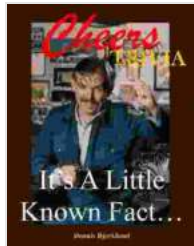


# Cheers Trivia: It Little Known Fact



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Cheers, the beloved sitcom that ran from 1982 to 1993, holds a special place in the hearts of television enthusiasts. Set in a cozy Boston bar, the show became famous for its witty dialogue, relatable characters, and enduring theme song. But beyond the laughter and camaraderie, there lies a treasure trove of little-known facts and behind-the-scenes secrets that will quench the thirst of any Cheers aficionado.

## The Inspiration Behind the Bar

The Cheers bar was inspired by a real-life establishment called the Bull & Finch Pub in Boston. Show creators James Burrows and Glen Charles frequented the pub and observed its vibrant atmosphere and colorful patrons. With the permission of the pub's owner, they decided to recreate the setting for their sitcom.

## The Iconic Cast

The casting of Cheers was a stroke of genius. Ted Danson, who had previously starred in Taxi, brought a charming and sarcastic edge to the role of Sam Malone. Shelley Long, as Diane Chambers, portrayed the uptight and intellectual counterpart to Sam. The rest of the ensemble cast, including Rhea Perlman, John Ratzenberger, George Wendt, and Woody Harrelson, each brought their own unique brand of humor and charisma to the show.

### **The Evolution of the Theme Song**

The iconic Cheers theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," has become synonymous with the show. However, few people know that the song's original lyrics were quite different. The initial draft included a verse about a "Smiling waitress called Diane." When Shelley Long was cast in the role, the lyrics were changed to "A girl who can make you smile." The song was written and composed by Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo.

### **The Real-Life Norm**

George Wendt, who played the lovable and eccentric Norm Peterson, based his character on a real-life regular at the Bull & Finch Pub. The man, whose name was also Norm, would often sit at the bar, drink beer, and talk to the patrons. Wendt adopted Norm's mannerisms and speech patterns to create a character that would become one of the most recognizable in television history.

### **The Controversial Exit of Diane**

The departure of Diane Chambers in the fifth season of Cheers was a watershed moment for the show. Shelley Long had reportedly grown tired

of the role and wanted to pursue other projects. The producers decided to write her out by having Diane leave Boston for Los Angeles. Her exit was controversial among fans, but it opened the door for Kirstie Alley to join the cast as Rebecca Howe.

### **The Cheers Spin-off**

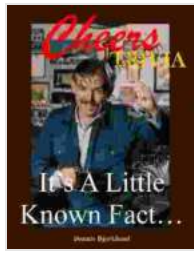
In 1993, Cheers spawned a spin-off series called Frasier. The show followed the character of Frasier Crane, a psychiatrist played by Kelsey Grammer, who moved back to his hometown of Seattle after the events of Cheers. Frasier went on to become one of the most successful sitcoms of all time, running for 11 seasons.

### **The Lasting Legacy**

Cheers has left an enduring mark on popular culture. The show's witty writing, relatable characters, and heartwarming atmosphere have made it a beloved classic. It has been ranked as one of the greatest sitcoms of all time by numerous publications and has received numerous awards, including 26 Emmy Awards. The Bull & Finch Pub, the inspiration for the Cheers bar, has become a popular tourist destination for fans of the show.

Cheers Trivia: It Little Known Fact is an essential read for fans of the iconic sitcom. This book delves into the behind-the-scenes secrets, fascinating anecdotes, and little-known details that will satisfy the curiosity of even the most ardent Cheers enthusiast. Whether you're a longtime viewer or a newcomer to the show, this trivia extravaganza will provide hours of entertainment and leave you thirsty for more.

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