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*Taming the Atom* - Hans Christian Von Baeyer 2000-01-01

Fascinating, accessible study recounts the process of discovery, from atomism of the Greeks to quantum revolutions of the 1920s and the theories and conjectures of today. Topics include components of the atom, quantum mechanics, atomic landscape, atoms in isolation, more.

"Lucid and entertaining." — The New York Times Book Review.

**Lonely Hearts of the Cosmos** - Dennis Overbye 2021-12-21

Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award: the "intensely exciting" story of a group of brilliant scientists who set out to answer the deepest questions about the origin of the universe and changed the course of physics and astronomy forever (Newsday). In southern California, nearly a half century ago, a small band of researchers — equipped with a new 200-inch telescope and a faith born of scientific optimism — embarked on the greatest intellectual adventure in the history of humankind: the search for the origin and fate of the universe. Their quest would eventually engulf all of physics and astronomy, leading not only to the discovery of quasars, black holes, and shadow matter but also to fame, controversy, and Nobel Prizes. *Lonely Hearts of the Cosmos* tells the story of the men and women who have taken eternity on their shoulders and stormed nature in search of answers to the deepest questions we know to ask. "Written with such wit and verve that it is hard not to zip through in one sitting." —Washington Post

*The Elements of a Home* - Amy Azzarito 2020-03-17

The Elements of a Home reveals the fascinating stories behind more than 60 everyday household objects and furnishings. Brimming with amusing anecdotes and absorbing trivia, this captivating collection is a treasure trove of curiosities. With tales from the kitchen, the bedroom, and every room in between, these pages expose how napkins got their start as lumps of dough in ancient Greece, why forks were once seen as immoral tools of the devil, and how Plato devised one of the earliest alarm clocks using rocks and water—plus so much more. • A charming book for anyone who loves history, design, or décor • Readers discover tales from every nook and cranny of a home. • Entries feature historical details from locations all over the world, including Europe, Asia, North America, and Africa. As a design historian and former managing editor of Design\*Sponge, author Amy Azzarito has crafted an engaging, whimsical history of the household objects you've never thought twice about. The result is a fascinating book filled with tidbits from a wide range of cultures and places about the history of domestic luxury. • Filled with lovely illustrations by Alice Pattullo • Perfect for anyone who adores interior design, trivia, history, and unique facts • Great for those who enjoyed *The Greatest Stories Never Told: 100 Tales from History to Astonish, Bewilder, and Stupefy* by Rick Beyer, *An Uncommon History of Common Things* by Bethanne Patrick and John Thompson, *Encyclopedia*

of the Exquisite: An Anecdotal History of Elegant Delights by Jessica Kerwin Jenkins

El cuerpo humano - Bill Bryson 2020-02-27

Nos pasamos toda una vida con un solo cuerpo y casi no sabemos cómo funciona. Desde los genes hasta nuestra capacidad de hablar, pasando por nuestras constantes adaptaciones al medio y los riesgos que corremos, este libro nos descubre que nuestro microcosmos es un verdadero milagro, lleno de prodigios y de secretos asombrosos. Explicar el cuerpo humano en toda su integridad, y hacerlo para todos los públicos, solo está al alcance de un autor como Bill Bryson. Con su habitual talento narrativo, su capacidad para sintetizar amplios conocimientos y su cultura para revelar datos sorprendentes, Bryson demuestra que es el mejor y más divertido guía para emprender un apasionante viaje hacia nuestro interior. "El cuerpo humano es un mapa de las maravillas, un recorrido por un miembro minúsculo" THE GUARDIAN

**El cuerpo humano** - Bill Bryson 2020

*Notes from a Small Island* - Bill Bryson 2015-06-02

Before New York Times bestselling author Bill Bryson wrote *The Road to Little Dribbling*, he took this delightfully irreverent jaunt around the unparalleled floating nation of Great Britain, which has produced zebra crossings, Shakespeare, Twiggie Winkie's Farm, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Titsey.

