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## **Editorial Review**

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Recognized as a major contemporary travel writer, Morris, in the course of her profession/avocation, has explored all four corners of the globe—no exaggeration. Her latest book is a collection of short takes, each one running only one to three paragraphs in length. In introductory comments, the author, from Wales, observes that “in a lifetime of travel and literature, I have written relatively little about people.” Her new book, then, makes amends, offering glimpses of people encountered “across half a century and forty-odd books.” The emphasis on individuals rather than destinations results in a delightfully idiosyncratic kaleidoscope: small portraits rendered in colorful and not always adulatory prose. Visiting the current occupant of Longwood, a distinctive octagon-shaped mansion in Natchez, Louisiana, she is treated to a feast of southern fried chicken. Attending a Paris fashion show, however, was not so positive. She sat “among the condescending New York buyers and unbelievably ugly princesses of American fashion journalism.” Ouch! --Brad Hooper

Review

“This wonderful distillation of Jan Morris's chance encounters shows our greatest living travel writer at her best?wise, well-read, wide-traveled, clear-sighted, compassionate, humane, unforgettable.”

- **Paul Theroux**

“The most delightful, intelligent, perception collection of human observations I've ever read: I don't know of anything like it.”

- **Alberto Manguel, author of *A Reader on Reading***

About the Author

Born in 1926, Jan Morris served in the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers in World War II. The author of such classics as the Pax Britannia trilogy and *The World*, she lives in Wales and keeps a replica of the Yamato on her desk.

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