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Revue de presse "A tremendously sassy work, full of zip, pizzazz and all those other great American qualities" (Will Self Independent on Sunday) "Immensely entertaining... a sharp eye for odd facts and amusing anecdotes" (Michael Sheldon Daily Telegraph) "The book is a triumph. Bryson carries it off by his joie de vivre, his unadorned prose and the sheer width of his snooping beneath the skin of the American dream" (Literary ) "Funny, wise, learned and compulsive" (GQ) Prsentation de l'diteur Funny, wise, learned and compulsive - GQ Bill Bryson turns away from travelling the highways and byways of middle America, so hilariously depicted in his bestselling The Lost Continent, The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid and Notes from a Big Country, for a fast, exhilarating ride along the Route 66 of American language and popular culture. In Made in America, Bryson tells the story of how American arose out of the English language, and along the way, de-mythologizes his native land - explaining how a dusty desert hamlet with neither woods nor holly became Hollywood, how the Wild West wasnt won, why Americans say lootenant and Toosday, how they were eating junk food long before the word itself was cooked up - as well as exposing the true origins of the words G-string, blockbuster, poker and snafu. A tremendously sassy work, full of zip, pizzazz and all those other great American qualities Will Self, Independent on Sunday