



Did ANNE BOLEYN have SIX FINGERS?
Was NAPOLEON really that SHORT?
Was PRINCE VLAD the model for Count DRACULA?

The RAUCOUS ROYALS

For many of us, these questions represent long-believed rumors that have pervaded history and seem now indistinguishable from fact. But how much of what we believe to be true is just a rumor in disguise? Carlyn Beccia explores this theme in *Raucous Royals: Test Your Royal Wits: Crack Codes, Solve Mysteries, and Deduce which Royal Rumors are True* (September 2008; Houghton Mifflin) a witty, wonderful, and at times wacky look at the role of rumor in royal history.

This one-of-a-kind combination of non-fiction picture book, graphic novel, and tabloid magazine invites readers on a journey through time to discover the ugly truth behind the even uglier rumors that persist about some of history's most important and eccentric figures. This interactive book will have you playing history detective in no time...

Author and illustrator Carlyn Beccia won reader's hearts and minds with her enchanting ode to the circus in *Who Put the B in the Ballyhoo?* Employing the same winning blend of information and innovation here, *Raucous Royals* is sure to teach us all one very important lesson; rumors never die.

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-Publishers Weekly
Starred Review

"Nicely designed and fully illustrated...the book looks inviting and the lively text is consistently entertaining."

-Booklist

"...energy and gleefully gossipy... its verve particularly recommends it as an entree into historiography and critical thinking."

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