*Una muy breve historia de casi todo* -

**En casa** - Bill Bryson 2013-07-01

A Bill Bryson se le ocurrió un día la idea de que dedicamos mucho más tiempo a estudiar las batallas y las guerras de la historia que a reflexionar sobre aquello de lo que en realidad está hecha la historia: siglos de gente desarrollando con discreción sus tareas diarias, comiendo, durmiendo y tratando de vivir con más comodidades, y que la mayor parte de los principales descubrimientos de la humanidad se encuentran en la mismísima estructura de las casas que habitamos. Esto

fue lo que le inspiró a iniciar un viaje por su propia casa, una vieja rectoría de Nordfolk, y a pasear de habitación en habitación reflexionando sobre el origen de los objetos cotidianos de la vida. En su recorrido llevó a cabo una cantidad prodigiosa de investigación sobre la historia de absolutamente todo, desde la arquitectura a la electricidad, desde la conservación de los alimentos a las epidemias, desde el comercio de las especias a la Torre Eiffel, desde los miriñaques a los retretes, y sobre las mentes brillantes, creativas y a menudo excéntricas que encontramos detrás de todo ello. Bryson aplica la misma curiosidad incontenible y el mismo ingenio irresistible que hicieron de *Una breve historia* de casi todo uno de los libros más elogiados de la última década, y ofrece uno de los libros más entretenidos y esclarecedores sobre la historia de nuestra forma de vida.

**A Short History of Chemistry** - Isaac Asimov 1965-01-01

Examines the development of the basic principles of chemistry from the Bronze Age to the present day

**One Summer** - Bill Bryson 2013-10-01

A Chicago Tribune Noteworthy Book A GoodReads Reader's Choice In *One Summer* Bill Bryson, one of our greatest and most beloved nonfiction writers, transports readers on a journey back to one amazing season in American life. The summer of 1927 began with one of the signature events of the twentieth century: on May 21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh became the first man to cross the Atlantic by plane nonstop, and when he landed in Le Bourget airfield near Paris, he ignited an explosion of worldwide rapture and instantly became the most famous person on the planet. Meanwhile, the titanically talented Babe Ruth was beginning his assault on the home run record, which would culminate on September 30 with his sixtieth blast, one of the most resonant and durable records in sports history. In between those dates a Queens housewife named Ruth Snyder and her corset-salesman lover garroted her husband, leading to a murder trial that became a huge tabloid sensation. Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly sat atop a flagpole in Newark, New Jersey, for twelve days—a new record. The American South was clobbered by unprecedented rain and by flooding of the Mississippi



about the ordinary things of life as found in that comfortable home. To remedy this, he formed the idea of journeying about his house from room to room to "write a history of the world without leaving home." The bathroom provides the occasion for a history of hygiene; the bedroom, sex, death, and sleep; the kitchen, nutrition and the spice trade. Bryson shows how each has shaped the evolution of private life. Whatever happens in the world, he demonstrates, ends up in our house, in the paint and the pipes and the pillows and every item of furniture.

**A Short History of the Argentinians** - Felix Luna 2004

**Electric Universe** - David Bodanis 2006-02-28

The bestselling author of  $E=mc^2$  weaves tales of romance, divine inspiration, and fraud through an account of the invisible force that permeates our universe—electricity—and introduces us to the virtuoso scientists who plumbed its secrets. For centuries, electricity was seen as little more than a curious property of certain substances that sparked when rubbed. Then, in the 1790s, Alessandro Volta began the scientific investigation that ignited an explosion of knowledge and invention. The force that once seemed inconsequential was revealed to be responsible for everything from the structure of the atom to the functioning of our brains. In harnessing its power, we have created a world of wonders—complete with roller coasters and radar, computer networks and psychopharmaceuticals. In *Electric Universe*, the great discoverers come to life in all their brilliance and idiosyncrasy, including the visionary Michael Faraday, who struggled against the prejudices of the British class system, and Samuel Morse, a painter who, before inventing the telegraph, ran for mayor of New York City on a platform of persecuting Catholics. Here too is Alan Turing, whose dream of a marvelous thinking machine—what we know as the computer—was met with indifference, and who ended his life in despair after British authorities forced him to undergo experimental treatments to “cure” his homosexuality. From the frigid waters of the Atlantic to the streets of Hamburg during a World War II firestorm to the interior of the human body, *Electric Universe* is a mesmerizing journey of discovery.

