

THE
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BOOK OF
FAMOUS

FIRST
FACTS

An abridged edition of FAMOUS FIRST FACTS

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An alphabetical almanac of
historic "firsts" for students,
speechwriters, contestants, and
collectors of truths and trivia

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

the **FIRST** artificial heart was invented in 1935 with the assistance of Charles A. Lindbergh?

the **FIRST** census that counted the deaf, dumb, and blind as "people" was taken in 1830?

the **FIRST** Democratic National Convention was held in 1832 and titled "Republican Delegates from the Several States"?

the **FIRST** actor to have an exclusive contract for a single appearance in a movie was "Gentleman Jim" Corbett in 1894?

the **FIRST** aerial photograph was taken in 1860 in Boston from a tethered balloon?

the **FIRST** zoo without bars was built in 1915 in Denver, Colorado?

From Siamese twins to Senate filibusters, from coins to kindergartens, **THE POCKET BOOK OF FAMOUS FIRST FACTS** identifies the originators and dates the beginnings of fascinating "firsts."



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