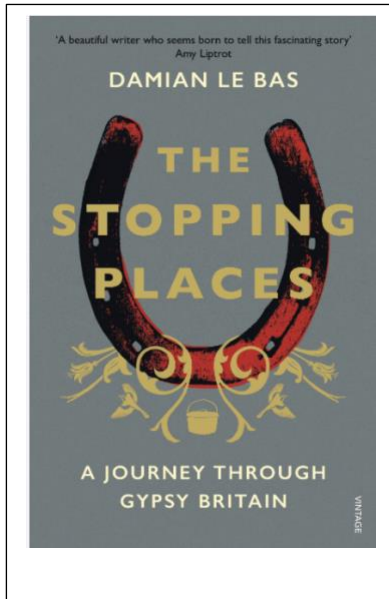


Book Talk

The Stopping Places: A Journey Through Gypsy Britain

By Damian Le Bas

Number of pages: 310



Part travelogue, part memoir and part history, in this book Damian Le Bas sets out on a journey to explore various Traveller stopping places or *atchin tans* throughout the UK. Evocative, lyrical and intimate, Le Bas crafts a book full of Romany culture, tradition, and ways of life both historical and modern. As well as reminiscing on family stories of stopping places and childhood memories, Le Bas admits to anxieties surrounding his Traveller identity, and discusses how he reconciles constant comments of 'well you don't look like a Traveller' with his Romany heritage.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Sovietistan* by Erika Fatland, or *A Month In The Country* by J.L. Carr.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you think about the discussion of Traveller masculinity and honour?
2. Did you learn anything new about Traveller communities from this book?
3. What do you think this book was saying about belonging?
4. How is loneliness explored in the book?
5. What did you think of the nature writing and descriptions of landscapes in the book?

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