[A Little History of the World](#) - E. H. Gombrich 2014-10-01

E. H. Gombrich's *Little History of the World*, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the *Little History* brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

**Sapiens** - Yuval Noah Harari 2015-02-10

New York Times Bestseller A Summer Reading Pick for President Barack Obama, Bill Gates, and Mark Zuckerberg From a renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution—a #1 international bestseller—that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be “human.” One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one—homo sapiens. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us? Most books about the history of humanity pursue either a historical or a biological approach, but Dr. Yuval Noah Harari breaks the mold with this highly original book that begins about 70,000 years ago with the appearance of modern cognition. From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecosystem to charting the rise of empires, *Sapiens* integrates history and science to reconsider

accepted narratives, connect past developments with contemporary concerns, and examine specific events within the context of larger ideas. Dr. Harari also compels us to look ahead, because over the last few decades humans have begun to bend laws of natural selection that have governed life for the past four billion years. We are acquiring the ability to design not only the world around us, but also ourselves. Where is this leading us, and what do we want to become? Featuring 27 photographs, 6 maps, and 25 illustrations/diagrams, this provocative and insightful work is sure to spark debate and is essential reading for aficionados of Jared Diamond, James Gleick, Matt Ridley, Robert Wright, and Sharon Moalem.

When Things Go Wrong: Diseases - Bill Bryson 2020-04-21

In this selection from *The Body*, his compulsively readable and bestselling owner's manual to the human body, Bill Bryson introduces us to the mysterious, and often devastating, world of disease. Written with extraordinary insight and filled with remarkable facts, *When Things Go Wrong* deepens our understanding of the maladies that afflict us--what they are and how they work. A Vintage Short.

Nineteen Eighty-Four - George Orwell 2021-01-09

"Nineteen Eighty-Four: A Novel", often published as "1984", is a dystopian social science fiction novel by English novelist George Orwell. It was published on 8 June 1949 by Secker & Warburg as Orwell's ninth and final book completed in his lifetime. Thematically, "Nineteen Eighty-Four" centres on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of persons and behaviours within society. Orwell, himself a democratic socialist, modelled the authoritarian government in the novel after Stalinist Russia. More broadly, the novel examines the role of truth and facts within politics and the ways in which they are manipulated. The story takes place in an imagined future, the year 1984, when much of the world has fallen victim to perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, historical negationism, and propaganda. Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, has become a province of a totalitarian superstate named Oceania that is ruled by the Party who employ the Thought Police to persecute individuality and

independent thinking. Big Brother, the leader of the Party, enjoys an intense cult of personality despite the fact that he may not even exist. The protagonist, Winston Smith, is a diligent and skillful rank-and-file worker and Outer Party member who secretly hates the Party and dreams of rebellion. He enters into a forbidden relationship with a colleague, Julia, and starts to remember what life was like before the Party came to power.

Aventuras y desventuras del Chico Centella - Bill Bryson 2013-04-30  
LA INFANCIA DE UN CHICO ESTADOUNIDENSE QUE CRECIÓ EN LA DÉCADA DE 1950 Después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, Estados Unidos entró en una época de bonanza como no se había visto antes. El estilo de vida americano se desplegó envuelto en un aura de felicidad e ingenuidad: se podían comprar hasta cien marcas de helados, la mayoría de los hogares disponían de televisores para ver a Roy Rogers, el vaquero cantarín, y la gente creía que tomarse dos o tres cócteles antes de cenar era saludable. En una de esas prósperas ciudades estadounidenses nació Bill Bryson, que narra en estas fantásticas memorias sus primeros años llenos de entrañables e hilarantes estampas costumbristas, al mismo tiempo que disecciona la sociedad de todo un país.

**A Concise History of Byzantium** - Warren T. Treadgold 2001

A sweeping history of the Byzantine empire traces the history of the Eastern Empire from its split with Rome in 285 A.D. to its final defeat at the hands of the Turks in 1461 A.D., illuminating its remarkable role in preserving classical literature and thought.

