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Highlights the unique character and behavior of the nation. Frank, irreverent, funny--almost guaranteed to cure Xenophobia.

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Ulrike Böhm says

Just plain hilarious!

Mark says

After reading The Xenophobe's guide to the Germans, where I've worked and lived the past twenty odd years, decided to read the book about my nation. Again I found it amusing and contains many truths. Only after working and living in a foreign country can we really appreciate who we are and see our own culture objectively. It's like putting mirror in front of your face, we're all prisoners of our own culture.

I think we have to take all the books in this series with a pinch of salt and not too seriously, then they are very amusing. The books obviously deal with stereotypes, so there will always be truths for some and not others. Had me giggling about my own British foibels though and again made for very entertaining reading!

Rebecca says

A great read, full of observations and stereotypes of the English.
I'll admit, I agreed with quite a lot of it.

It's separated into sections discussing everything from what we think of ourselves, what others think of us, sports, culture, government and so on.

The Xenophobe's Guides are generally a good laugh :)

Chris says

Crossposted at Booklikes.

Really funny. I got this when my friend was cleaning out his books. I will try to find more in this series.

Wonderful comments about English people like – “When Lloyd Webber meets Beatrix Potter, nobody will be able to get a seat”.

Cristina says

Very funny and informative in the same time. It walks you through all life matters and cultural aspects of the English people. It made me laugh several times which is very refreshing for a book.

Aline says

This was recommended by TfG before arriving for my year of service. I must say I learned more than anticipated from this account of English life. Written by two Englishmen it covers the in and outs of English Culture and Society. I know do's and don'ts as well as views of other nations and foreigners as a whole. Good read with some good English humour!

Leticia says

Laughed out loud picturing some of the descriptions and their real life dramas...

Okkyun says

Super! Hilarious! The writing style looks very British. I do love to read Xenophobe's Guide to the Korean, if the publisher has a plan to add one for the series.

Marzena says

An entertaining set of stereotypes about the English. I can only question the translation and publishing errors which were disappointing.

Jenna Veirs says

I love the Xenophobe books, and have a collection of them in my kitchen. Why the kitchen? They are cute and look nice with the cookbooks. These books are very stereotypical, but fun.

Mary Ann says

Kind of interesting look at the British and how they view other groups.

Gabriele says

Having lived in England for some years I do agree with most of it. Very funny.

David Baird says

I enjoyed very much the Xenophobe's Guide to The Danes, it was a very funny book and exactly explained the odd behaviour of my Danish wife and in-laws. With the English book I was looking for similar laughs about myself, but found the book far less entertaining. That's not to say it wasn't correct in many ways, but it lacked the sarcasm of the Danish guide.

Still fun though and can be read in about an hour.

Phoebe says

Interesting and funny, but I had expected more "English wit". :)

Especially since even the book put it that well: "In England, brains are optional but a sense of humour is compulsory."

Could have been even more humour for my taste. But it was a nice leisure-time book anyway! :)

Virginie says

I think I am going to read the whole series of these Xenophobe's Guides! Very interesting to decipher why people act or react as they do depending on which culture they come from!
