



## Peter Fiennes

**Peter Fiennes**, former publisher of Time Out Travel Guides, has turned his hand to writing books. Reviewers and book readers have loved his engaging and humorous prose, so it was a pleasure for Andrew Stuck to record an interview with him to talk about the travel writers that he most admires, a dozen of whom he has 'accompanied' in his latest bestselling book: "**Footnotes: A Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers**". Recorded on Clapham Common, in south London on a windy February day in 2020, pre-pandemic lockdown, when frequent jet planes and a helicopter interrupted the recording. 19'57" 9.3MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in February 2020. Published in August 2020 to coincide with the paperback publication of *Footnotes* on <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

*Footnotes: A Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers* is published by One World Publications <https://oneworld-publications.com/footnotes.html>

Previous book *Oak and Ash and Thorn: The Ancient Woods and New Forests of Britain* also published by One World Publications <https://oneworld-publications.com/oak-and-ash-and-thorn.html>

Authors discussed and written about by Peter include: [Beryl Brainbridge](#), [J B Priestly](#), [Wilkie Collins](#), [Celia Fiennes](#), [Gerald of Wales](#), [Johnson](#) & [Boswell](#), [Charles Dickens](#), and [Somerville & Ross](#)

Specific books mentioned: "English Journey" by J B Priestly [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English\\_Journey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Journey) "Rambles beyond Railways" - Wilkie Collins <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/28367/28367-h/28367-h.htm>

Beryl Bainbridge joined artist, Yankel Feather at the GX Gallery in Camberwell [https://www.arteastgallery.co.uk/usr/library/documents/main/yankel-feather-catalogue-inner\\_finallowres.pdf](https://www.arteastgallery.co.uk/usr/library/documents/main/yankel-feather-catalogue-inner_finallowres.pdf)

Beryl, Yankel and singer [Cilla Black](#) were the custodians of the Cavern Club in Liverpool where the Beatles were first celebrated. Beryl may have hosted a party guests of which included George Harrison. <https://www.cavernclub.com/>

Battle of Culloden 1745 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Culloden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Culloden)

Ellen Ternan [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen\\_Ternan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_Ternan)

Two walks recommended by Peter Fiennes:

1. [Ithell Colquhoun](#): Lamorna Cove, Cornwall <https://www.visitcornwall.com/beaches/west-cornwall/lands-end/lamorna-cove-beach> South West Coast Path <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/> From Sennen Cove to Lamorna <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/158/> From Lamorna to Marazion <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/159/>
2. Following Charles Dickens' cortege from Charing Cross to Westminster Abbey, taking in his house and now the Dickens' Museum in Doughty Street, Seven Dials, Covent Garden, and the One Tunn pub in Farringdon <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2019/dec/30/charles-dickens-london-walk-walking-tour>