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## Napoleon Wasn't Short and St Patrick Wasn't Irish When History Gets It Wrong

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### Description

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- For example, Sir Walter Raleigh did not bring back either the potato or tobacco from the New World and Abraham Lincoln did not write the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope
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### Author Biography

Andrea Barham is an author and freelance writer with a strong sense that there should be less wrongness and more rightness in the world. Painfully aware of her inability to correct the bigger issues such as war, poverty and global warming, she is concentrating on smaller issues more suited to her skills, which consists of 'looking stuff up'. She is the author of the bestselling *The Pedant's Revolt: Why Most Things You Think Are Right Are Wrong* (Michael O'Mara Books, 2005) and its follow-up *The Pedant's Return: Why Things That You Think Are Wrong Are Right* (2006).