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perMa'atDO NOT BUY THE METHUEN PAPERBACK VERSION, which is very poor quality and basically unreaable. However, the actual text is absolutely hysterical. (I have another hardback version.) FAIR WARNING: there's a lot of fairly esoteric "inside baseball" and unless you're something of a literary and Brit history wonk the humor can be largely inaccessible. There are laugh-out-loud puns and fractured literary and historical references on practically every page but if your studies and interests haven't stuffed a substantial quantity of the underlying factoids in the old belfry along the way, you won't get the jokes. An English public school grad will likely strangle laughing. An American (like me) or other origin will probably need to be something of a sponge for useless information with a minor in all things Brit. But if that describes you, I can just about guarantee this will become a favorite possession. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant and hilarious!By JennyBrilliant, cheeky, hilarious historical comedy. It's surprisingly knowledgeable, so if you don't know a fair bit about British history (I'm an American here - we don't even know our own history!), you may not really get it? I honestly don't mean that to be condescending... that's just what kind of book this is: it's jokes on history. If you're a history nerd, you'll love it!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Hardcover edition is way firmer than paperback!By JC DavenportOk I got this because its a classic. And its the 75th Anniversary Edition! I must say its probably the quickest hardcover read I've ever accomplished. Not one day. One EVENING - and I still have time for baseball!! AND a review!! About the book - well its just plain silly. But we historians can appreciate that its HISTORICALLY SILLY! That said, you need to know some British history to enjoy much of the silliness, some of which I do, but not really enough. However, if you read fast, imagine a British narrator - its pretty darn funny. You can also spot the influences on future humor of Monty Python and even Shrek. If you care! But you don't really need the hardcover, other than it's nice and firm. . .

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