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Early cave paintings show Stone Agers plucking out facial hair with sea shells, suggesting that the decision to grow or not grow a beard is almost as old as human society itself. Allan Peterkin's *One Thousand Beards: A Cultural History of Facial Hair* traces the beard's (and the razor's) storied past, including styles, regulations and cultural significance from the ancient Egyptians to the present day. The breezy and concise illustrated volume also covers the various religious meanings of beards, facial hair in gay culture, bearded ladies and the beard as interpreted by Freud. Peterkin includes instructions for washing, dying, trimming and shaving all kinds of beards from Amish-style to the Franz Josef.

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Review

An entertaining and informative combination of a history, a documentary, an appreciation and a catalog.  
—*Publishers Weekly (Publishers Weekly)*

Touching on both the history and the psychological interpretations of this seemingly minor cultural cue, Peterkin analyzes the ever-changing shaving practices of celebrities, criminals, and carnival performers.  
—*Quill & Quire (Quill & Quire)*

Full of fascinating detail, the book has an accessible tone suited to its subject.  
—*The Globe & Mail (Globe & Mail)*

Peterkin entertainingly follows many a revealing strand. . .  
—*Toronto Star (Toronto Star)*

[This] is an entertaining book for those who boast facial hair and those who don't.  
—*Vancouver Sun (Vancouver Sun)*

While Peterkin has fun with witty quips from poets, playwrights, philosophers, and theologians through the centuries, he is also quite serious and instructive. . .  
—*ForeWord (ForeWord)*

Peterkin carves a witty, thought-provoking read from his bewhiskered subject matter.  
—*Resonance (Resonance)*

Jam-packed with beard-related sidebar quotations and facts and figures, *One Thousand Beards* is a trivia-lover's delight, and an essential reference for anyone giving a barber-college valedictory address.  
—*Fast Forward (Fast Forward)*

This is the kind of information that can only make life happier, funnier, and a little bit more full. It not only freshly stocked my cache of trivia, but it opened my mind to the wealth of stories I can find in all of the places I would have never thought to look.

—*Worn Fashion Journal* (www.wornjournal.com) (*Worn Fashion Journal* 2009-07-23)

From the Publisher

Allan Peterkin is a Toronto psychiatrist and journalist, and the author of *The Bald-Headed Hermit & The Artichoke: An Erotic Thesaurus*.

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