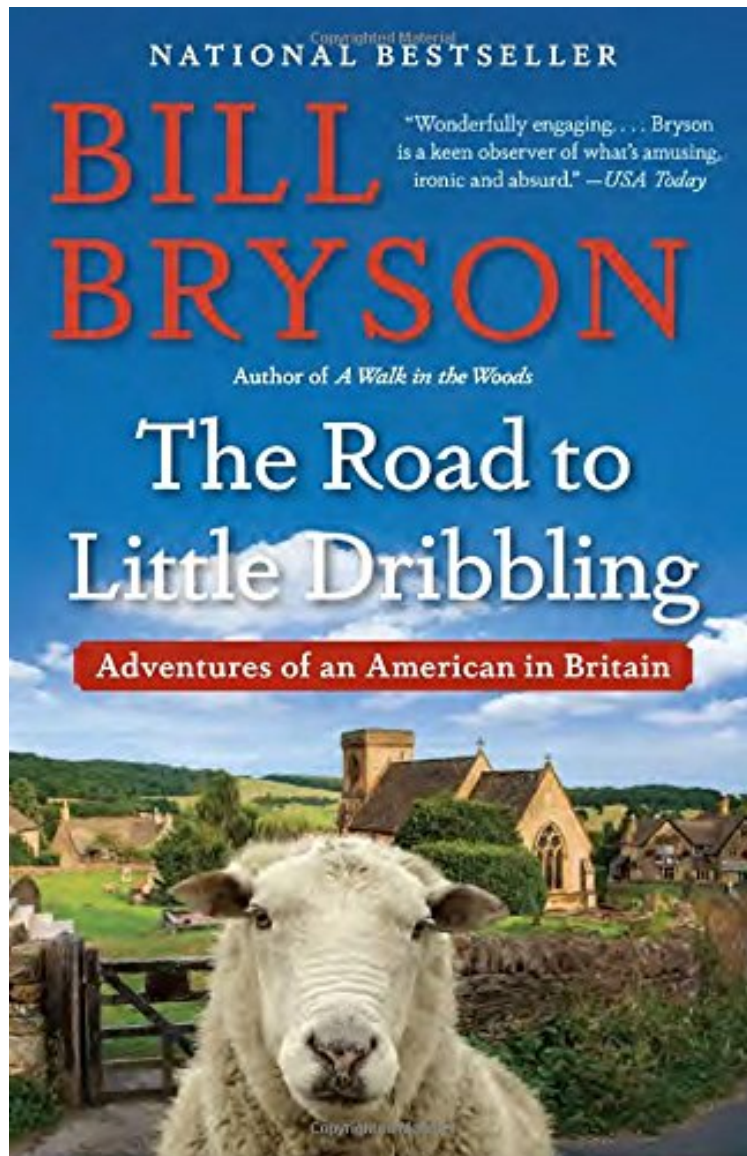


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Bill Bryson : The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain:

17 of 18 people found the following review helpful. It is good Bryson, but not his bestBy Dennis RutzouIt is good

Bryson, but not his best. Perhaps my reservation is that I don't live in the UK and therefore couldn't relate to some of the locations. Sections of the book were too repetitious and he seemed to revert to the fart jokes for shock value too often. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Slightly DisappointedBy bayou grandma This was pleasant and adequate but I am a huge Bryson fan and I am not used to him being adequate. I have all of his travel literature, plus the Short History and the Shakespeare, all of which are outstanding, so this was a disappointment. I felt like he wrote it just to maybe fulfill a contract and not out of his usual love of life and travel. However, Bill Bryson remains one of my favorite authors and I look forward to his next book, whether travel or another of his non-fiction explorations - he is always worth another look. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. When compared to my favorite Bryson book By BOAI am a huge fan of Bill Bryson's writing style and humor. However, in this book, I found his tone to be off-putting in that he is quite condescending and fairly intolerant of those less gifted than he. I agree with Mr. Bryson that America is rapidly stumbling into "idiocracy" but he really makes a point of it in his book "The Road to Little Dribbling". To be fair, he sends the same message about Britain but to a lesser extent. When compared to my favorite Bryson book, "In A Sunburned Country", I found this book to be far less humbling and humorous and far more arrogant on the part of the author. I did, however, learn a lot about Britain - facts I never knew - which made the book interesting to read. Also, I liked the way Bryson uses anecdotal stories to introduce each place he visits. The book is a fast read and fun, for the most part.

In 1995, Iowa native Bill Bryson took a motoring trip around Britain to explore that green and pleasant land. The uproarious book that resulted, *Notes from a Small Island*, is one of the most acute portrayals of the United Kingdom ever written. Two decades later, Bryson—now a British citizen—set out again to rediscover his adopted country. In these pages, he follows a straight line through the island—from Bognor Regis to Cape Wrath—and shows us every pub, stone village, and human foible along the way. Whether he is dodging cow attacks in Torcross, getting lost in the HM on Kensington High Street, or—more seriously—contemplating the future of the nation's natural wonders in the face of aggressive development, Bryson guides us through the old and the new with vivid detail and laugh-out-loud humor. Irreverent, endearing, and always hilarious, *The Road to Little Dribbling* is filled with Bill Bryson's deep knowledge and love of his chosen home.

.com An 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 “Wonderfully engaging. . . . Bryson is a keen observer of what's amusing, ironic and absurd.” —USA Today “Riveting. . . . Bryson is a master. . . . Almost as satisfying as being there yourself.” —Entertainment Weekly “Bryson is a jovial companion and his typically funny self.” —Chicago Tribune “A cheeky romp through Britain's heart . . . affectionately celebrates, and devilishly skewers.” —San Francisco Chronicle “Such a pleasure to once again travel the lanes and walking paths of Britain in the company of Bill Bryson! . . . It's a rare book that will make me laugh out loud. This one did, over and over.” —Erik Larson, author of *The Devil in the White City* “Genuinely hilarious. . . . At Bryson's age, he can (and does) feel entitled not only to be done with such ugliness, but also to express his displeasure in ways most of us only dream of daring to do. And when he sees beauty and wonder in the world, he is rhapsodic—even evangelical.” —Minneapolis Star Tribune “Bryson's capacity for wonder at the beauty of his adopted homeland seems to have only grown with time.” —The Washington Post “Charming. . . . Traveling with Bryson is fun because he never sugarcoats the hassles, the overpriced crummy food that runs abundant in touristy places—and the absolute delight of finding unexpected sights or happenstance meetings. . . . Here's hoping Bryson remains cranky and curious for many years to come.” —The Christian Science Monitor “Bryson is an entertaining travel companion. . . . He writes lyrically on the monuments at Stonehenge and Avebury. He is great on the joy of walking through the English countryside.” —The Wall Street Journal “A gloriously funny read. . . . Bryson has no equal.” —Daily Express “A funny and pleasant travelogue. Bryson can capture a place memorably with just a sharp phrase or two. . . . Wry and winning.” —NPR “A prolonged and hilarious love letter describing Mr. Bryson's 40-year relationship with his adoptive country. . . . A joyous tribute to British patience, stoicism, sense of fairness. . . . Generous, funny, modest and admirable . . . packed with great writing.” —The Washington Times “Fascinating. . . . A worthy successor and sequel to his classic *Notes From A Small Island*. . . . You could hardly ask for a better guide to Great Britain than Bill Bryson.” —The Miami Herald “The history of a love affair, the very special relationship between Bryson and Britain. We remain lucky to

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About the Author 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. www.billbrysonbooks.com