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Author Bill Bryson

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Bill Bryson has written about nearly everything.

That's the title of one of his best-selling books, "A Short History of Nearly Everything," in which Bryson explores the history of the various sciences to find out "how we got to where we are today, and how we were able to even begin to figure out all those hows."

But a mere glance at the more than 20 books Bryson has published will give one the impression that Bryson really has written about everything.

He's turned his talents and wit to such topics as the Appalachian Trail ("A Walk in the Woods"), grammar and spelling ("Bill Bryson's Dictionary of Troublesome Words"), Shakespeare ("Shakespeare: The World as a Stage"), his adopted homeland of Great Britain ("Notes from a Small Island"), his native soil ("I'm a Stranger Here Myself"), the idea of home ("At Home") and even his own past ("The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid").

Bryson is the subject of the latest Tulsa Reads, a joint project of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers at OSU-Tulsa, Tulsa Town Hall, the Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa World.

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He will take part in "An Evening with Bill Bryson" at the Cain's Ballroom on Thursday, then will be the guest speaker at Tulsa Town Hall Friday morning.

The Thursday event is open to the public. Tulsa Town Hall is available only by subscription; go to tulsatownhall.com for information.

Performances: 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cain's Ballroom, 423 N. Main St.

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