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St. Martin's. 1 Cloth(s), 2012. hard. Book Condition: New. The author of *Man Walks into a Pub* and the travel book *Three Sheets to the Wind* London's Times Literary Supplement called him "the beer drinker's Bill Bryson" Pete Brown here gives us a cheery history of Britain in the life and times of one special pub. The George Inn, near London Bridge, is a cozy, wood-paneled, galleried coaching inn a few minutes' walk from the Thames. Brown invites you to grab a pint, lean back against the wall, and then consider this: who else has rested their head against that wall, over the last 600 years? Chaucer, almost certainly, and likely Shakespeare; Dickens for a fact; and scads of mail carriers and highway travelers on their way to and from all parts of the British Empire. "Brown's fourth book on the world of beer is a history of innkeeping in England, because inns found it essential to brew. At the center of the centuries-long story is London's oldest inn, the George, just a hop-skip south of London Bridge in Southwark. The George's heritage is traceable from Chaucer's day, though the Canterbury pilgrims embarked from the Tabard next door, and it figures in...



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