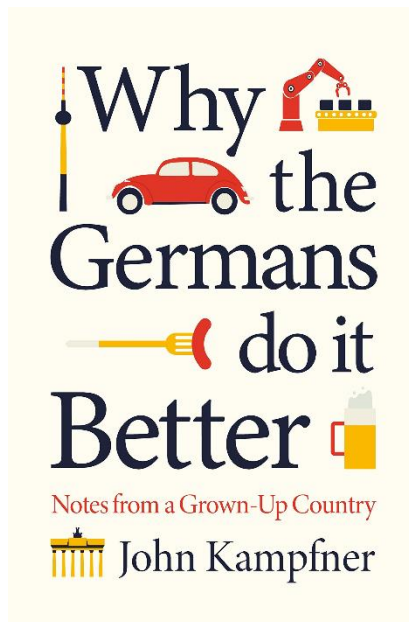


# WRITER'S TALK

**John Kampfner**

**Monday 11 January 2021 at 5pm**

## "Why the Germans Do it Better"



Emerging from a collection of disparate city states 150 years ago, no other country has had as turbulent a history as Germany or enjoyed so much prosperity in such a short time frame. Today, as much of the world succumbs to authoritarianism and democracy is undermined from its heart, Germany stands as a bulwark for decency and stability. Mixing personal journey and anecdote with compelling empirical evidence, this is a searching and entertaining exploration of the country many in the West still love to hate. Raising important questions for our post-Brexit landscape, Kampfner asks why Germany has become a model for others to emulate, while Britain still languishes in wartime nostalgia and fails to tackle contemporary challenges. Part

memoir, part history, part travelogue, *Why the Germans Do It Better* is a rich and witty portrait of an eternally fascinating country.

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