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ILLUSTRATIONS:	Over 200 colour illustrations, including maps
TEXT:	130,000 words, including introduction, running text for twelve chapters, captions and Gazetteer entries, Bibliography and Credits
MARKET:	<p>Travellers from the U.S. to the U.K. and vice-versa; expatriate Americans resident in the U.K.; specialist travel and history bookstores; social, political and economic historians; all those with an interest in travel, history, literature, architecture and the arts</p> <p>Will particularly appeal to American tourists (over 2.4 million North Americans visited the U.K. in 2006) and American expatriates in the U.K. (currently over 224,000 resident).</p>
SALES POINTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A widely-researched combination of historical biography, tour guide and reference book featuring both subject-specific chapters and a Gazetteer• Focuses on real people and real places, and why they are important in American history• A fresh approach to discovering American history in England
CONTENTS:	<p>Many of America's most notable citizens have spent substantial amounts of time in England, and yet the traces of their lives are widely overlooked by travellers.</p> <p>For example, Thomas Paine, author of <i>Common Sense</i>, which helped incite revolt in the American Colonies, was born in Thetford, Norfolk, where Paine lived until the age of 19. The town of Thetford has even organized a walking tour of Paine's birthplace, his school, his church and the library where the Thomas Paine Collection is housed.</p>

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In London, tourists can visit Benjamin Franklin's only fully preserved residence. During the sixteen years he lived there, Franklin's home at 36 Craven Street served as a *de facto* American embassy, where he first articulated his argument disputing the right of the British Parliament to tax the American colonies without representation. Today visitors can view a live dramatization of Franklin's emotional last evening in London, complete with state-of-the-art sound and light technology.

Historic figures like Thomas Paine and Benjamin Franklin fascinate author Catherine Leitch, an American who has lived in England for fourteen years. During this time she has compiled anecdotes, maps and descriptions of the often-surprising connections that exist between English and American culture.

This brand new book opens with an historical overview of England and America, before presenting twelve chapters which look variously at Colonial Settlers in the New World, the birth of American Independence, military connections, politicians, American ladies in England, artists, musicians, poets and writers. Each section contains illustrated entries for key people, how they relate to American history and why they are important, together with a list of places connected to the person that can be visited. These places are listed in the Gazetteer which follows. Special text boxes also feature information on major buildings and cities with notable connections to America, such as St Paul's Cathedral in London, Bristol and Plymouth.

With its mix of the unexpected and unusual, lively and informative text and beautiful colour images, this book will inspire readers to learn about the Britons who have had a defining influence on America, be they colonists, heroes, artists, educators or philosophers, and also about those Americans who travelled eastward across the Atlantic to make a lasting contribution to the culture of Britain.

AUTHOR:

Catherine Leitch is an historian born in the United States. She earned a Masters degree at Vanderbilt University and has taught history in the U.S. For the past 14 years she has made England her home. She lives with her family in London.



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