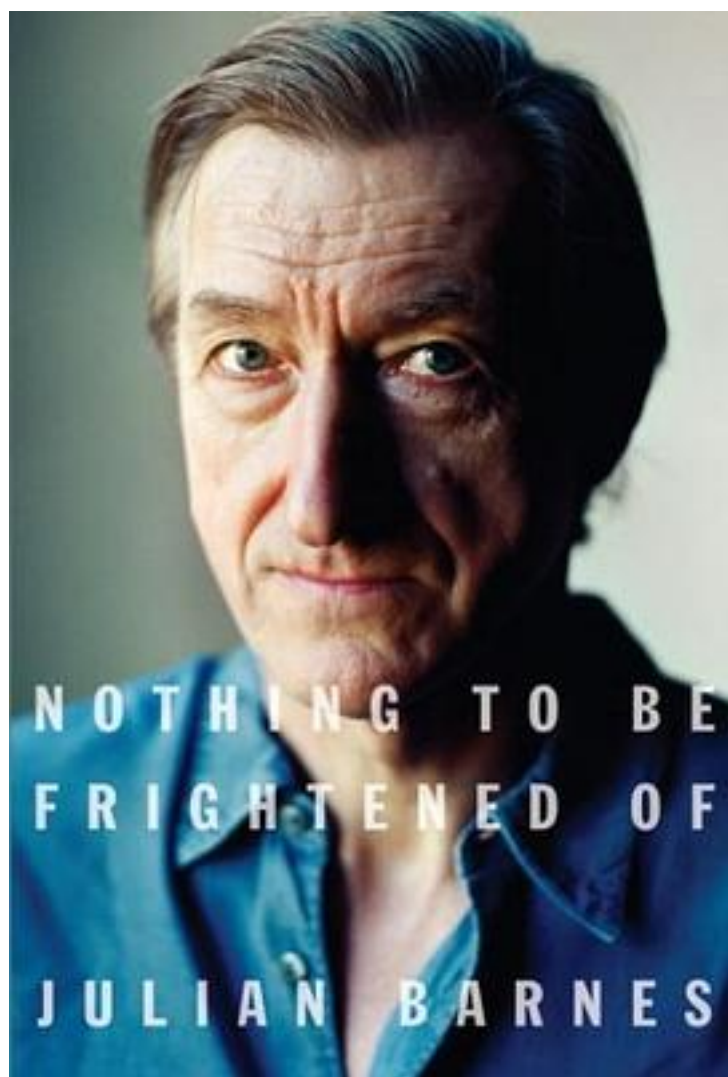


Nothing to Be Frightened Of



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Two years after the best-selling *Arthur & George*, Julian Barnes gives us a memoir on mortality that touches on faith and science and family as well as a rich array of exemplary figures who over the centuries have confronted the same questions he now poses about the most basic fact of life: its inevitable extinction.

If the fear of death is “the most rational thing in the world,” how does one contend with it? An atheist at twenty, an agnostic at sixty, Barnes looks into the various arguments for and against and with God, and at the bloodline whose archivist, following his parents’ death, he has become—another realm of mystery, wherein a drawer of mementos and his own memories (not to mention those of his philosopher brother) often fail to connect. There are other ancestors, too: the writers— “most of them dead, and quite a few of them French” —who are his daily companions, supplemented by composers and theologians and scientists whose similar explorations are woven into this account with an exhilarating breadth of intellect and felicity of spirit.

Deadly serious, masterfully playful, and surprisingly hilarious, *Nothing to Be Frightened Of* is a riveting display of how this supremely gifted writer goes about his business and a highly personal tour of the human condition and what might follow the final diagnosis.

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。

“睿智”是巴恩斯作品的一贯标识。他以突破性之作《福楼拜的鹦鹉》入围布克奖决选，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。2016年入选美国文学艺术学院，成为外国荣誉成员。

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，2017年荣获法国总统颁发的法国荣誉军团勋章。

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好吧我没文化，但是这种拉家常的文字真的太无聊了。。。。。

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（见于 晶报·深港书评2019年8月6日） 文/俞耕耘
《没什么好怕的》这个书名，听上去就像一句口语，甚至根本不像获得布克奖的大作家作品。然而，仔细琢磨一下，这个标题很耐看，它是一个无主句，你会寻思究竟什么并不可怕。英国作家朱利安·巴恩斯，给出了答案：死亡没什么好怕...

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