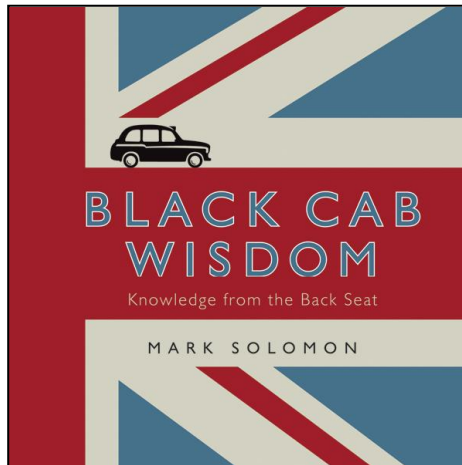


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Thoughts for the day ranging from the philosophical to the bizarre!
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I decided to set myself a project: collecting words of wisdom from the passengers that I picked up in my black cab.



BLACK CAB WISDOM

Knowledge from the Back Seat

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Some people have a hearth burning in their soul, and yet no one comes to warm themselves by it.
Justin Lee Collins (Vincent van Gogh)

Love is blind: marriage is the eye-opener.
Michelle, 28, housewife and mother (Pauline Thomason)

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.
Eunice M, student

The mind is like an umbrella, it works better when it's opened.
Ellen, 26, waitress

We shall not cease to explore, and the end of all our exploring will be to return to where we started and know the place for the first time.
Professor Brian Cox

In September 2009, London cabbie **Mark Solomon** began asking passengers in the back of his taxi for a random quote or proverb. It started spontaneously, to give him more purpose and direction, but he found that sharing these daily inspirations with others made them feel part of something special too.

The contributors came from all age groups, races, nationalities and religions. Their occupations included a United States senator, a gangster rapper, bankers, tradesmen and even a dolphin trainer. The one thing they all had in common was the fact that they'd journeyed in the back of my London taxi.

The project developed into a popular website www.blackcabquotes.com, and now this pocket-sized book offers the best 400 thoughts for the day, ranging from the truly philosophical to the downright bizarre.

About the author: **Mark Solomon** began www.blackcabquotes.com, an original and ongoing blog about his collection of words of wisdom from his passengers. *Black Cab Wisdom* is Mark's first book. He can still be found driving his iconic London taxi around the city streets, where he continues to gather quotations and proverbs from his passengers.

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