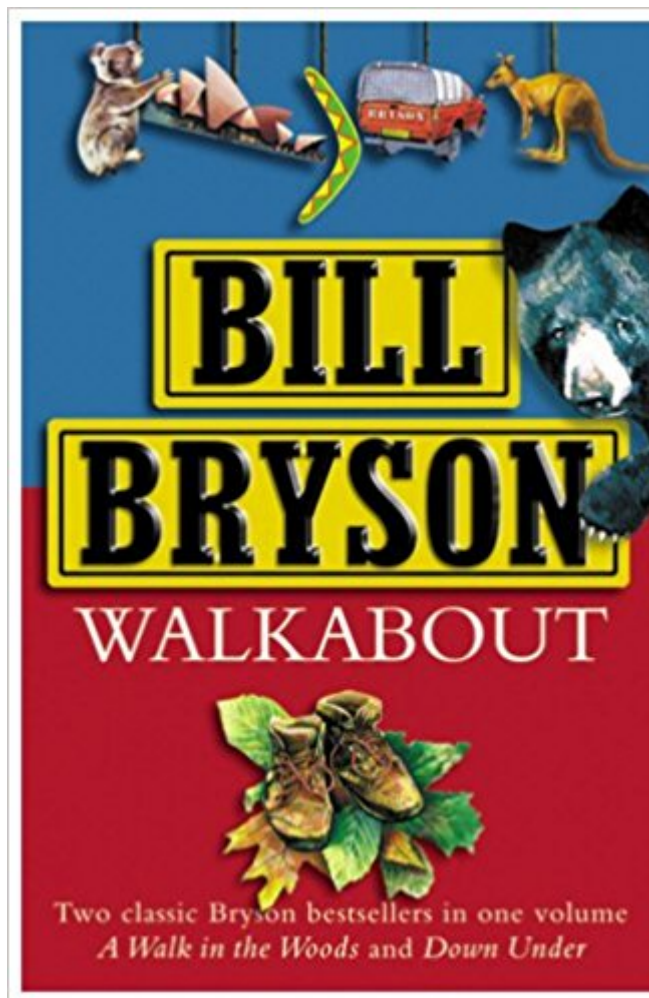


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Customer Reviews

Bill Bryson was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1951. He settled in England in 1977, and lived for many years with his English wife and four children in North Yorkshire. He and his family then moved to America for a few years but have now returned to the UK. His the bestselling travel books include *The Lost Continent*, *Neither Here Nor There*, *A Walk in the Woods* and *Down Under*. He is also the author of the prize-winning *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, and his most recent book is *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*.

This is an enjoyable read, and a bargain with two books combined. I shared others disappointment with "A Walk in the Woods" (though many loved it), as the mean spirited snark lost it's humor after a while, and I was ultimately disappointed with both the switch to day hikes and how the hikers ended up quitting. Bryson gets a little too full of himself in "Down Under" (Waltzing Matilda rewrites, salmon cartoon, running away from dogs etc.), but he does retain many interesting historical anecdotes, and the travel itself is well described and easy to read. I don't often read travel books, though I used to somewhat enjoy Palin's travelogues. I'd call his books here a step above those travelogues, and well written enough to be worthy of a place on the bookshelf.

Amazing book. I'm a Bryson fan to begin with, but Walkabout combines my favorite two of his travelogues- Australia and the Appalachian Trail. Easy reading and entertaining as ever! Down Under might not be the best to read while you're in Australia as he humorously describes everything that could kill you, but still a great read!

I LOVE Bill Bryson, but "A Walk in the Woods" was a let down....only one LOL moment, as opposed to a steady stream of laughter and fascinating characters. Haven't read "Down Under" yet.....hoping to encounter Bill Bryson's usual hysterical brilliance when I do.

I read anything and everything by Bill Bryson. His particular brand of wit, whether he is writing for humor or for serious information, brightens whatever his subject matter may be and adds to the interest and enjoyment. When he is being funny, he is very, very funny. When he is being serious, he does it with a light touch that makes it go down easily and comfortably. He is a meticulous researcher and brilliant user of his chosen tools--words. I loved "Walkabout."

Everybody who reads (wish that were really everybody!) should read Bill Bryson. His prose is flawless and entertaining, and his humor is indescribable.

You need to get this book and find a comfortable place to relax and read, very funny, brought back great memories of our time in Australia and of our bush walks (camping).

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