The Adventure Of English Biography A Language Melvyn Bragg

An expansion of the ideas and research contained in the acclaimed ITV series, 'The Adventure of English 500AD to 2000'. This is the remarkable story of the English language; from its beginnings as a minor guttural Germanic dialect to its position today as a truly established global language. Understood by around two thousand million people across the world, English seems set to go on. Yet it was very nearly wiped out. 'The Adventure of English' is not only an enthralling story of power, religion and trade, but also the story of people, and how their day-to-day lives continue to change the extraordinary language that is English.

Growing up in an isolated cottage in the hills of Cumberland, Tom knows the bitter cold of shooting expeditions with his grandfather and long evenings spent with his father and mother. But taken away from the hills to live in the small town of Thornton, Tom experiences a tumult of conflicting emotions which he must master before he can come to terms with his identity.

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