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Xenophobe's Guide To The Welsh



Synopsis

Welsh willfulnessThe Welsh are stubborn—very, very stubborn. The Welsh themselves would probably rather say “tenacious,â • but to anyone on the receiving end a better description might well be “bloody-minded.â •Â Proud and proud of itWelsh pride is real pride—the sort of mindless, instinctive, animal pride that requires no justification or excuse. It is simply pride for the sake of pride. Such pride is the only thing one has left when one has been stripped of everything else.Â It's not unusual to be . . . an actorGiven the propensity of Welsh people of all types to overact at every given opportunity, it is not surprising that those who manage to tone it down a bit have gone on to world fame as actors (or politicians, who are, after all, only an inferior species of actors).Â Warriors at heartThe Welsh are extremely proficient at rugby. They enjoy it and they take it seriously. This is because rugby—with its physical aggression, tactics, disciplined use of brute force, and organized violence—is the closest thing modern day life can offer to Wales' traditional national sport: war.

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Customer Reviews

Amusing but such wide generalizations they could apply to any group of people, and they doesn't

sound like my Welsh family and friends.

Wasn't worth it. I already knew most of this stuff and it was too fluffy.

Being married to a Welsh man this little book was great to help me understand him better! Yes, I am not joking.... nowadays, if I am irritated about something I just think back to the contents of this book and I often have to laugh because I understand that he is who he is because he is.... Welsh! I couldn't stop laughing when I read this book but now he wants to take revenge and wants to get the one for the Portuguese, which back then wasn't out yet and I hope it never will! Humor aside it really tells you a lot about the people of a country, lots of truths but all with lots of humor! Worth reading or great to give as a present (he got it at a Christmas party at his office!).

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