

Change Happens

Have a great day,
find your way

The Alien Life



"Yeah, I'm pretty confident in saying that you did not follow me all the way up here, exactly in my footsteps."

Hi

Good things come to those who wait. I was told this often. I believe it is true. As long as the waiting is with purpose.

Much exists without our influence, we simply wait for it to act, or not. Much exists that we build upon, with or without agreement. And much exists that we still don't understand. So we try to find our way to something truthful, and we try to do it together as often as we can.

Below us is great power

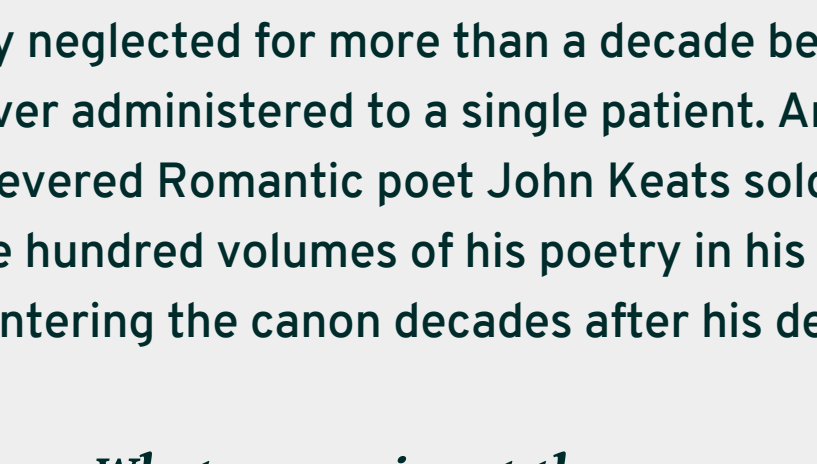
Things to know about volcanoes.



"A volcano is considered potentially active if it has erupted in the past 10,000 years. America has 169 active volcanoes, mainly clustered in the West – in Hawaii, Alaska, Wyoming, Washington, and California. Around the world, there are 1,500 potentially active volcanoes, 500 of which have erupted since humans have been around, according to the USGS. Some of these potentially active volcanoes may never erupt, some may ooze lava slowly for years, and some may one day have a massive ejection that wreaks havoc."

To those who wait

The World Is Full of Sleeping Beauties



"Grass, mammals, penicillin, John Keats. None was successful right away."

Grasses struggled along in patches here and there for some 45 million years before, rather quickly, unfurling, almost blanketlike, across the continents. Mammals, as we know, were furry blurs underground and underfoot for more than 100 million years before ascending to prominence – and then dominance. The life-saving drug penicillin was abandoned by its discoverer and lay mostly neglected for more than a decade before it was ever administered to a single patient. And now-revered Romantic poet John Keats sold just a couple hundred volumes of his poetry in his life – only entering the canon decades after his death."

What we see is not the same

The big idea: why colour is in the eye of the beholder



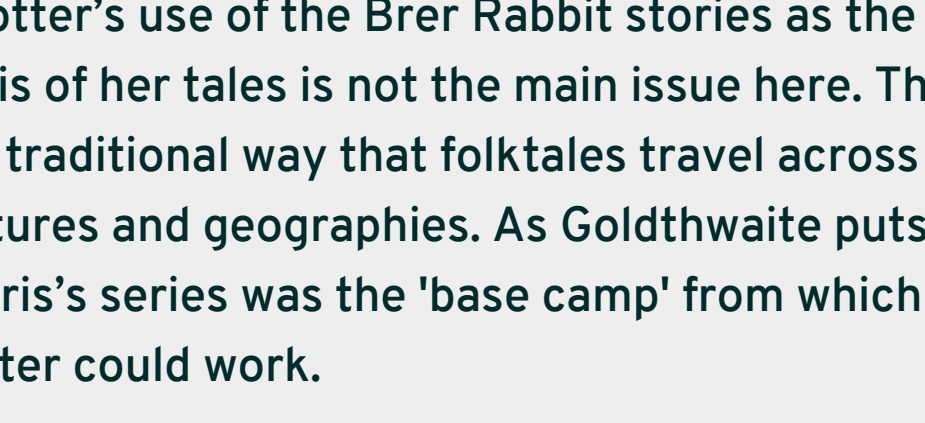
"Most experts now agree that colour, as commonly understood, doesn't inhabit the physical world at all but exists in the eyes or minds of its beholders. They argue that if a tree fell in a forest and no one was there to see it, its leaves would be colourless – and so would everything else. To put it another way: there is no such thing as colour; there are only the people who perceive it."

This is why no two people will ever see exactly the same colours. Every person's visual system is unique and so, therefore, are their perceptions. About 8% of men are colour-blind and see fewer colours than everyone else; a small number of lucky women might, thanks to a genetic duplication on the X chromosome, be able to distinguish many more than the rest of us."

