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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. and there is an easiness about his writing that helps any history stay with the stories without getting bored. I like how the boBy Katherine DeBiassel am a big fan of Michael Farquhar's books. I actually think I've read them all. While this one is a little more heavy handed, with some serious subject matter, he still keeps the tone light, and there is an easiness about his writing that helps any history stay with the stories without getting bored. I like how the book is broken out into months, and then filtered further more into days. It makes for a quick snappy read. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. THESE BAD DAYS ARE REALLY, REALLY GOOD! By DCMANI have enjoyed reading about these bad days in history. So interesting and great writing style. I have already bought some more books to give as gifts. I love reading Michael Farquhar. No one makes history quite so much fun!!! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Alan Beggerow I've read some of the author's previous books such as Royal Scandals and Great American Scandals, both of which I enjoyed very much. So I read Bad Days In History with some expectations. I'd put Bad Days in History in the same category as his other books. Interesting, well-researched, and written in a very readable and entertaining style. This book takes every day of the year and offers up mistakes, disasters, bad decisions, or otherwise bad things that happened on that day in history. The premise is interesting, and some of the days have more than one entry. From ancient history to more current, the entries cover a huge span of historical time, and as such are but thumbnail sketches. But that's one reason that makes this such a good book. Some of the entries have tweaked my curiosity enough to read further on the subject. Highly recommended for history lovers as well as the general non-fiction reader.

National Geographic author Michael Farquhar uncover an instance of bad luck, epic misfortune, and unadulterated mayhem tied to every day of the year. From Caligula's blood-soaked end to hotelier Steve Wynn's unfortunate run-in with a priceless Picasso, these 365 tales of misery include lost fortunes (like the would-be Apple investor who pulled out in 1977 and missed out on a \$30 billion-dollar windfall), romance gone wrong (like the 16th-century Shah who experimented with an early form of Viagra with empire-changing results), and truly bizarre moments (like the Great Molasses Flood of 1919). Think you're having a bad day? Trust us, it gets worse.

An aficionado of misfortune, Farquhar blithely notes something woeful for each day of the calendar. Whether these daily highlights of difficult times are the handiwork of Mother Nature, malicious despots, mysterious dastards or some feckless nincompoops, it's a tough year, to be sure..... The facts of this passing parade of perfidious knaves, nasty poltroons, incompetent liars and just some unlucky folk who slipped on bygone banana peels make for leisurely reading--and it's surely a story to be continued. Candid snapshots of some truly bad days in the bleak annals of civilization.--Kirkus