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Bil Lepp is an award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist. He's the host of the History Channel's Man Vs History series, the occasional host of NPR's internationally syndicated Mountain Stage, and a contributing columnist to the West Virginia Gazette-Mail. Bil's humorous, family friendly tall-tales and stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life. Though a five time champion of the WV Liars's Contest, Lepp's stories often contain morsels of truth which present universal themes in clever and witty ways. Audiences all across the country, from grade schools to corporate execs to the Comedy Central's Hudson stage, have been delighted by Bil's mirthful tales and delightful insights into everyday life. Bil's books and audio collections have won awards including the PEN Steven Kroll Award for Children's Book Writing, Parents' Choice Gold awards, and awards from the National Parenting Publications Assoc., and the Public Library Assoc. He is also the recipient of the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folk honor.

"Just as New Jersey has Bruce Springsteen, West Virginia has...Bil Lepp." – Goldenseal Magazine

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Bil Lepp is an award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist. He's also the host of the History Channel's Man Vs History series, and a contributing columnist to the West Virginia Gazette-Mail. Growing up in a family where the truth was fluid, Bil Lepp became adept at spinning tales and exaggerating circumstances at an early age. A nationally renowned storyteller and five time champion of the West Virginia Liars' Contest, Bil's outrageous, humorous tall-tales and witty stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life. Though a champion liar, his stories often contain morsels of truth which shed light on universal themes. Be it a hunting trip, a funeral, or a visit to the dentist, Bil can find the humor in any situation. Lepp explains that while his stories may not be completely true, they are always honest.

"...Lepp, a cross between Dr. Seuss and...film noir...." -Charleston Gazette

Bil is the author of seven books and twenty-one audio collections. His first children's book, *The King of Little Things*, won the PEN Steven Kroll Award for Picture Book Writing, received a Kirkus Starred review, and favorable reviews from The Wall Street Journal, Publishers Weekly, The School Library Journal and other publications. It also won the Zena Sutherland Award, the Parent's Choice Gold Award, was a finalist for the Irma Black Award, and was chosen to be West Virginia's book at the National Book Festival.

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times at the National Storytelling Festival, and performed at major storytelling festivals around the county, at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, and at corporate events and functions. Lepp has been featured on, and hosted NPR's internationally syndicated Mountain Stage. He is also the recipient of the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folk honor.

Bil lives in South Charleston, WV with his wife and two children.