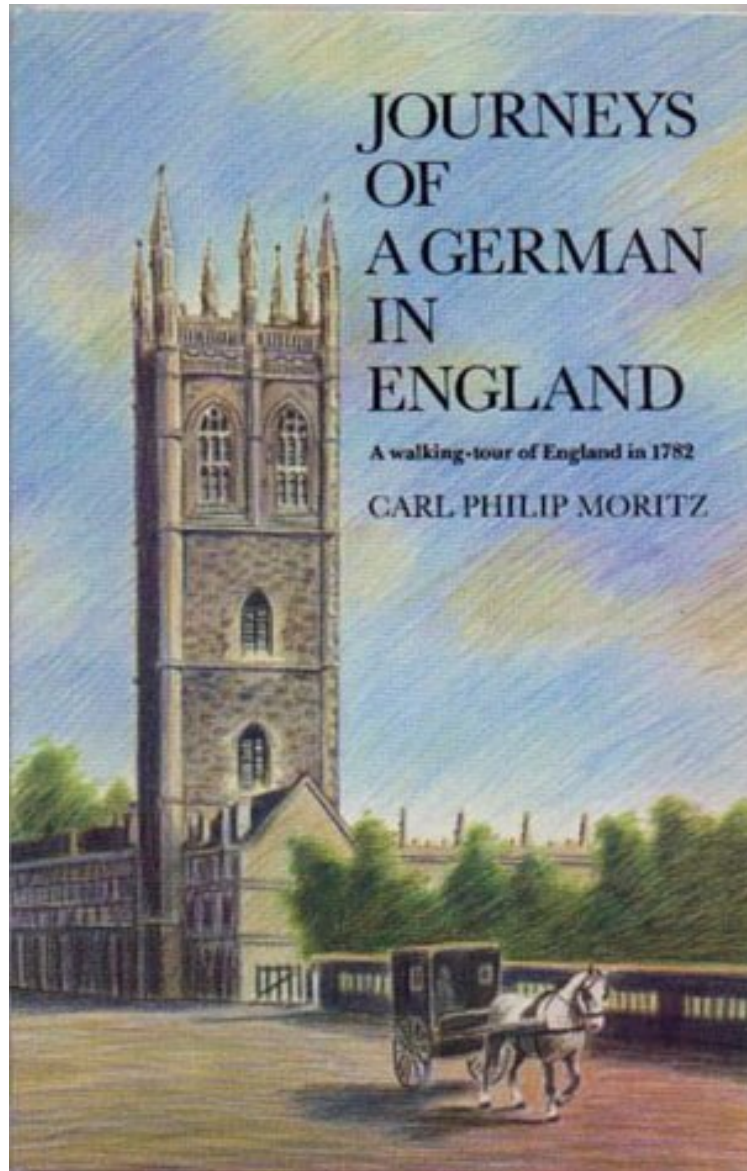


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**Carl Philip Moritz : Journeys of a German in England (Celtic Interest)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Journeys of a German in England (Celtic Interest):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two StarsBy Pamela TerrySeller ok. Book disappointing0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "One of the most remarkable collections of evidence of the state of England in 1782 that we possess"By sally tarboxGeorge III was on the English throne when Carl Philip Moritz, an

actor - and later teacher of philosophy - left his native Germany for a visit to England. This is quite a fascinating book, as Moritz relates his adventures in a series of letters to a friend back home. He rhapsodizes on the beauties of the countryside, but talks too of things that strike him as odd or interesting. From trips to the theatre and the House of Commons, evenings at Vauxhall and Ranelagh pleasure gardens, he moves on to take a walking/ coach tour to Oxford and thence to the Derbyshire Peak district. He notes repeatedly that traveling on foot is deemed peculiar, dangerous and 'low' - he is often turned away from inns as an undesirable because of it. And yet he has many positive interactions too with the assorted people he encounters en route. Highly readable, he brings to life a vanished world: "there opened out towards me the paradisaal district towards Slough." Most enjoyable. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A 1782 walking-tour of England By DO Carl Philip Moritz was born in 1757 in Hamelin in Brunswick but later moved to Hanover. He was apprenticed for a short while to a hatter but left attend a "Gymnasium" or High School and later the Ekhoft theatrical company in Gotha. Here Carl imbibed the " Sturm und Drang" of the era - "a stormy upsurge of creative effort under strong emotional pressure from within." Carl eventually studied theology and philosophy at the University of Wittenberg. He was fond of walking and in between teaching posts decided to visit England. Moritz was a careful observer of every day life and a truthful recorder of manners, customs and political and religious life. He was also quite fit and walked hundreds of miles from London all the way to Greenwich-Windsor-Oxford-Stratford (where he nicked a sliver of wood from what little was left of Shakespeare's chair) then on up to Derby-Matlock-Sutton and Girmingham. He walked most of the way observing the countryside noting that the English at that time were disdainful of those who did not ride or take a carriage. In London he visited the theatre, the pleasure gardens of Vauxhall and Ranelagh and was surprised at the extreme youth of Pitt when he replaced Fox in Parliament. I was sad when this book came to an end. At no time does he pontificate and is quite the Anglophile. He writes intimately with the common worker and spends each night in the kitchens of small Inns talking with the hostess and family. I love it.-

In 1782 an enthusiastic young German landed in England. Through the fresh eyes of a foreigner we get a wonderful insight into what has or hasn't changed within the last two hundred years. In a series of letters home he describes his amazement at the number of English people who wore spectacles, the amount they drank, the dreadful food they ate, the expense of a simple salad, the drunkenness of the dons, the riotous behaviour in Parliament, and the high level of education among ordinary people.