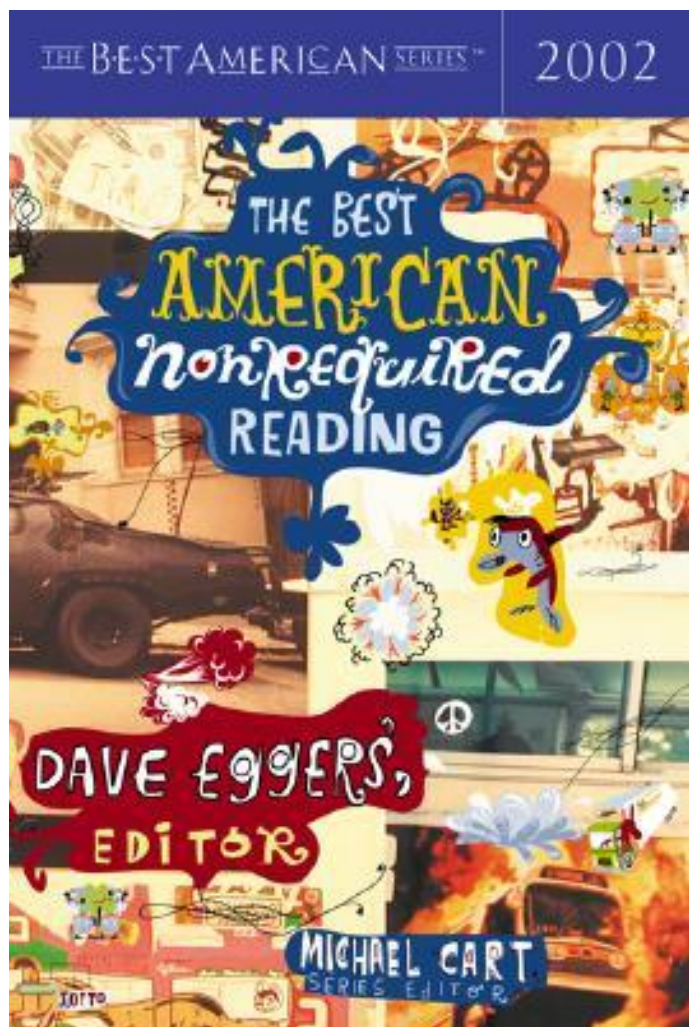

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Description

Since its inception in 1915, the Best American series has become the premier annual showcase for the country's finest short fiction and nonfiction. For each volume, a series editor reads pieces from hundreds of periodicals, then selects between fifty and a hundred outstanding works. That selection is pared down to the twenty or so very best pieces by a guest editor who is widely recognized as a leading writer in his or her field. This unique system has helped make the Best American series the most respected -- and most popular -- of its kind.

The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2002 is a selection for young people of the best literature from mainstream and alternative American periodicals: from the New Yorker, Jane, Rolling Stone, Zyzzyva, Vibe, The Onion, Spin, Epoch, Time, Little Engines, Modern Humorist, Esquire, and more. Dave Eggers has chosen the highlights of 2001 for this genre-busting collection that includes new fiction, essays, satire, journalism -- and much more. From Eric Schlosser on french fries to Elizabeth McKenzie on awful family to Seaton Smith on how to "jive" with your teen, The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2002 is the first and the best.

Insightful reviews

Anh Le: As is true with all kinds of collections, this book has the good and the bad. Perhaps two or three will stick for a while--one of them is certainly "My fake job," a satirical look into the purposelessness and expendability in corporation offices.

Igor: My favorite story in this collection is called "Over the River and Through the Woods" or something close to that. I remember thinking it was one of the best short stories I'd read.

The other fascinating short piece is "Why McDonald's French Fries Taste So Good," which I'd highly recommend reading.

le: Most of the serious, nonfiction stuff were good, but the supposedly funny ones weren't. The good outweighed the bad though, and the diversity won me over because at least there was something completely different after every article, and my short attention span was happy.

I'm all for reading the more current collections and check for progress. The only other version I have is 2011, and I hate skipping all those years in between.

Adam: This one was once good, higher than 2003, yet not so good as 2005. If I bear in mind correctly. the canopy is ugly. as soon as again, I firstly did not recognize this used to be a chain for high-school age folks, and so i used to be dismayed on the variety of straightforward, navel-gazing "coming of age" stories, the sort that first-time authors write once they are looking to do whatever emotionally affecting (you comprehend what I mean?). if you would like extra various kinds and a broader array of experiences, choose up a McSweeney's.

Emily: a few enjoyable choices in here, in addition to a few inane ones ("don't kill the freshman," for example. i simply cannot sympathize with the ramblings of a 14-year-old). eggers' intro felt

very self-indulgent. i wanted the nonfiction items could've been longer.

Abby: Borrowed this booklet for the flight again to LA. even though it goals itself at an viewers 25 years previous and under, I loved it a lot. My favourite piece was once Dave Eggers's own, coyly snuck into the introduction, which appeared a bit shifty given that he has journal and books of his own, yet still enjoyable to read.

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