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On This Date

1852 – Peter Mark Roget released the first edition of his *Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases*, launching a reference classic that would become indispensable to generations of readers and writers.



1944 – British agent Nancy Wake, a leading figure in the French Resistance and the Gestapo’s most-wanted person, parachuted into France to be a liaison between London and the local *maquis*, or underground group. Wake was nicknamed “White Mouse” for her ability to evade capture.

2011 – Prince William and Catherine Middleton were married in a grand ceremony at Westminster Abbey. The couple, who had been together since their university days, exchanged vows in front of dignitaries, family, and millions of viewers worldwide.

Did You Know?

The word *thesaurus* comes from the Greek word *thēsauros*, which means “treasure.”

Quote of the Day

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.”

~ Duke Ellington

Happy Birthday!

Duke Ellington (1899–1974) was an extraordinary American composer, pianist, and bandleader whose career helped define the scope and sound of 20th-century jazz. He rose to prominence in the 1920s, when his orchestra became a sensation through performances



at Harlem’s famed Cotton Club. Ellington wrote thousands of pieces, many of which became enduring standards. Among his most celebrated works are “Mood Indigo” and “Take the ‘A’ Train,” the latter written by his longtime collaborator, Billy Strayhorn. One of the greatest jazz composers of all time, Ellington received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1969.