

ACROSS THE POND: AN ENGLISHMAN'S VIEW OF AMERICA

Americans have long been fascinated with the oddness of the British, but the English, according to Terry Eagleton, find their transatlantic neighbors equally strange. Why must we broadcast our children's school grades with bumper stickers announcing "My Child Made the Honor Roll?" Why don't we appreciate the indispensability of the teapot? And why do we so foolishly insist on being friendly to every passing stranger? In...



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Americans come out of the comparison rather better. They may overdo emotion, but they are not fearful of it. A surplus of feeling has rarely done as much damage as a deficiency of it. Terry Eagleton, Across the Pond: An Englishman's View of...

Reader's Opinions

In this season of the Rise of Trump, I was looking forward to a good, witty lambasting of American culture and dysfunction. Instead, I got this book. Here are some of my margin notes, "No...

An entertaining if not especially profound diversion, although I am vulnerable to Eagleton's charma fact that should color my recommendation for you. It put me in mind of a dreadful Frances Trollope screed I was made to read as an undergraduate, about the brutish and rough-spun indignities of then-adolescent American capitalism. except...