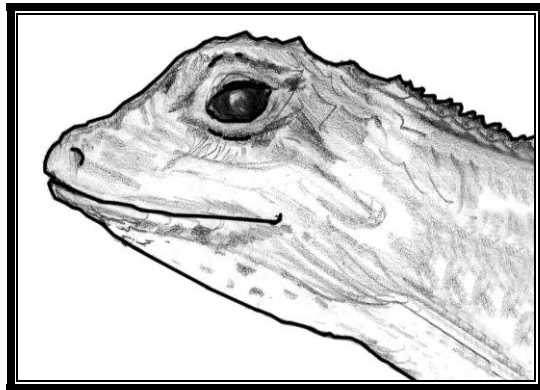
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- *Boswell's London Journal*: An 18th century journal kept by and published by biographer James Boswell detailing his time spent kissing the ass of Dr. Johnson (Dr. Samuel Johnson, that is, man of letters, some-time poet, and creator of the first dictionary of the English language—not Derrick's Dr. Johnson). Used by English professors to torture their pupils.

Chapter the Seventh

Page 211

- “Flights of angels sing thee to thy rest”:
Horatio's adieu to the dead Hamlet.



Page 211 (continued):

- Fort Pierce Evening Socket: Florida newspaper wherein dwell a lot of dicks.

Page 213

- Blind Pugh and the Black Spot: From *Treasure Island*.

Page 214

- Volumes of Shakespeare: Dr. Latheps thinks of *Julius Caesar*, which prompts her funeral idea.

Page 215

- Hecuba: Hector's mother, queen of Troy, known for her uncontrolled lamentation after the death of her son and sacking of her city. See for instance's the *Hamlet* quote: “*What's Hecuba to him, or he to Hecuba?*”

Page 217

- *A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!*: Shakespeare's *Richard III*.

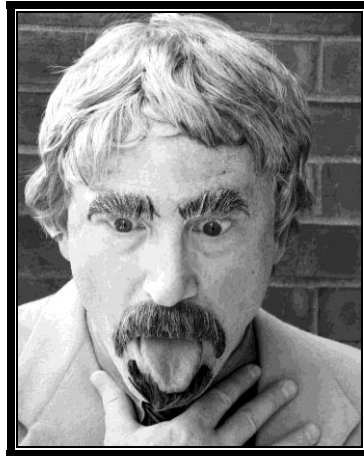
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- Coalition of University Men and Women to Aid the Downtrodden: It is a matter of public record that the group's steering committee had a great deal of trouble gaining consensus on their name. For almost a year they proceeded under the name "Joint Intercampus Student Movement," but in the end decided that the name was too obscure. Briefly, they were the "Student Philanthropical Educational Reform Movement," but this was considered too plebian.
- Lady Jane: Pre-20th century British slang for the vagina.
- Chin rest: Coarse modern slang for the vagina. The author is disgusted that his characters would stoop to such low expressions.
- "Do what Mother did before me"; "take a dash up the channel"; "take a turn among the clover": Pre-20th century British slang for sexual intercourse.

Chapter the Eighth

Page 228

- The photo: Take away the wig and the fake eyebrows, mustache, and goatee, and it's apparent that the model was very striking in his youth.



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- Micturate: To urinate.
- Ben Wabalz: 'nuff said.

Page 233

- “I haf to choke big rizard”: The author apologizes, but it’s his favorite line in the book.



Page 239

- The verse: A compression of the *King James Bible* text where God rags on Job.
- Appendix scar, Ertha Kitt: One of LBJ’s more colorful moments was when he pulled up his shirt during a press conference and showed his appendix scar to the press corps. In another incident, Ertha Kitt was invited to sing at the LBJ White House and took advantage of the opportunity to publicly lambaste the President over Viet Nam, for which she was blacklisted for quite some time.

Page 241

- St. Crispin’s Day: Feast day of the Christian saints Crispin and Crispinian, October 25th. On that day was fought the Battle of Agincourt, immortalized by Shakespeare in *Henry V*. Armed with the lethal English longbow, the English slaughtered thousands of French knights at the cost of one or two hundred Englishmen.

Page 243

- Agent Orange: Chemical defoliant used in the Viet Nam war in a hopeless attempt to denude the planet and render the enemy visible to carpet bombing by B-52s.

Chapter the Ninth

Page 252

- “Green Scales Fell Like Rain:” One of the things that happened that gray night when Jackie Paper came no more to Puff the Magic Dragon. Afterward, Puff no longer went to play along the Cherry Lane.
- Google it: Ernesto Guevara de la Serna

Page 268

- Edward Teller: Inventor of the hydrogen bomb, betrayer of J. Robert Oppenheimer, advisor to presidents, and inspiration for the movie character Dr. Strangelove.

Chapter the Tenth

Page 285

- Herat: Town conquered by Genghis Kahn, who thereafter slaughtered every last inhabitant.

Page 287

- Ardennes: The Ardennes Forrest, scene of the Battle of the Bulge, in which a massive surprise German offensive sent the American army reeling.

Page 300

- Ginger Baker: Drummer of the rock group *Cream*.

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- John Carlos: Bronze medal winner of the 200 meter dash at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. On the podium, he and gold medal winner Tommy Smith raised the Black Power salute, for which they were suspended from the team.

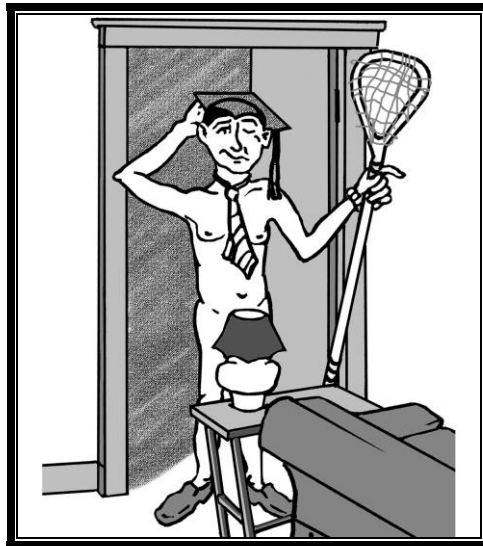
Epilogue

Page 313

- “Jeremiah was a bullfrog”: First line of the *Three Dog Night* song *Joy to the World*.

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- “No tickee. No washee”: The author was stunned to find out that Google does in fact result in hits on this expression. Those guys have earned their billions.



- *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*: Beatles paean to lysergic acid diethylamide.

Page 315

- Johnson Gun: Liquid-cooled weapon not invented by Dr. Samuel Johnson, man of letters, some-time poet, and creator of the first dictionary of the English language.