

# Things I Learned But No Longer Believe

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Shakespeare had red hair  
Van Gogh never painted a nude

Apollinaire was a pornographer  
Satie wore corduroy suits

Schiller sniffed moldy apples  
Edward Lear colored trees

Balzac used a raven's quill  
Hamsun survived TB

Sherwood Anderson was a Zionist  
Zane Grey was a doc

Radiguet owned land in Lebanon  
Mencken lived in hock

Groucho read Eliot's eulogy  
Thackeray seduced his maid

Dahlberg's dog was Mala  
Rimbaud's buried in Marseilles

Joyce was allergic to chocolate  
Melville played the sax

Hart Crane had wet dreams  
Chandler spayed his cats

Woolf posed naked for Freud  
Goethe was four feet tall

D.H. Lawrence voted for Eisenhower  
Borges owned a mall

Chekhov carted oysters  
Stendhal sweated art

Poe had a canary named Ligeia  
Flaubert stole Baudelaire's heart

