



The Fact behind the Fiction – Book 3

The 'Adventures of Eric and Ursula' are a series of fiction books but it is important to me to try and build as much fact as possible into the stories. Here is an A to Z of the fact behind the fiction for Book 3 – Fallback.

Benarraba, Serannia de Ronda

- A small town in southern Spain in the province of Málaga. It is not too far from the coast and surrounded by low mountains.
- Watch more http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfT_DUkEn6k

Boat – Veracruz to Cádiz

- The voyage from Veracruz, Mexico, to Cadiz, Spain, covers a distance of about 5,254 miles, or 8,455 kilometers, or 4,565 nautical miles. If you travel at about 24 knots nonstop, the trip would take about 190 hours, or about eight days.

Read more: [How long does it take to travel to Spain from Mexico by boat? | Answerbag](http://www.answerbag.com/q_view/2256185#ixzz2sX3wrTUw) http://www.answerbag.com/q_view/2256185#ixzz2sX3wrTUw

Bone Marrow

- Bone Marrow is found inside your bones.

Read more at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Bone-marrow-transplant/Pages/How-is-it-performed.aspx>

Blood storage

- Blood is normally stored between 2 to 6 celcius and a shelf-life of 28 to 42 days.

Read more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_bank

Brest, Belarus

- Brest is a city near the border with Poland.

Read more <http://www.belarus.by/en/about-belarus/geography/brest-region>

Bridge of the Americas

- The Bridge of the Americas is a road bridge that links USA to Mexico.

Read more

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge_of_the_Americas_\(El_Paso%E2%80%93Ciudad_Ju%C3%A1rez\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge_of_the_Americas_(El_Paso%E2%80%93Ciudad_Ju%C3%A1rez))



Bus – Prague to Paris

- There is a regular coach service between Prague and Paris. It takes approximately 14 hours.

Read more

http://www.studentagencybus.com/en/424_490/STUDENT%20AGENCY%20%20Prague%20-%20France_PARIS

Cabal Clone Factory

- I created the idea of the Identical Hybrid Beings without any research but in writing parts of Fallback I had a search on the internet for interesting articles. I have created a link to one below, I will leave you to make your own judgments about it.

Read more <http://ascendingstarseed.wordpress.com/2012/01/31/cabal-clone-factory-underground-facility-destroyed-by-cit/>

Cádiz

- Cádiz is a city in south-west Spain. It stands on peninsula that sweeps into the bay.

Read more <http://www.andalucia.com/cities/cadiz.htm>

Watch more <http://www.spain-holiday.com/Cadiz-city>

Cádiz Main Station

- The main railway station in Cádiz.

Read more <http://www.whatcadiz.com/cadiz-train.html>

Cerebrospinal fluid

- Cerebrospinal fluid circulates between the brain and the spinal cord. It is extracted by needle and I have been told it is very unpleasant!

Read more <http://www.stonybrookneurosciences.org/Cerebrospinal-Fluid-Examination.html>

Ciudad Juarez

- Ciudad Juarez is a Mexican city near the border with USA. It used to be known as the most violent city in the world.

Read more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciudad_Ju%C3%A1rez

Read more <http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/10/15/mexicos-ciudad-juarez-is-no-longer-the-most-violent-city-in-the-world/>



Central Cam (Bus Station in Ciudad Juarez)

- The main bus station in Ciudad Juarez
- Watch more <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi3ak968Rpw>

Computers Reading Minds

- My first degree was in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence many, many years ago. Since then I have kept a small interest in the field and this is why I use it in my books. Computers reading minds is not so far-fetched as it seems

Read <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/science-news/7421180/Telepathic-computer-can-read-your-mind.html>

Watch http://msnvideo.msn.com/?channelindex=4&from=en-us_msnhp#/video/6ed6d901-cd45-49ac-8c87-eb88d0a9ac0c

Cork Trees

- Cork Trees can be found around Morocco and in the region around Temara. Read more <http://www.morocco.com/attractions/mamora-forest/>

Correction Colony for Foreign Citizens

- A prison for foreigners (from far abroad) in the old Soviet Union.

Read more <http://www.gulagmaps.org/maps/map.php?series=3&map=foreign>

Read more about the present colonies <http://www.dw.de/everyday-life-in-a-russian-penal-colony/a-17131773>

Fes Al-Bali

- Fes Al-Bali is a city in Morocco that is the largest populated area in the world without cars.

Read more <http://www.carfree.com/fes/>

Read more <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/170>

Florenç Bus Station

- The main bus station in Prague for international coach journeys.

Read more <http://czech-transport.com/index.php?id=2103>

Hacking an iPhone

- Apparently hacking an iPhone does take about two minutes. I could include a link to the site I used to find this out, but I would not like to promote potentially illegal behavior!



Human Brain

- The human brain is an incredibly complex organ which we take for granted.
Read more http://www.human-memory.net/brain_neurons.html

IK-5

- IK5 is a penal colony in Mordovia, Russia.
Read more <http://www.watchdog.cz/?show=000000-000008-000001-000447&lang=1>

Homeless in Paris

- According to INSEE there are approximately 12,000 people living homeless in Paris.
Read more <http://www.economist.com/node/21564608>

La Petite Ceinture

- La Petite Ceinture is an abandoned train line that runs through Paris and has been 'reclaimed' by the residents.
Read more <http://www.messynessychic.com/2013/06/17/a-walk-along-the-paris-inner-city-railway-abandoned-since-1934/>

Lepley

- Lepley is a village in the Republic of Mordovia in Russia. It is the home of Colony-5, which is a prison.
View it on a map <http://mapcarta.com/13999672>

KGB

- The KGB was an intelligence unit in the Soviet Union.
Read more <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KGB>
Watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhM18w7qkqo>

KGB Documents

- Alexander tries to hunt for details about his sister by visiting old KGB files. Some are available but most are not.
Read more <http://www.kgbdocuments.eu/>



KGB Museum

- The KGB museum is located in Moscow but is only open by appointment and at certain times.

