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From Library Journal

A tie-in for a nine-part television series to be broadcast over PBS beginning in September, this is a wide-ranging account of the travels and changes of the English tongue from its beginnings to tomorrow, from England to America to Australia to Africa and India and the Pacific. Despite an occasionally perceptible British bias, the authors have tried hard to paint a colorful, vivid picture of the many faces and varieties of English. The text is never dull, but is enlivened by innumerable examples and by interviews with representative individuals: a minister in Scotland, a couple from the Appalachians, a storekeeper in Newfoundland, a Philadelphia shoeshine man, a cockney fruitseller, an Australian farm family, the president of Sierra Leone, a writing professor in India. A readable book that all public libraries should have. BOMC alternate. Catherine V. von Schon, SUNY, Stony Brook  
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Review

"Highly enjoyable...A first-rate introduction to one of the most fascinating of subjects." —**The New York Times**

"Rarely has the English language been scanned so brightly and broadly in a single volume." —**The San Francisco Chronicle**

About the Author

Robert McCrum is the author of six novels and **My Year Off: Rediscovering Life After a Stroke**. Now literary editor of **The Observer**, he is working on an authorized biography of P. G. Wodehouse.

Robert MacNeil was the co-anchor of PBS's The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. His books include two volumes of memoirs and three novels including his latest, **Breaking News**.

William Cran is the executive producer for the television series **The Story of English**.

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