**En las Antípodas** - Bill Bryson 2013-04-30

Australia es el sexto país más grande del mundo y la isla más extensa. Isla, país, continente. Seco, árido, yermo y climáticamente agresivo. Un país donde el gusano más peludo mata con su venenoso pinchazo, donde las conchas marinas no sólo pican sino que se persiguen, donde un tiburón puede zamparte o unas irresistibles aguas arrastrarte mar adentro. Ignorando estas amenazas, Bill Bryson viajó a Australia y se enamoró del país. ¿Quién podría culparlo? La gente es alegre, ingeniosa y atenta, sus ciudades son seguras, limpias, casi siempre se sitúan cerca

del agua, la cerveza está fría y el sol brilla con frecuencia. La vida no puede ser mucho mejor que esto.

**Neither here nor there** - Bill Bryson 2015-06-02

In the early seventies, Bill Bryson backpacked across Europe—in search of enlightenment, beer, and women. He was accompanied by an unforgettable sidekick named Stephen Katz (who will be gloriously familiar to readers of Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*). Twenty years later, he decided to retrace his journey. The result is the affectionate and riotously funny *Neither Here Nor There*.

**A Brief History of the Future** - Jacques Attali 2011-07-01

What will planet Earth be like in twenty years? At mid-century? In the year 2100? Prescient and convincing, this book is a must-read for anyone concerned about the future. Never has the world offered more promise for the future and been more fraught with dangers. Attali anticipates an unraveling of American hegemony as transnational corporations sever the ties linking free enterprise to democracy. World tensions will be primed for horrific warfare for resources and dominance. The ultimate question is: Will we leave our children and grandchildren a world that is not only viable but better, or in this nuclear world bequeath to them a planet that will be a living hell? Either way, he warns, the time to act is now.

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak 2007-12-18

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I*

*Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. "The kind of book that can be life-changing." —The New York Times "Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank." —USA Today DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

**The Body** - Bill Bryson 2020-07-21

THE NUMBER ONE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER \_\_\_\_\_ 'A directory of wonders.' - The Guardian 'Jaw-dropping.' - The Times 'Classic, wry, gleeful Bryson...an entertaining and absolutely fact-rammed book.' - The Sunday Times 'It is a feat of narrative skill to bake so many facts into an entertaining and nutritious book.' - The Daily Telegraph \_\_\_\_\_ 'We spend our whole lives in one body and yet most of us have practically no idea how it works and what goes on inside it. The idea of the book is simply to try to understand the extraordinary contraption that is us.' Bill Bryson sets off to explore the human body, how it functions and its remarkable ability to heal itself. Full of extraordinary facts and astonishing stories *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* is a brilliant, often very funny attempt to understand the miracle of our physical and neurological make up. A wonderful successor to *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, this new book is an instant classic. It will have you marvelling at the form you occupy, and celebrating the genius of your existence, time and time again. 'What I learned is that we are infinitely more complex and wondrous, and often more mysterious, than I had ever suspected. There really is no story more amazing than the story of us.' Bill Bryson

*Una muy breve historia de casi todo* - Bill Bryson 2021-05-13

El maravilloso libro sobre la vida, el universo y casi todo lo demás. Con ilustraciones a todo color y repleto de dinosaurios, terremotos, átomos y muchas cosas más, este libro es una adaptación del best seller mundial *Una breve historia de casi todo*, de Bill Bryson. Alguna vez te has preguntado... ¿Qué les pasó a los dinosaurios? ¿Cómo de grande es el universo? ¿Cuánto pesa la Tierra? ¿Por qué los océanos son salados? ¿Sabías que cada uno de los átomos que forma tu organismo seguramente que, antes de formar parte de ti, ha pasado por varias

estrellas y formado parte de millones de organismos? En esta emocionante nueva edición de su éxito mundial Una breve historia de casi todo adaptada para los más jóvenes, Bill Bryson explora los misterios del tiempo, del espacio y de la vida. Por el camino nos encontramos con muchos científicos excéntricos, absurdas teorías en las que se creyó durante muchísimo tiempo y algunos descubrimientos accidentales que cambiaron el devenir de la ciencia. Reseña: «Un libro agudo, interesante y bien documentado.» The Times

