

The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain

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A loving and hilarious-if occasionally spiky-valentine to Bill Bryson's adopted country, Great Britain. Prepare for total joy and multiple episodes of unseemly laughter.

Twenty years ago, Bill Bryson went on a trip around Britain to discover and celebrate that green and pleasant land. The result was *Notes from a Small Island*, a true classic and one of the bestselling travel books ever written. Now he has traveled about Britain again, by bus and train and rental car and on foot, to see what has changed-and what hasn't.

Following (but not too closely) a route he dubs the Bryson Line, from Bognor Regis in the south to Cape Wrath in the north, by way of places few travelers ever get to at all, Bryson rediscovers the wondrously beautiful, magnificently eccentric, endearingly singular country that he both celebrates and, when called for, twits. With his matchless instinct for the funniest and quirkiest and his unerring eye for the idiotic, the bewildering, the appealing, and the ridiculous, he offers acute and perceptive insights into all that is best and worst about Britain today.

Nothing is more entertaining than Bill Bryson on the road-and on a tear. *The Road to Little Dribbling* reaffirms his stature as a master of the travel narrative-and a really, really funny guy.

An Amazon Best Book of January 2016:

The Road to Little Dribbling comes twenty years after Bill Bryson's *Notes from a Small Island*, in which he first described his love affair with his adopted Great Britain. That first book was laugh-out-loud funny, and so is this one. It opens with Bryson describing (hilariously) the perils of growing older, eventually revealing the author's successful passing of the Life in Britain Knowledge Test (thus, making him a British citizen). The rest of the book follows that pattern: Bryson describes getting older, and he describes Great Britain via a trip he took across the 700 mile long island. While he tried to avoid places he visited in *Notes from a Small Island*-he does revisit Dover-those who read the first book will enjoy a welcome sense of the familiar-even if Bryson appears to have grown a little more cynical and angry with age. But give the guy a break: the world is changing, even his beloved "cozy and embraceable" island. And as he writes in the book, "I recently realized with dismay that I am even too old for early onset dementia. Any dementia I get will be right on time." --Chris Schlupe
Bill Bryson's bestselling books include *A Walk in the Woods* (now a major motion picture starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte), *Notes from a Small Island*, *I'm a Stranger Here Myself*, *In a Sunburned Country*, *A Short History of Nearly Everything* (which earned him the 2004 Aventis Prize), *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, *At Home*, and *One Summer*. He lives in England with his wife.

Other Books

The Chocolate Temptation, *Aku membenci Patrick*. Ia atasanku di dapur, tiap hari kami bergelut dengan gula-gula, pastry, dan makanan manis nan lezat lainnya. Namun, tekanan kerja yang kudapat tak semanis hidangan-hidangan yang selalu kusajikan. Kelakuan Patrick menambah bebanku saja! Bukan karena ia jahat dan menyebalkan, melainkan ia terlalu perhatian. Terlalu mencurigakan, dan terlalu tampan! Tiap hari ia menyiapkan sarapan, dan selalu menggodaku dengan sapaan "Sarabelle". Aku benci semua sikap manisnya, karena pria seperti dia pasti mengumbar itu kepada semua wanita. Dan, yang paling kubenci, jantungku ini terus berdetak lebih kencang setiap kali Patrick melakukannya. [Mizan, Bentang Pustaka, Novel, Terjemahan, Best Seller, Romance, Cinta, Indonesia]

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