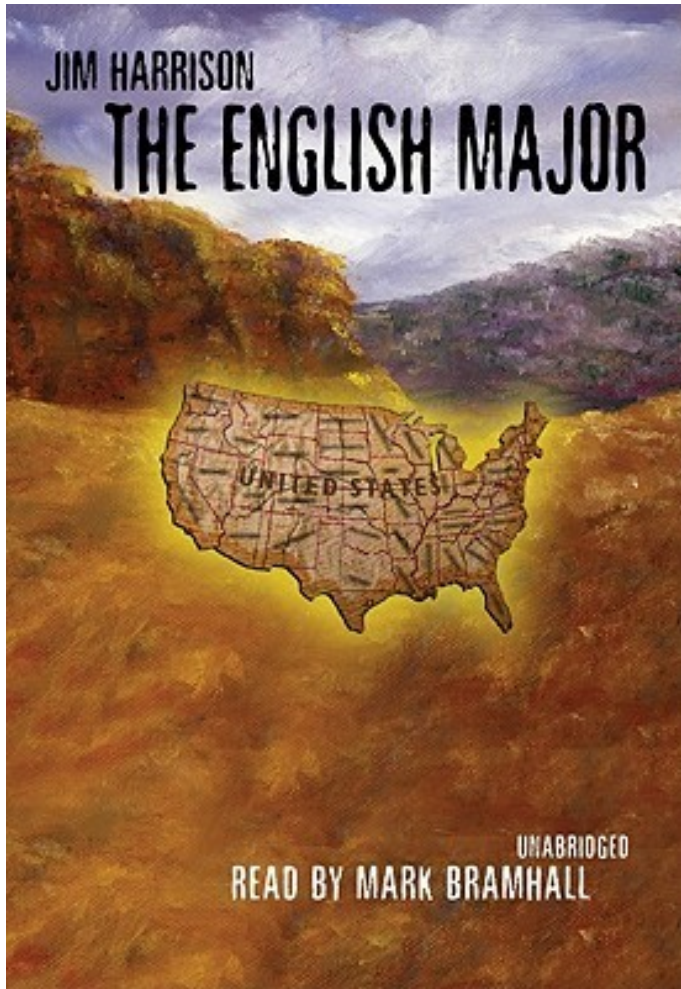

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The English Major



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Description

"It used to be Cliff and Vivian and now it isn't." With these words, Jim Harrison begins a riotous, moving novel that sends a sixty-something man, divorced and robbed of his farm by a late-blooming real estate shark of an ex-wife, on a road trip across America, armed with a childhood puzzle of the United States and a mission to rename all the states and state birds to overcome the banal names men have given them. Cliff's adventures take him through a whirlwind affair with a former student from his high school-teacher days twenty-some years before; to a "snake farm" in Arizona owned by an old classmate; and to the high-octane existence of his son, a big-time movie producer who has just bought an apartment over the Presidio in San Francisco." The English Major is the map of a man's journey into - and out of - himself, and it is vintage Harrison: reflective, big-picture American, and replete with wicked wit.

Insightful reviews

Pierced Librarian: p. 14 The world is a wobbly place, so is the mind.

p. 21 She was what you would call an off brand peach, real pretty to some tastes but a little exotic to the local boys.

p.38 My mom used to say that Dad had mental problems but before she died she admitted that Dad just had too much life in him for one body.

p.63 Staring at the river I began to wonder what we are doing when we are alone. Maybe we don't count for much unless we are rubbing against others.

p.72 Time tricks us into thinking we're part of her and then leaves us behind.

p.77 I'm sort of neutral in terms of religion but ever since I was a kid I've thought moving water to be the best thing God made.

p.78 Having no talents myself I was silly with admiration for someone who did.

p.82 My friend AD said that sex in non-traditional society was always up for grabs. It was like tennis with no net played in a gravel pit.

p. 88 How do we truly get rid of untruths?

p.93 I didn't have a kitchen, or a dog, or a wife, or a farm for that matter. I suddenly felt like I had as a boy on my first descending elevator down in Grand Rapids. Who and where was the driver?

p.96 ...I entered the stretched chicken neck of northern Idaho.

