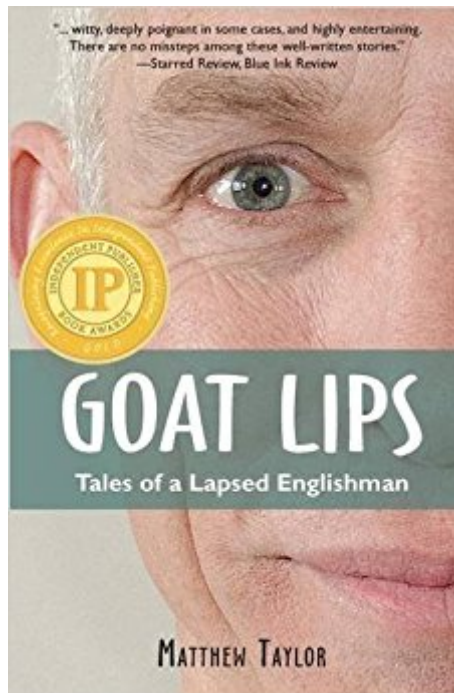




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# Goat Lips: Tales Of A Lapsed Englishman



## Synopsis

GOLD Â WINNERÂ in Humor at National IPPY Book Awards  
SILVER MEDALS in Memoir & Illustration at CIPA EVVY Book Awards  
Finalist in Humor at USA Book Awards  
Finalist in Humor at Indy Excellence Awards

Goat Lips delivers a thought-provoking romp through a lapsed Englishman's life, who--after a quarter century of living in the United States--realized he'd neglected to renew his subscription to England. Matthew's relentless wit and insight is front and center as we bounce between England and the United States, experiencing one hilarious, and sometimes poignant, tale after another--from escaping the clutches of the law to the pain and joy of parenthood, discovering the dangers of real ale and the agony of not being heard, whilst savoring a fiery dessert, the glamour of show business, the awkwardness of nakedness, and the utter wrongness of a Jesus piÃ ata! His ability to question the assumptions of everyday life with a wry grin, tender touch, and a twinkle in his kind eyes makes Matthew's tales endlessly entertaining. You'll want to read them more than once and even share them aloud with others in your best English accent.

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## Customer Reviews

"The combination of evocative prose; a strong, likable, and honest narrator's voice; and an ability to find humor (and wisdom) in challenging moments, makes Goat Lips a winner."Â ~ Mark Tuchman,Â Creative Director, School Library Journal  
"Matthew Taylor is a natural born storyteller. The stories in this collection are told with self-deprecating wit, charm and honesty. And, of course, he's got those lips too."Â -- Steven Cole Hughes,Â Award-Winning Playwright,Â Billy Hell  
"Matthew Taylor's short essays are much more than mere entertainment. They are each a guide on how to

deftly (and humorously) maneuver life's persistent questions and quandaries, all the while instructing you to--above all--smile, relax and enjoy every moment." ~ Mollie O'Brien, Grammy Award-Winning, Singer/Recording Artist  
Starred review "..."witty, deeply poignant in some cases, and highly entertaining. There are no missteps among these well-written stories."  
Blue Ink Review

MATTHEW TAYLOR was transplanted to Colorado from the small sailing village of Itchenor, England. He has been a professional actor, improviser, storyteller, and humorist for the last twenty-five years, working throughout the United States and internationally. He is a partner of A.C.E. Entertainment, which over the last fourteen years has written and produced over fifty original shows, and is currently touring their smash hit, *Girls Only - The Secret Comedy of Women*. Encouraged from the popularity of the A.C.E. show, *Tales of an Englishman*, Matthew continued to commit his stories to paper, which have now been compiled into the book, *Goat Lips: Tales of a Lapsed Englishman*. Matthew has a long history of coaching theatre, storytelling, and the art of improvisation. He formed Persuasion through Narrative in 2010 to teach communication skills through the use of narrative and has quickly gained a strong reputation, especially within the legal profession and educational institutions. Matthew loves to bike, ski, sail, and is proud to be a husband and a father of two fabulous children (who continually keep him on his toes and laughing constantly).

Warm, touching, hilarious, engaging and when finished, this book leaves you wanting another story. Matthew's book is a delightful read with its compilation of a number of true life stories, the kind that have to be true because you just couldn't make this stuff up!! In a true confession, I count myself blessed to call Matthew a friend, so the best aspect of the book for me, is being able to literally "hear" him telling these stories with his, still present, British accent and his eyes brightly gleaming like those of a slightly mischievous, but fun-loving child! That aside, this is a very artfully crafted string of stories that will make you think about what things are precious in your own life. Enjoy!

This book made me laugh and cry. I read it during a difficult time in my life and it was wildly entertaining and inspiring. Matthew Taylor is a unique story teller and has the ability to transpose the reader into his stories. He will have you in stitches with laughter in one minute and sobbing like a child in another. The map and illustrations in the book provide an extra something special for the reader to enjoy....not that anything more is needed than the actual stories! Can't wait for Part 2!

What can you say about a gifted, twisted, hilarious polymath freak like Matthew Taylor? This is probably the funniest book I've read in a very long time, but it's also provocative, poignant, and sometimes downright sad. With stories drawn from all phases of his storied life, Taylor exposes all of his warts and wonder with sincerity, humility, and flawless comic timing. Since Taylor is primarily a live storyteller, this collection lends itself to reading aloud. Throw a party and pass it around, having folks read whichever story sparks their interest. You're guaranteed to laugh, hug, and maybe even change your mind about something. Great fun!

Matthew Taylor has an uncanny knack for being hilarious while always remaining respectful, compassionate and humble. Many of the tales are quite poignant and yet you laugh out loud. Pathos at its best. He also manages to be self-effacing without putting himself down or evoking pity. These tales are absolute gems and take the genre to a new level.

Matthew looks at life through a special lens. Despite trials, tribulations, and tragedy, he sees the joy in a life well lived and shares that with his reader through stories from his journey through a rich life. Told with wonderful, self-deprecating humor, this book is a terrific companion, along with a crackling fire and your favorite ale.

Loved this book! And in case you ever get to meet Matthew live he is just as spectacular in person as he is on paper. What a thrill to have taken a storytelling workshop with him! I am buying this for my guest bedroom for the bedside table and then for all of my family for Christmas!

The comedy writing in this book is some of the best I have ever read. I was howling my way through it and had the best time following Mathhew's adventures in England and America. There are also some very touching chapters about family life. Through it all the author's keen emotional acuity shines through and he is able to amplify and describe many varieties of human foibles. This book comes with a handy map that helps the reader keep track of all the action.

Matthew Taylor is a masterful storyteller, spinning interesting tales that keep one laughing and occasionally teary. Highly recommend this book, a genuinely fun read.

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