**A Walk in the Woods** - Bill Bryson 2012-05-15

God only knows what possessed Bill Bryson, a reluctant adventurer if ever there was one, to undertake a gruelling hike along the world's longest continuous footpath—The Appalachian Trail. The 2,000-plus-mile trail winds through 14 states, stretching along the east coast of the United States, from Georgia to Maine. It snakes through some of the wildest and most spectacular landscapes in North America, as well as through some of its most poverty-stricken and primitive backwoods areas. With his offbeat sensibility, his eye for the absurd, and his laugh-out-loud sense of humour, Bryson recounts his confrontations with nature at its most uncompromising over his five-month journey. An instant classic, riotously funny, A Walk in the Woods will add a whole new audience to the legions of Bill Bryson fans.

Art, Perception, and Reality - E. H. Gombrich 1973-09

Explores questions relating to the nature of representation in art. It asks how we recognize likeness in caricatures or portraits, for instance, and presents the conflicting arguments and opinions of an art historian, a psychologist and a philosopher.

Shakespeare - Bill Bryson 2013-04-30

Bill Bryson, célebre en todo el mundo por su "Una breve historia de casi todo", aborda ahora un enigma mayúsculo: la personalidad de William Shakespeare. De Hamlet, Otelo, el rey Lear y Macbeth conocemos mucho, pero del ser humano que los concibió apenas sabemos nada. Armado de un sano sentido común y de su admirado don comunicativo, Bryson examina datos, suposiciones y mitos para trazar una semblanza lo más precisa posible del dramaturgo y poeta de Stratford upon Avon. El

resultado es una fascinante indagación en la vida (hasta donde alcanza la certidumbre) y el tiempo de Shakespeare. Bryson evoca la Inglaterra isabelina, con el azote de la peste, su expansionismo imperialista, la emergente capital londinense y los usos y costumbres del mundo teatral. Y en este marco histórico, que depara sorpresas notables y proporciona un marco muy enriquecedor para el lector actual de Shakespeare, surge la figura del poeta. Bryson no omite ninguno de los aspectos más controvertidos acerca de él.

**A Concise History of Christian Doctrine** - Justo L. González

2010-08-01

An introduction to the core Christian doctrines, the historical context in which they arose, and their ongoing importance to contemporary Christian belief and practice. Justo González has long been recognized as one of our best teachers and interpreters of the church's belief and history. In this new volume he lays out the answers to three questions crucial to understanding the Christian tradition: First, what are the core Christian doctrines? What ideas and convictions form the heart of Christian identity? Second, Where did these doctrines come from? What are the historical contexts in which they first rose to prominence? How have they developed across the history of the church? Finally, what do these doctrines mean today? What claims do they continue to place on Christian belief and practice in the twenty-first century? Written with the clarity and insight for which González is famous, A Short History of Christian Doctrine will serve the needs of students in church history, historical theology, and systematic theology classes in college/university settings, as well as seminaries/theological schools.

**Una muy breve historia de casi todo/ A Very Short History of Nearly Everything** - Bill Bryson 2008

¿Sabías que cada uno de los átomos que forma tu organismo seguramente que, antes de formar parte de ti, ha pasado por varias estrellas y formado parte de millones de organismos? ¿Qué les pasó a los dinosaurios? ¿Cómo de grande es el universo? ¿Cuánto pesa la Tierra? ¿Por qué los océanos son salados? Encontraremos aquí unos cuantos científicos raros, teorías erróneas que dominaron durante demasiado

tiempo, y varios descubrimientos casuales que cambiaron la historia de la ciencia

[A Briefer History of Time](#) - Stephen Hawking 2008-05-13

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHORS The science classic made more accessible • More concise • Illustrated FROM ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS OF OUR TIME COMES A BOOK THAT CLARIFIES HIS MOST IMPORTANT IDEAS Stephen Hawking's worldwide bestseller A Brief History of Time remains a landmark volume in scientific writing. But for years readers have asked for a more accessible formulation of its key concepts—the nature of space and time, the role of God in creation, and the history and future of the universe. A Briefer History of Time is Professor Hawking's response. Although "briefer," this book is much more than a mere explanation of Hawking's earlier work. A Briefer History of Time both clarifies and expands on the great subjects of the original, and records the latest developments in the field—from string theory to the search for a unified theory of all the forces of physics. Thirty-seven full-color illustrations enhance the text and make A Briefer History of Time an exhilarating and must-have addition in its own right to the great literature of science and ideas.

