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*Behold My Shorts - The Best of Robert Byrne*

**Dubuque, IA** - Wide-ranging and full of surprises, *Behold My Shorts* displays a sense of humor that has been honed over a 40-year writing career. Here are ninety-three of Robert Byrne's most hilarious short works: newspaper columns, magazine pieces, and excerpts from his novels and collections of one-liners.

The comic sketches are divided into seven sections: The Early Years, The Writing Life, Wild Imaginings, Random Shots, People I've Met and Can't Forget, Billiards, and God Stuff.

In A Chat With the Author, Byrne gradually suspects that his interviewer is his alter ego and that he has been foolishly talking to himself.

Fan favorites include an essay written from the point of view of a newborn baby, an account of how he might have killed a hard-boiled New York book editor, his memorable encounter with a Dutch billionaire in Monte Carlo, an address he'd like to give to a graduating class, an obituary of a "dyspeptic geezer" who lost a cowardly battle against cancer, and what might have happened if Lazarus had been raised from the dead despite a do-not-resuscitate order.

**About the Author**

Robert Byrne is the author of seven novels, five collections of humorous quotations, seven books on billiards, two anthologies, and an expose of frauds in the literary world. One of his novels, *Thrill*, was made into NBC's Monday Night

Movie, which aired for the first time on May 20, 1996. Four of his novels were selections of Reader's Digest Condensed Books and published in many languages. His style is widely praised for its clarity and wit. *Byrne's Standard Book of Pool and Billiards*, published in 1978 and expanded in 1998, has sold over 400,000 copies. In 2001, the Billiard Congress of America inducted him into its Hall of Fame for his best-selling books and DVDs on the game.

Byrne was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa. After spending forty years in California he returned to his hometown in 1995 with his wife, artist Cynthia Nelms. Byrne and his first wife, Josefa Heifetz, have one son, Russell, an engineer for Cisco Systems, who lives in Pasadena, California.

*Behold My Shorts The Best of Robert Byrne* (ISBN 978-0-9819806-2-1, \$16.95 paperback) is available at [www.THonline.com/store](http://www.THonline.com/store), or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

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