May 28, 1961

Amnesty International

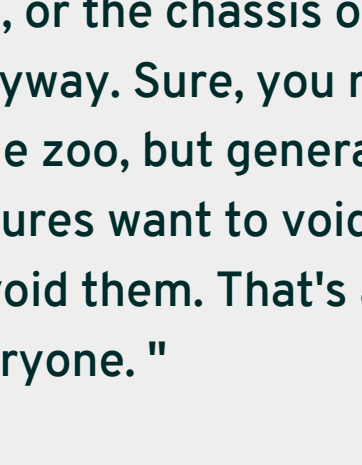
Human rights abuses continue



Wiki Rabbit Hole

"The Observer newspaper, who, on 28 May 1961, published Benenson's article 'The Forgotten Prisoners'. The article brought the reader's attention to those 'imprisoned, tortured or executed because his opinions or religion are unacceptable to his government' or, put another way, to violations, by governments, of articles 18 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The article described these violations occurring, on a global scale, in the context of restrictions to press freedom, to political oppositions, to timely public trial before impartial courts, and to asylum. It marked the launch of 'Appeal for Amnesty, 1961', the aim of which was to mobilize public opinion, quickly and widely, in defence of these individuals, whom Benenson named 'Prisoners of Conscience'. The 'Appeal for Amnesty' was reprinted by a large number of international newspapers."

We lose track of the origins of the tales
Beatrix Potter's famous tales are rooted in stories told by enslaved Africans – but she was very quiet about their origins

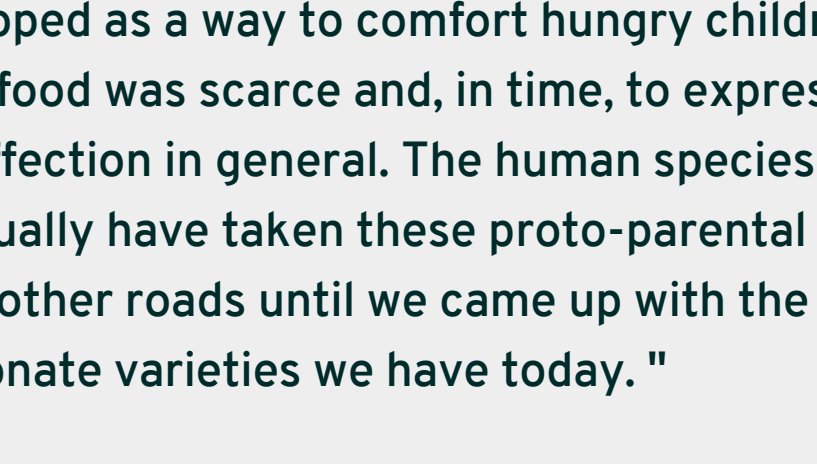


"Potter's use of the Brer Rabbit stories as the basis of her tales is not the main issue here. This is the traditional way that folktales travel across cultures and geographies. As Goldthwaite puts it, Harris's series was the 'base camp' from which Potter could work."

However, the steps Potter took to steer readers away from her sources are problematic. She appears to have been keen to claim the stories as her own, while ensuring that readers didn't make the connection between Peter Rabbit and the stories narrated by Uncle Remus."

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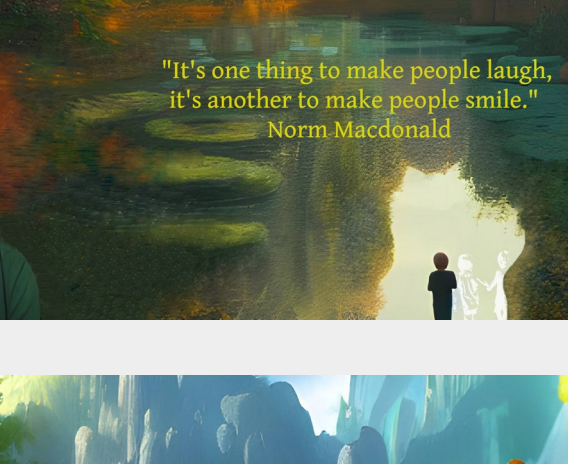
Do You Know How To Survive Encounters With Dangerous Animals?



"Unless you're starring in yet another sequel to 'Planet of the Apes,' it's very likely that you will go your entire life without being in an encounter with a dangerous animal – without a thick wall of glass, some bars, or the chassis of your car between you, anyway. Sure, you might see a few on safari or at the zoo, but generally speaking, dangerous creatures want to void us just as much as we want to avoid them. That's a win-win situation for everyone."

For many reasons it seems

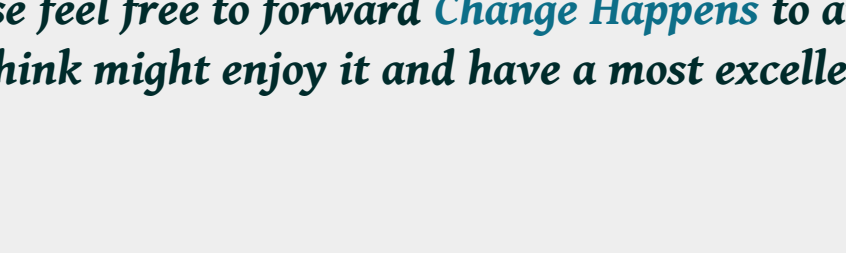
Why We Kiss



"Whatever else is going on when we kiss, our evolutionary history is embedded within this tender, tempestuous act. In the 1960s British zoologist and author Desmond Morris proposed that kissing might have evolved from the practice in which primate mothers chewed food for their young and then fed them mouth to mouth, lips puckered. Chimpanzees feed in this manner, so our hominid ancestors probably did, too. Pressing outturned lips against lips may have then later developed as a way to comfort hungry children when food was scarce and, in time, to express love and affection in general. The human species might eventually have taken these proto-parental kisses down other roads until we came up with the more passionate varieties we have today."

"It's one thing to make people laugh, it's another to make people smile."

Norm Macdonald



it's your life
you understand

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