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Description:

A short ebook-only publication detailing the continued tortures that the British and Americans have inflicted on the French over the past few years, following on from the ten centuries of conflict described in Clarke's bestselling book 1000 Years of Annoying the French.

#### A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

Bonjour dear reader,

Ever since European history began, we Brits have been happily engaged in our national pastime - annoying the French. And ever since the US came into existence, Americans have joined the party. The past couple of years have shown that this annoying never stops. To give just three examples:

When French political superstar Dominique Strauss-Kahn was arrested in New York, France's establishment was outraged. It soon emerged that the country's male élite regarded sexual harassment as a basic human right.

After a mid-Atlantic collision between French and British nuclear submarines, France's Minister of Defense seemed to blame the accident on ... shrimps.

And when British Prime Minister David Cameron walked out of a Eurosummit, a French politician accused him of being 'like a man at a wife-swapping party who refuses to bring his own wife.' Yes, a very French image, and it just one of the many anti-Anglophone insults that came flying across the Channel.

You will find all this, and much more, in Annoying the French Encore! Because, for the French, the merde never ends.

Yours historically,

Stephen Clarke

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"An irreverent modern look at the history of the often turbulent relationship between England and France" - The Times

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"Stephen Clarke's new book should put a spring in your step...there is huge fun to be had in Clarke's wellresearched account...anyone who's ever encountered a snooty Parisian waiter or found themselves driving on the Boulevard Peripherique during August will enjoy this book." -The Daily Mail

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