



They Never Said It: A Book of Fake Quotes, Misquotes, and Misleading Attributions

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all the time. Thomas Jefferson never said, That government is

best which governs least. And Horace Greeley never said, Go

west, young man. In They Never Said It, Paul F. Boller, Jr. and

John George examine hundreds of misquotations, incorrect

attributions, and blatant fabrications, outlining the origins of the

quotes and revealing why we should consign them to the

historical trashcan. Many of the misquotes are quite harmless.

Some are inadvertent misquotes that have become popular

(Shakespeare actually said, The best part of valor is discretion),

others, the inventions of reporters embellishing a story (Franklin

Roosevelt never opened a speech to a DAR group with the

salutation, My fellow immigrants). But some of the quotes, such

as Charles Darwins supposed deathbed recantation of evolution,

falsify the historical record with their blatant dishonesty. And

other chillingly vicious ones, filled with virulent racial and

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