Read more <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/rbth/culture/9267385/Soviet-Communism-Moscow.html>

Medina at Fes-al-Bali

- This is the part of Fes which is car-free. See Fes-al-Bali.

Read more <http://www.mnn.com/green-tech/transportation/photos/7-car-free-cities/the-medina-of-fes-al-bali-morocco-pop-156000>

Mordovia Penal Colonies

- See Correction Colony for Foreign Citizens

Moroccan Breakfast

- If you wish to make your own Moroccan breakfast, use the link below.

Read more <http://moroccanfood.about.com/od/Recipe-Lists/tp/Moroccan-Breakfast-Recipes.htm>

Morse Code

- Morse Code is a series of short and long sounds that can be used to send messages.

Read more and make up your own morse code at <http://www.wrvmuseum.org/morsecodehistory.htm>

Mirtrokhin Archive

- Major Vasili Mirtokhin, a KGB archivist who had defected to the United Kingdom

Read more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitrokhin_Archive

Moscow Domodedovo Airport

- An international airport forty-two kilometres from the centre of Moscow.

Read more <http://www.domodedovo.ru/en/>

Museum of Federative Security Service of the Russian Federation

- See Museum of KGB



ONCF

- The main train railway company in Morocco.

Read more

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ONCF_E_1400_Sidi_Mbarek_Du_R'Dom_-_Ain_El_Kaerma.jpg

Paris Metro

- The Paris metro has 303 stations included Les Halles and Gallieni

Read <http://www.parismetro.com/>

Watch <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI5GMXXg-fE>

Plaza de Mina, Cádiz

- A square in the old town of Cádiz and almost 200 years old.

Read more <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C%C3%A1diz>

Russian Names

- Vladimir Nikolayovich Bulgakov is not real person but in researching Russian names I found that the middle name, in this case Nikolayovich means son (–ovich)of Nikolay.

Read more <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patronymic#Russian>

Paris to Cádiz

- You cannot take a direct train. You must change twice to reach the destination.

Read more <http://www.seat61.com/Spain.htm#.UvZDeWJdUXs>

Picking Locks

- Apparently it is not that difficult to pick a car lock and hot wire it. However, I am not passing on the link for this illegal activity in case I get in trouble!

Population of USSR (1991)

- In July 1991 it was 293 million.

Proxy server

- A computer system that acts as a go-between your computer and another one.



Rabat

- Rabat is the political and administrative capital of Morocco.

Read more <http://moroccanfood.about.com/od/Recipe-Lists/tp/Moroccan-Breakfast-Recipes.htm>

Remote Viewing

- Remote viewing is trying to picture a location or something or someone in your mind. However, your other senses are unaware of where.

Read more <http://www.farsight.org/Whatisremoteviewing.html>

Right part of the brain for imagination

- It used to be thought that the right side of the brain can use used for creativity, imagination and, therefore, lying but thinking has changed on this.

Read more <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-athletes-way/201309/the-right-brain-is-not-the-only-source-creativity>

Spain to Morocco

- Most people travel to Morocco from Spain via ferries. This is not the case in Fallback but in the first draft the main characters did take a ferry.

Read more <http://www.andalucia.com/travel/ferry/home.htm>

Stem Cells

- Stem cells are the bodies tool box and used when you are fighting disease or an injury.

Read more <http://stemcell.childrenshospital.org/about-stem-cells/adult-somatic-stem-cells-101/where-do-we-get-adult-stem-cells/>

Read more <http://www.nature.com/news/human-stem-cells-created-by-cloning-1.12983>

Watch how stem cells can be used in cloning

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nom0inMf7KI>

Strange Bases

- I wanted to use bases that would be more interesting than a normal military base. I used the website below to help me with this.

Read more

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/engineering/architecture/strangest-military-bases-gallery#slide-4>



Tangier

- A city in Northern Morocco on the Mediterranean.

Watch more <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVD-yocm5jw>

Temara

- A Moroccan city on the Atlantic Ocean.

Read more <http://www.igomorocco.com/blog/blog/2013/09/25/tourism-and-vacations-in-temara/>

Temara Detention Facility, Temara and Ain Aouda in Morocco

- Two detention and military facilities in Morocco that are allegedly part of the US black site network.

Read more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temara_interrogation_centre

Test Tube Baby

- I did some research into how Ingrid could create test tube babies and how the OSS may do the same.

Read more <http://www.preservearticles.com/2012042131019/what-is-a-test-tube-baby-how-is-it-produced.html>

VOIP

- Voice over Internet Protocol. This is when you use your computer as a phone or video phone. The most common programme to do this is Skype

Read and watch more http://www.voipfone.co.uk/What_Is_Voip.php

Volga Gaz 22

- A Russian built car from 1962, nicknamed the shed

Read more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GAZ_Volga#GAZ-22.E2.80.94the_Shed

Watch (in Russian) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roSC0HZw5z0>

VPN

- A virtual private network - it masks your computer's IP address and hides where in the world you are accessing the internet from by using a proxy server.

Wild Russian Boar

- Wild boar can be dangerous but most of the sites on the internet about them are linked to hunting them

Read and watch more http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wild_boar