



## The Wonderful World of Words

**Mitchell Symons**

### Keynote

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### Description

**Did you know that 'Almost' is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order? Or that 'Stewardesses' is the longest word you can type solely with your left hand? Or that fireflies aren't flies, they're beetles?**

From information about words and their uses, useful lists of things you never knew had names, palindromes, famous lines from literature and film, to bizarre test answers and much, much more, *The Wonderful World of Words* is bursting with truly oddball facts about words and language – and will have you hooked from the very first page.

An essential guide for anyone interested in a humorous look at the world of language.

### Sales Points

- *The Wonderful World of Words* is filled with truly oddball facts about words and is a celebration of language that will have you hooked from the very first page
- With information about words and their uses, useful lists of things you never knew had names, palindromes, famous lines from literature and film and much more
- Mitchell Symons was a principal writer of early editions of the board game Trivial Pursuit and is the author of over sixty books
- From the publisher of *Spilling the Beans on the Cat's Pyjamas* (over 97,000 copies sold)

### Reviews

- 'Thoroughly diverting... enough wordy wisdom to keep the Christmas television at bay and sufficient "did you knows" to entertain the visiting hordes' - *The Field*
- 'What fascinating fun... a sheer joy' - *Yorkshire Gazette and Herald*

### Author Biography

Mitchell Symons was born in 1957 in London and educated at Mill Hill School and the LSE, where he studied Law. Since leaving BBC TV, where he was a researcher and then a director, he has worked as a writer, broadcaster and journalist. He was a principal writer of early editions of the board game Trivial Pursuit and has devised many television formats. He wrote an award-winning weekly column for the *Daily Express* and currently writes a weekly column for the *Sunday Express*. He has written over sixty books – including fifteen for children with more in various stages of preparation.

He has won the Blue Peter Best Book With Facts Award for the past two years running.

In naming Mitchell as the friend he would phone (as a Phone-A-Friend) if he were appearing on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, Chris Tarrant said: "Mitch knows more totally useless things about useless subjects than anybody on earth".

Michael O'Mara.

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