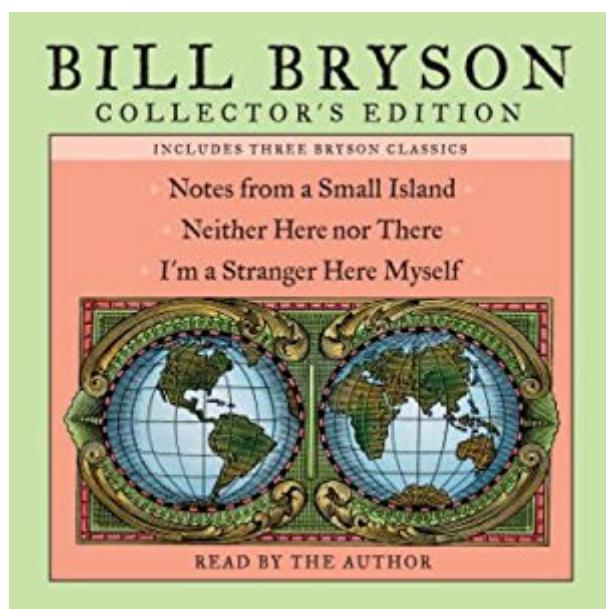


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Bill Bryson Collector's Edition: Notes From A Small Island, Neither Here Nor There, And I'm A Stranger Here Myself



Synopsis

Notes from a Small IslandAfter nearly two decades in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to move his wife and kids back to his homeland of the United States. But not before taking one last trip around Britain, a sort of valedictory tour of the green and kindly island that had so long been his home. The result is a hilarious social commentary that conveys the true glory of Britain.Neither Here nor ThereThirty years after backpacking across Europe, Bill Bryson decides to retrace the journey he undertook in the halcyon days of his youth—carrying with him a bag of maps, old clothes—and a stinging wit honed to razor sharpness by two decades of adult experience. I'm a Stranger Here MyselfBill Bryson read “somewhere” that nearly three million Americans believed they had been abducted by aliens—clearly the Americans needed Bill back. So after years raising his family in Britain with his English wife, the brood moves to the United States, and leaves Bill to chronicle the quirkiest aspects of life in America as he reveals his own rules for life. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

Even though I had read his book "Notes from a Small Island" - in fact ALL his books - I enjoyed hearing the author read his own recollections of travels in England both recently and in the past. Having lived in England for 25 years, I was amazed how accurate his observations are, and I laughed out loud so many times while reading this book and again while listening to his CD. Perhaps better enjoyed by those of us who have been in England, but then again it may appeal to armchair travellers. As they say in Britain, "he is spot on" - or right on the mark. I listened to this CD

while working out at the Gym and laughed so often I began to get funny looks. This book/CD tops my list. "Neither Here Nor There" continues his travels in Europe, and I still laugh when I read that "Italians park their cars as though they had just spilled acid on their laps." Recommended for travellers and would-be travellers.

Love Bryson's dry humor? Get motion sickness while reading in the car? Turn off the Grateful Dead and pop in a book. You can put the Dead back on later and have a better understanding of the historical and folklore references. DO IT. So much of our American culture, language, and lore comes from stories that were brought here from other places. Notes from a small island and neither here nor there are eye-openers and amusing ones at that. Hear it straight from the author with enough dry humor and wit to shock even a Brit.

Very enjoyable

I purchased the audio book to listen to on a long car trip. The reading by the author is great, however the quality of the recording is inconsistent. Mr. Bryson's natural intonation is fairly low to flat, but as his voice rose (occasionally) and fell (frequently) during his reading of the material, there was little to no effort by the post production team to modulate and equalize the volume - making the lower tones inaudible. At one point I had the volume on my car stereo at maximum and was still missing words and parts of sentences, only to be almost blasted from my seat when a new chapter would start and the volume level rose precipitously. I own 2 other audio books by Mr. Bryson and did not have the same experience with those products.

A must have for a trip to England. Perfect listening for the plane, train or tube!

Boring

Husband loves this tape

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