**Seeing Further** - Bill Bryson 2019-02-07

Edited and introduced by Bill Bryson, and with contributions from Richard Dawkins, Margaret Atwood, David Attenborough, Martin Rees and Richard Fortey amongst others, this is a remarkable volume celebrating the rich history of the Royal Society. Since its inception in 1660, the Royal Society has pioneered scientific discovery and exploration. The oldest scientific academy in existence, its backbone is its Fellowship of the most eminent scientists in history including Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Today, its Fellows are the most influential men and women in science, many of whom have contributed to this ground-breaking volume alongside some of the world's most celebrated novelists, essayists and historians. This book celebrates the Royal Society's vast achievements in its illustrious past as well as its huge contribution to the development of modern science. With unrestricted access to the Society's archives and photographs, Seeing

Further shows that the history of scientific endeavour and discovery is a continuous thread running through the history of the world and of society - and is one that continues to shape the world we live in today.

**The Body** - Bill Bryson 2019-10-15

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Bill Bryson, bestselling author of A Short History of Nearly Everything, takes us on a head-to-toe tour of the marvel that is the human body—with a new afterword for this edition. Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as he guides us through the human body—how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail. Full of extraordinary facts (your body made a million red blood cells since you started reading this) and irresistible Brysonesque anecdotes, The Body will lead you to a deeper understanding of the miracle that is life in general and you in particular. As Bill Bryson writes, "We pass our existence within this wobble of flesh and yet take it almost entirely for granted." The Body will cure that indifference with generous doses of wondrous, compulsively readable facts and information. As addictive as it is comprehensive, this is Bryson at his very best, a must-read owner's manual for every body.

**The Lost Continent** - Bill Bryson 2012-09-25

"I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to." And, as soon as Bill Bryson was old enough, he left. Des Moines couldn't hold him, but it did lure him back. After ten years in England he returned to the land of his youth, and drove almost 14,000 miles in search of a mythical small town called Amalgam, the kind of smiling village where the movies from his youth were set. Instead he drove through a series of horrific burgs, which he renamed Smellville, Fartville, Coleslaw, Coma, and Doldrum. At best his search led him to Anywhere, USA, a lookalike strip of gas stations, motels and hamburger outlets populated by obese and slow-witted hicks with a partiality for synthetic fibres. He discovered a continent that was doubly lost: lost to itself because he found it blighted by greed, pollution, mobile homes and television; lost to him because he had become a foreigner in his own country.

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Mirrors - Eduardo Galeano 2009-05-26

Throughout his career, Eduardo Galeano has turned our understanding of history and reality on its head. Isabelle Allende said his works “invade the reader's mind, to persuade him or her to surrender to the charm of his writing and power of his idealism.” *Mirrors*, Galeano's most ambitious project since *Memory of Fire*, is an unofficial history of the world seen through history's unseen, unheard, and forgotten. As Galeano notes: “Official history has it that Vasco Núñez de Balboa was the first man to see, from a summit in Panama, the two oceans at once. Were the people who lived there blind??” Recalling the lives of artists, writers, gods, and visionaries, from the Garden of Eden to twenty-first-century New York, of the black slaves who built the White House and the women erased by

men's fears, and told in hundreds of kaleidoscopic vignettes, *Mirrors* is a magic mosaic of our humanity.

**The Mother Tongue** - Bill Bryson 2015-06-02

“Vastly informative and vastly entertaining...A scholarly and fascinating book.” —Los Angeles Times With dazzling wit and astonishing insight, Bill Bryson explores the remarkable history, eccentricities, resilience and sheer fun of the English language. From the first descent of the larynx into the throat (why you can talk but your dog can't), to the fine lost art of swearing, Bryson tells the fascinating, often uproarious story of an inadequate, second-rate tongue of peasants that developed into one of the world's largest growth industries.