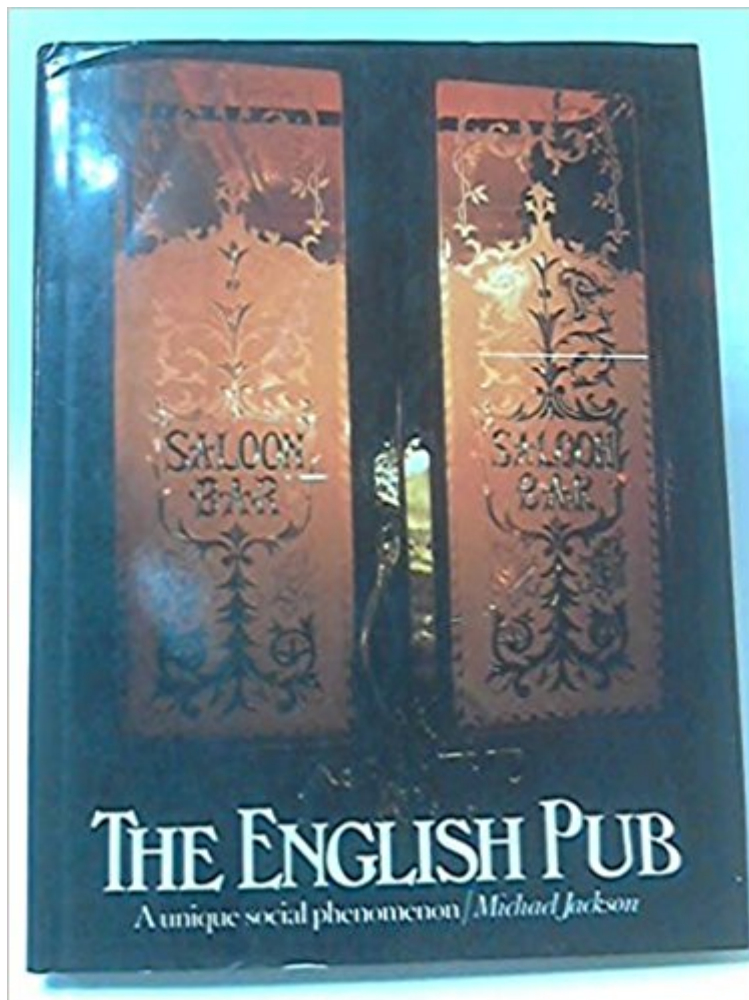




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First published in 1976, this is like a step back in time! Love this book. *The English Pub*...A unique social phenomenon. Book does a great job of presenting the atmosphere of an English Pub. This book has life to it: shows people in the pubs having a good time, drinking, playing games, etc. (Not just bland pictures of empty pubs). Also shows pub signs, stained glass windows, trademark logos, exterior pub architecture, etc. Also talks about food served and the beer brewing process. Even has political satire cartoons. All-in-all, a great book that covers a lot of aspects of the "unique social phenomenon". This book really exceeded my expectations! I guess that is why it has been so popular. To summarize this book: It captures the history and character that is lacking in today's modern buildings/establishments.

Excellent

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