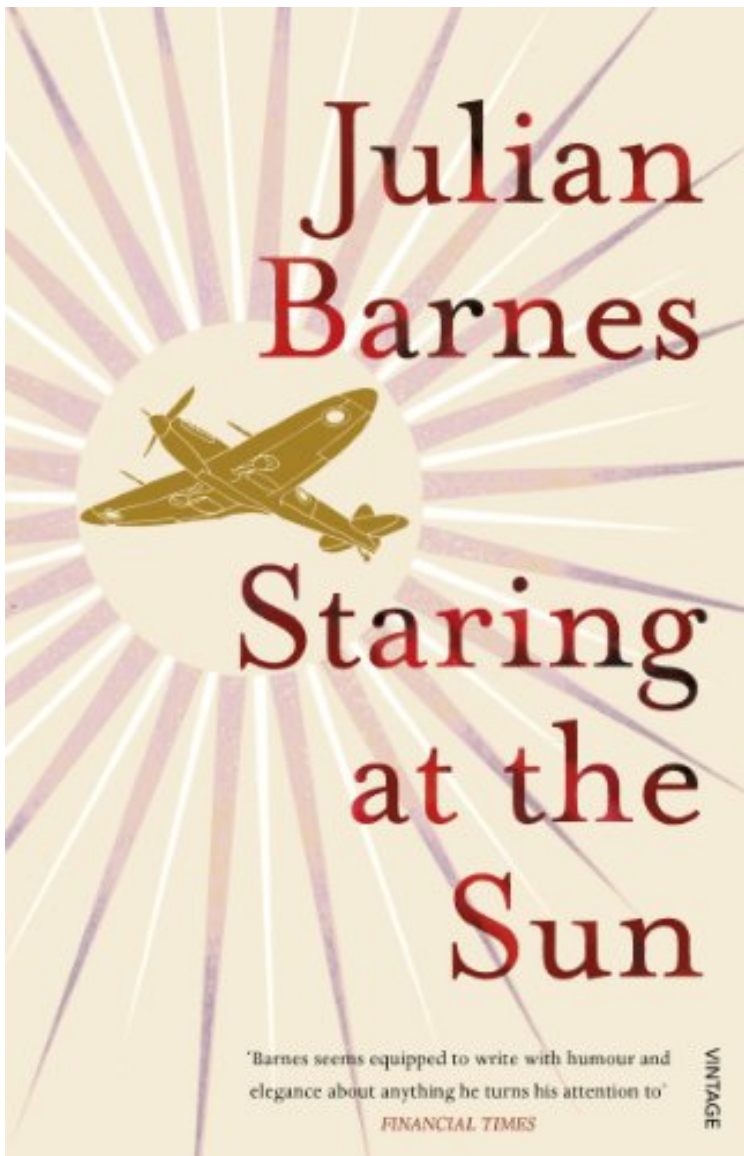


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middle age, she is befriended by her son's girlfriend, whose attempts to seduce her are in vain; Jean has always preferred "the sleeping part." Finally, at the age of 100, she remembers a young fighter pilot's description of flying up into the sun. Jean has managed to find answers to most of the questions she has considered during her long life, but why the pilot is fascinated by staring at the sun has eluded her until now. This is a gentle novel by the author of the acclaimed *Flaubert's Parrot* (LJ 4/1/85). Recommended. Mary K. Prokop, CEL Regional Lib., Savannah, Ga. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. *Revue de presse* "None of Mr Barnes's previous work... has quite prepared us for the bewildering maturity of *Staring at the Sun*...it dazzles in depth" (*Harpers Queen*) "Brilliant... Mr Barnes's work is at the forefront of a new internationalization of British fiction" (*New York Times*) "A remarkable and risk-taking book, breezily philosophical and light-fingered, funny and also genuinely affecting in that it touches both the heart and the head" (*Glasgow Herald*)