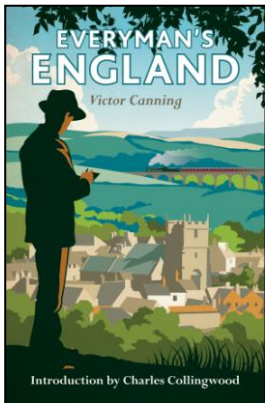


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**Victor Canning**

With an introduction by

**Charles Collingwood**

(Brian Aldridge in BBC Radio 4's "The Archers")

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**Charles Collingwood** (who writes the introduction) is a British actor renowned for his role as Brian Aldridge in BBC Radio 4's *The Archers*. Charles is also a seasoned broadcaster who appears on radio panel games and current affairs programmes.

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