All the mornings in the world leave without returning.

p.101 I stood there at the desk, my innards feeling quaky at the idea of spending a hundred twenty bucks for a night's lodging but then doubted that my parents in the land of the dead would be aware of my transaction.

Janet: I really loved the author's "Returning to Earth" and when I saw he had a new book out, I jumped on it. And while I saw some similar elements in this story--namely, Michigan and Native American references, I didn't like the main character in the way I liked the last ones. This guy was a dirty old man and made far too many references to his dick. Totally turned me off! And it's too bad, because it's such a lovely premise--divorced older man hits the road to visit each of the United States.

Jeremy: What a load of self indulgent male fantasy rubbish. Ok so I stupidly thought I was going to read about an English Major (military) as he traveled across the United States. I thought I might be reading a book with a loose story and lots of detail about many of the 50 states. Wrong. The English Major is an academic major in English (yawn) and the travel across the states was a ruse the author quickly forgot he was writing about.

This is a book about a 60 something who has a life changing event which causes him to go off on "walkabout". Looking up a flame from many years ago and looking at women in a sexual way. Cue the fantasy - how many times can a 60+ male do it in a night? How many young 20 year old women would do that for a 60+ year old? How far did he drive that night? Get real.

Talk about 50 Shades.....

Jon Spoelstra: I listened to this ebook on MP3 whereas I walked. a few humans observed me chuckling as I walked down the street. This is, indeed, an odd book. But, a enjoyable learn for geezers. this is Cliff, a 60-year-old former Michigan highschool teacher, who misplaced his farm (a soiled deal) and his spouse (she acquired wooed at her highschool reunion) and his puppy (way too old.) He units off on a yearlong, national jag. you should accompany Cliff in this jag. Harrison is continually witty and interesting as he drives domestic his undying theme: that adjust might be helpful at any element in life.

Iowa City Public Library: i lately made an outstanding locate within the publication End: The English significant through Jim Harrison. even supposing the identify makes it sound like an epic love tale set in colonial Africa, it couldn't be further from the truth. It's a real American trip story. Harrison loves who love his personality Brown puppy will determine with the protagonist, Cliff, who has similar down-to-earth method of things, a love of the Michigan open air and a cluelessness approximately ladies (that one way or the other turns out to paintings for either one of them). in contrast to BD, he used to be a lit instructor with a love of books. yet he grew to become disillusioned with literature and eschewed the highbrow lifestyles for a pastoral one while his spouse inherited a cherry farm in northern Michigan. The story, which opens after his marriage falls apart, takes the shape of one of those trip diary. Mourning the lack of his puppy and his cherry farm (his spouse sells it to a developer), he units out for a cathartic highway journey to go to each state. alongside the way, he hooks up with an former girl student, reconnects together with his son and has a few raucous adventures along with his fishing buddy. As he winds his method around the west, he's pressured to reexamine his existence and marriage with honesty. even if Cliff doesn't make it to each state, with a few aid from his ex-wife, he figures out easy methods to prepare a brand new life.--Brent123 South Linn

Paul: at the floor this can be a trip novel. The narrator, Cliff, who has misplaced his farm and his spouse in a divorce, hits the line to revive himself. He travels throughout the western united states on a challenge to rename the birds and states of America. yet his actual trip is the single in his brain as he contemplates his previous lifestyles and what makes lifestyles worthy living. within the arms of the writer Jim Harrison, this brain trip is made at ninety miles an hour whereas negotiating 1000 curves within the highway making this novel a sheer satisfaction at times. Harrison loves to ponder himself as a man's man; booze, sex, looking dogs, trout fishing, and consuming pork are his life's pleasures. this can bore the hell out of a few readers yet he is

also sentimental and wax poetically over the virtues of an outstanding book. Harrison is on the best of his shape here. Like riding move state in a Cadillac Eldorado with the radio blasting, this publication is simply flat out fun.

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