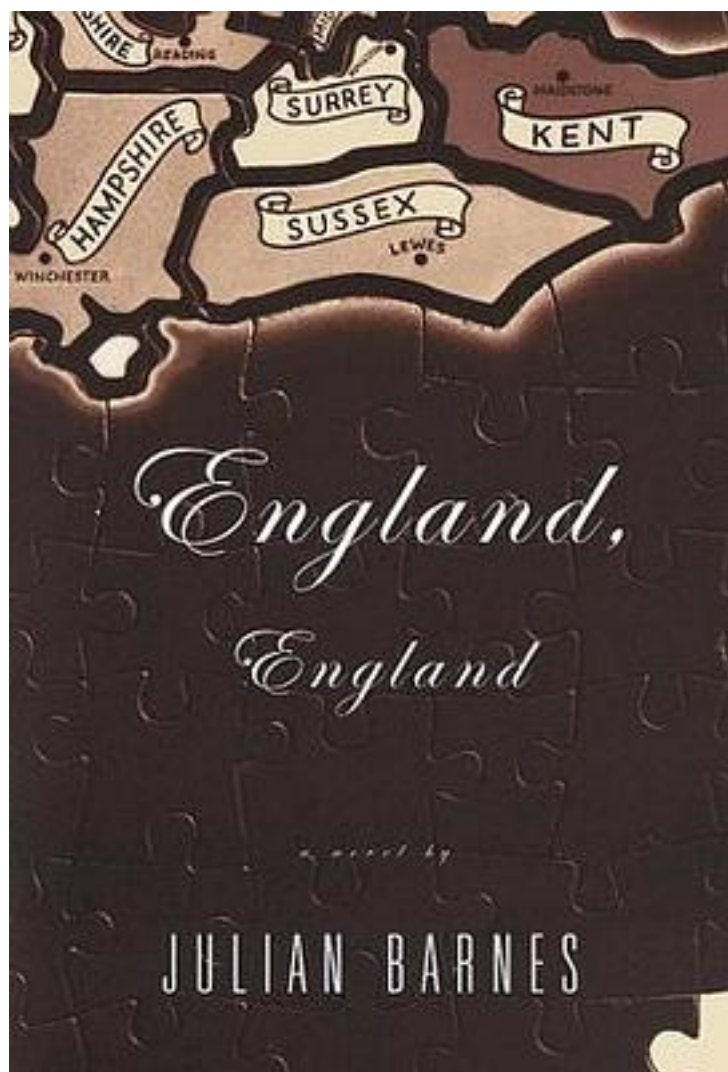


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"Wickedly funny." -- The New York Times

Imagine an England where all the pubs are quaint, where the Windsors behave themselves (mostly), where the cliffs of Dover are actually white, and where Robin Hood and his merry men really are merry. This is precisely what visionary tycoon, Sir Jack Pitman, seeks to accomplish on the Isle of Wight, a "destination" where tourists can find replicas of Big Ben (half size), Princess Di's grave, and even Harrod's (conveniently located inside the tower of London).

Martha Cochrane, hired as one of Sir Jack's resident "no-people," ably assists him in realizing his dream. But when this land of make-believe gradually gets horribly and hilariously out of hand, Martha develops her own vision of the perfect England. Julian Barnes delights us with a novel that is at once a philosophical inquiry, a burst of mischief, and a moving elegy about authenticity and nationality.

作者介绍:

朱利安·巴恩斯 (1946—)，英国当代著名作家。父母皆为法语教师，哥哥在牛津大学教授哲学，妻子帕特·凯伐纳是著名的文学经纪人。巴恩斯毕业于牛津大学，曾参与《牛津英语辞典》的编纂工作，做过多年的文学编辑和评论家。

“聪明”是巴恩斯作品的一贯标识。八十年代他以突破性之作《福楼拜的鹦鹉》入围布克奖决选，跻身英国文坛一流作家之列。此后，获各大文学奖项无数，三进布克奖决选，并于2011年凭借《终结的感觉》赢得大奖，同年获大卫·柯恩英国文学终身成就奖。

巴恩斯也深得法国读者的好感，他是唯一一位同时获得法国梅第奇奖和费米娜奖的作家，并先后荣获法国文化部颁发的文学艺术骑士、军官、司令勋章，堪称在法国最受欢迎的英国作家之一。

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