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If there is one thing that first-time visitors to **England** find mystifying – along with our fondness for eating chips out of old newspapers, our nostalgia for the shipping forecast (even though most of us have never ventured out to sea in a trawler) and the fact that not all men wear bowler hats to work – it is our **sense of humour**. 'Ah, you English and your humour,' they will say, with an air of suspicion, unsure as to whether they have just been unexpectedly praised or routinely insulted. It is easy to sympathize with them, for **English humour** encompasses a number of different styles. It can be surreal or satirical, dark or sophisticated, bawdy or genteel. And nobody does irony or sarcasm like the English. If Olympic gold medals were awarded for sarcasm, we would top the leader board every time.

The various idiosyncrasies of the **English character** – the social awkwardness, the constant need to apologize, the obsession with the weather, the stiff upper lip, and the love of queuing, to name but a few – are celebrated in *The Wicked Wit of England*, a collection of stories, anecdotes, quips and quotes featuring English people from all walks of life, from Quentin Crisp to Frank Skinner and Stephen Hawking to Thora Hird. This book might not help outsiders understand the English, but it might make them tolerate us a little more.

Sales Points

- A joyous and timely celebration of English wit at its finest – from cutting sarcasm to the stiff upper lip and all the nuanced peculiarities in between
- Contains anecdotes, quips, quotes and stories that capture perfectly the essence of English humour
- The perfect gift for anyone who likes to take a wry look at life
- Geoff Tibballs has written several bestselling humour books, including *The Grumpy Old Git's Guide to Life*, which has sold over 110,000 copies to date

Author Biography

Geoff Tibballs has written many bestselling books, including *Senior Jokes (The Ones You Can Remember)*, *Seriously Senior Moments (Or, Have You Bought This Book Before?)* and *The Grumpy Old Git's Guide to Life*.

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