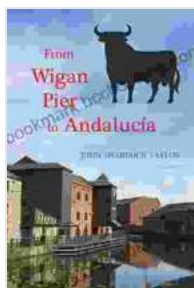


# From Wigan Pier to Andalucia: A Journey Through the Heart of England and Spain

In his classic work, *The Road to Wigan Pier*, George Orwell famously described the poverty and hardship of working-class life in the industrial north of England. But what would Orwell have made of the region today, after decades of decline and deindustrialization? And what would he have thought of Andalucia, the sun-drenched region of southern Spain, with its vibrant culture and laid-back lifestyle?



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In this new book, travel writer Robert Macfarlane sets out to answer these questions by retracing Orwell's journey from Wigan Pier to Andalucia. Along the way, he meets a cast of characters from both regions, from former miners and factory workers to artists and farmers. He explores the history, culture, and politics of both regions, and he reflects on the changing nature of work, community, and identity in the 21st century.

Macfarlane's journey begins in Wigan, a town that has been hit hard by the decline of the coal industry. He meets with former miners who tell him about the hardships they faced, but also about the pride they took in their work and their community. He visits the Wigan Pier museum, which tells the story of the town's industrial past. And he walks along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, which was once a vital artery for the coal industry but is now a popular recreation spot.

From Wigan, Macfarlane travels south to Andalucia, a region that is a world away from the industrial north of England. He visits the city of Seville, with its stunning architecture and vibrant flamenco scene. He spends time in the countryside, where he meets with olive farmers and shepherds. And he visits the beach at Tarifa, where he watches the surfers and kitesurfers.

Macfarlane's journey is a fascinating exploration of two very different regions of Europe. He provides a rich and nuanced account of the history, culture, and people of both regions. And he asks important questions about the future of work, community, and identity in the 21st century.

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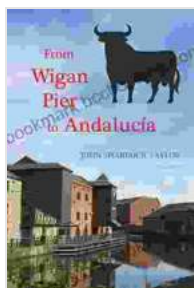
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## About the Author

Robert Macfarlane is a British travel writer and naturalist. He is the author of several books, including *The Old Ways*, *Landmarks*, and *Underland*. He has won numerous awards for his writing, including the Costa Book Award and the Ondaatje Prize.

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