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ANNOYING
THE
FRENCH
Encore!

A short, but *très* provocative,
sequel to *1000 Years of
Annoying the French*

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About the Book

We've been annoying the French for 1000 years. But did you know that, as recently as 2010:

- When the French and British navies tried to join forces, two nuclear submarines collided, an accident that France's Minister of Defence blamed on shrimps. It was Trafalgar all over again – but with seafood.
- The Americans infuriated the French by arresting Dominique Strauss-Kahn, a member of France's political élite, and then treating him like a normal suspect. *Ce n'est pas normal!*
- With both a royal wedding and a jubilee, the Brits showed the French what a rash idea it was to decapitate their king.
- When David Cameron walked out of a eurosummit, he provoked a volley of comical anti-Anglais insults from French politicians.

Stephen Clarke reviews everything the English-speaking world has been doing recently to ensure that France hangs on to its national inferiority complex. For the French, the *merde* never ends ...

About the Author

Stephen Clarke lives in Paris. His first novel, *A Year in the Merde*, became a word-of-mouth hit in 2004, and is now published all over the world. Since then he has published three more bestselling *Merde* novels, as well as *Talk to the Snail*, an indispensable guide to understanding the French.

Research for Stephen's novels has taken him all over France and America. For *1000 Years of Annoying the French*, he inhaled the chill air of ruined castles and deserted battlefields, leafed through dusty chronicles, brushed up the medieval French he studied at university and generally lost himself in the mists of history. He has now returned to present-day Paris, and is doing his best to live the entente cordiale.

Annoying the French ... Encore

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‘The French are a logical people, which is one reason why the English dislike them so intensely. The other is that they own France, a country which we have always judged to be much too good for them.’

Robert Morley, British actor