

## JON GAUNT PUTS THE “GREAT” BACK INTO GREAT BRITAIN



Sales of the first book penned by Britain’s most controversial radio presenter and national newspaper columnist Jon Gaunt proved so successful he is set to release a follow-up. But in stark contrast to the honest and frank account of his life story in his bestselling autobiography *Undaunted*, ‘Gaunt’s Best of British - It’s Called Great Britain, Not Rubbish Britain’ takes a light-hearted look at the best aspects of Britishness and all the reasons to be proud of Blighty.

Jon, aged 47, who lives with wife Lisa and daughters Rosie and Bethany in Northamptonshire, said despite negative publicity about life in Britain he believes it remains the greatest country in the world. He said: “There is so much bad news all the time that we never feel very good about ourselves any more. I find I get more and more people ringing my show on talkSPORT - of all different cultures and backgrounds - and so many of them have said to me, ‘This is supposed to be Great Britain, not rubbish Britain’. This is how I found inspiration for the book.”

“All I want is for people to realise we should stop apologising for being British and start celebrating our culture. In the book I have listed every single reason I can think of to be proud of this great nation. If it weren’t for Britain we wouldn’t have football, Shakespeare, the jet engine. We also have an illustrious motoring heritage and we are such a generous nation we give more to charity than any other country in Western Europe. This is just a handful of the thousands of reasons this country is so great and I think we should stand up and be proud.”

The book is divided into three parts. In the first Jon lists his favourite unique aspects of the country - from the Red Arrows to fox hunting. The second part of the book looks at the down sides of Britain and how Gaunt thinks they should be dealt with - from benefit cheats costing the country £18 billion a year to the gang, gun and knife cultures plaguing today’s youth and terrorising the streets.

Lastly Gaunt uses lists to take a look at The Very Best of British. From his experience of the country’s best chip shops to the best, most memorable ads on British TV. For comedy value it also looks at the unique aspects of Britain and the British ways - from saying sorry when someone stands on your foot to queuing. Jon explains: “The book truly contains something for everyone. It’s one of those books you may not even read from cover to cover, but I guarantee you will find subjects that strike a chord close to your heart and you’ll want to read those first. I am delighted with the sales of my first book *Undaunted* and had a lot of support from the thousands of fans who came to see me on my live show earlier this year. But I still had a lot more I wanted to say and this book, alongside my daily radio show and weekly newspaper column, has allowed me to do that.”

Cabbies and the black cab are highlighted as an icon under threat in the new book. “There is no disputing that the black cab and the traditional cabbie is under threat from private hire vehicles, legislation and political correctness...” says Jon. “If the new Mayor doesn’t do a swift handbrake turn on this politically correct lunacy then we will end up with a cab trade as useless as New York’s.”

*Gaunt’s Best of British - It’s Called Great Britain, Not Rubbish Britain* is published by Virgin, available in hardback for £18.99.

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