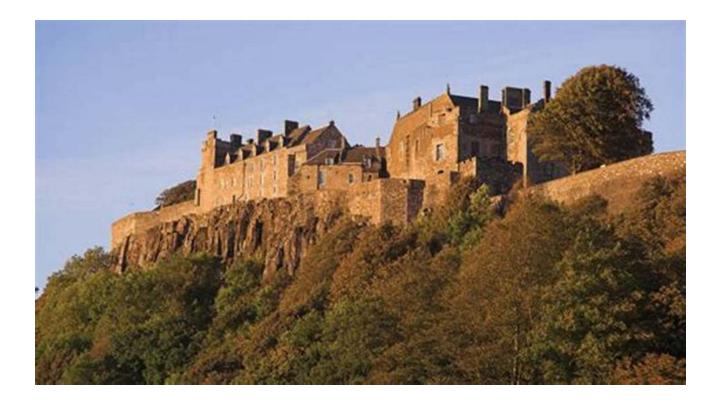
The Backbone Of England: Discovering the Historic Heartland

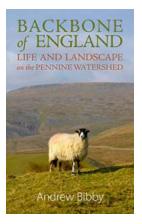


England is a country that overflows with a rich and vibrant history, picturesque landscapes, and charming towns that reflect the region's cultural heritage. Amongst these treasures, lies what is often referred to as "The Backbone Of England." This term encapsulates the historically significant area stretching across the heartland of the country, weaving tales through its landscapes, castles, and heritage.

The Historic Heartland - Unveiling England's Past

When you think of England, images of rolling hills, breathtaking cliffs, and beautiful countryside may come to mind. The Backbone of England embraces all these elements and more. Nestled within its borders are magnificent castles, ancient monuments, and a rich tapestry of historical sites that tell stories of war, romance, and triumph.

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From the towering fortress of Warwick Castle to the mystical prehistoric stone circle at Avebury, every corner of this region exudes a sense of timelessness. The peacefulness of the English countryside, combined with its remarkable historical heritage, creates an atmosphere that invites you to explore and delve into the past.

The Castles - Pillars of the Past

No exploration of England's historic heartland would be complete without a visit to its awe-inspiring castles. These architectural marvels served as fortifications, royal residences, and strategic strongholds throughout history. Their imposing structures stand as testament to the country's turbulent past and evoke a sense of wonder in visitors.

Enter the enchanting world of Warwick Castle, where tales of knights, jousting, and medieval feasts unfold before your eyes. Marvel at the breathtaking views from the ramparts of Windsor Castle while imagining the grandeur of past royal events. And let the haunting ruins of Tintagel Castle transport you to the times of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

The Countryside - Nature's Haven

Veering away from the bustling cities, the Backbone of England invites you to immerse yourself in its serene countryside. Verdant hills, winding rivers, and charming villages dot the landscape, offering a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Explore the picturesque Cotswolds, where thatched-roof cottages, ancient market towns, and pristine gardens harmoniously blend with the natural beauty of the region. Take a stroll through the breathtaking Yorkshire Dales National Park, a haven for hikers, nature lovers, and wildlife enthusiasts alike. And don't miss the stunning landscapes of the Peak District, which boast rolling hills, limestone caverns, and picturesque villages.

The Heritage - Stories Preserved in Stone

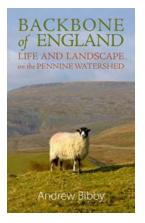
Embedded within the Backbone of England are countless heritage sites that offer a glimpse into the country's past. From the mysterious stone circles at Stonehenge and Avebury to the awe-inspiring cathedral of Durham, these places hold the key to unearthing England's narrative.

Step into the hallowed halls of Oxford University, where centuries of knowledge have been imparted. Discover the charm and elegance of Bath, a city renowned for its Roman baths and Georgian architecture. And lose yourself amongst the medieval streets and ancient walls of York, where every corner reveals a new story waiting to be told.

The Heartland - A Journey Through Time

Whether you're a history buff, a lover of nature, or simply seeking a vacation that weaves together the fabric of the past and present, the Backbone of England beckons. With its castles, countryside, and heritage sites, this region promises an unforgettable journey through time, leaving you with memories that will last a lifetime.

So pack your bags, embrace the allure of England's historic heartland, and embark on an adventure that will transport you to a world where legends and history converge.



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In The Backbone of England , Andrew Bibby walks the route of the Pennine watershed separating the water flowing westwards to the Irish Sea and the Atlantic from the water heading towards the North Sea. Keeping always above

the headwaters (the golden rule in following a watershed is never cross running water) he travels from Edale and Kinder Scout in Derbyshire as far as Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland.

The Backbone of England is partly a travel book, partly a celebration of a fine stretch of countryside but primarily a journey to discover more about the landscape in this part of England. Andrew Bibby offers a range of keys which aim to open up an understanding of the social and economic factors which make the Pennine landscape as it is, exploring what has happened in the past and, particularly, what is going on up in these hills today.

"In this wonderful book Andrew Bibby... not only helps us to savour the Pennine landscape; he helps us to understand it, and he urges us to cherish it. He shows us how this land was formed, what has happened and is happening to it, and – in a thoroughly un-preachy kind of way – why it matters. This is a book of enjoyment and of revelation." - Chris Smith (Rt Hon Lord Smith of Finsbury)

"As well as a celebration of this exceptional area of countryside, this quietly moving and impressive book examines all aspects of the area's history, including wildlife, ecology, geology and culture"- Sunday Telegraph

"This superb new book... Bibby's skilful telling of the every aspect of the Pennines and the simple enjoyment of the journey make this the most entertainingly informative outdoor book... Highly recommended" - The Great Outdoors

"Beautifully and sensitively written... highly readable and gives a true insight into this special area" - Open Space



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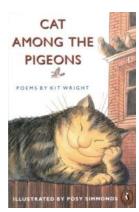
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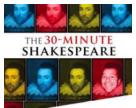
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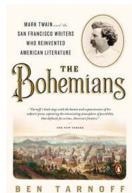


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