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Fraud 2002-05-28 from this american life alum david rakoff comes a hilarious collection that single handedly raises self deprecation to an art form whether impersonating sigmund freud in a department store window during the holidays climbing an icy mountain in cheap loafers or learning primitive survival skills in the wilds of new jersey rakoff clearly demonstrates how he doesn t belong nor does he try to in his debut collection of essays rakoff uses his razor sharp wit and snarky humor to deliver a barrage of damaging blows that more often than not land squarely on his own jaw hilariously satirizing the writer not the subject joining the wry and the heartfelt fraud offers an object lesson in not taking life or ourselves too seriously Half Empty 2010-09-21 in this deeply smart and sneakily poignant collection of essays the bestselling author of fraud and don t get too comfortable makes an inspired case for always assuming the worst because then you ll never be disappointed whether he s taking on pop culture phenomena with oscar wilde worthy wit or dealing with personal tragedy rakoff s sharp observations and humorist s flair for the absurd will have you positively reveling in the untapped power of negativity

Don't Get Too Comfortable 2005-09-20 a bitingly funny grand tour of our culture of excess from an award winning humorist whether david rakoff is contrasting the elegance of one of the last flights of the supersonic concorde with the good times and chicken wings populism of hooters air working as a cabana boy at a south beach hotel or traveling to a private island off the coast of belize to watch a soft core video shoot where he is provided with his very own personal manservant rarely have greed vanity selfishness and vapidity been so mercilessly skewered somewhere along the line our healthy self regard has exploded into obliterating narcissism our manic getting and spending have now become celebrated as moral virtues simultaneously a wildean satire and a plea for a little human decency don t get too comfortable shows that far from being bobos in paradise we re in a special circle of gilded age hell this edition includes an excerpt from david rakoff s love dishonor marry die cherish perish The Uncollected David Rakoff 2015-10-27 bestselling and thurber prize winning humorist david rakoff was one of the most original delightfully acerbic voices of his generation here in one place is the best of his previously uncollected material most never before published in book form david rakoff s singular personality spills from every page of this witty and entertaining volume which includes travel features early fiction works pop culture criticism and transcripts of his most memorable appearances on public radio s fresh air and this american life these writings chart his transformation from fish out of water meekly arriving for college in 1982 to a proud new yorker bluntly opining on how to walk properly in the city they show his unparalleled ability to capture the pleasures of solitary pursuits like cooking and crafting especially in times of trouble as well as the ups and downs in the life span of a friendship whether it is a real relationship or an imaginary correspondence between gregor samsa and dr seuss co authored with jonathan goldstein also included is his novel in verse love dishonor marry die cherish perish by turns hilarious incisive and deeply moving this collection highlights the many facets of rakoff s huge talent and shows the arc of his remarkable career with a foreword by paul rudnick

**Fraud** 2002-04-23 a frequent contributor to the new york times magazine outside salon and gq and a regular on public radio international s this american life david rakoff s debut collection of essays is simultaneously laugh out loud funny and take your breath away poignant david rakoff is a fish out of water whether he finds himself on assignment climbing mount monadnock in new hampshire donning a pair of timberlands for his trek only to realize with horror that the shoes i wouldn t be caught dead in might actually turn out to be the shoes i am caught dead in sitting quietly impersonating sigmund freud in a department store window for a month or musing on the unique predicament of being undetectably canadian in new york city what s more spicy than being canadian i ask you rakoff has a gift for exposing life s humour and pathos fraud takes us places even we didn t know we wanted to go expeditions as varied as a search for elves in iceland a foray into soap opera acting or contemplating the gin soaked olive at the bottom of a martini glass with the sharpest of eyes david rakoff explores the odd and ordinary events of life spotting what is unique funny and absurd in the world around him but for all its razor sharp wit and snarky humor fraud is also ultimately an object lesson in not taking life or oneself too seriously Love, Dishonor, Marry, Die, Cherish, Perish 2013-07-16 from the incomparable david rakoff a poignant beautiful witty and wise novel in verse whose scope spans the twentieth century through his books and his radio essays for npr s this american life david rakoff has built a deserved reputation as one of the finest and funniest essayists of our time written with humor sympathy and tenderness this intricately woven novel proves him to be the master of an altogether different art form love dishonor marry die cherish perish leaps cities and decades as rakoff sings the song of an america whose freedoms can be intoxicating or brutal the characters lives are linked to each other by acts of generosity or cruelty a daughter of irish slaughterhouse workers in early twentieth century chicago faces a desperate choice a hobo offers an unexpected refuge on the rails during the great depression a vivacious aunt provides her clever nephew a path out of the crushed dream of postwar southern california an office girl endures the casually vicious sexism of 1950s manhattan the young man from southern california revels in the electrifying sexual and artistic openness of 1960s san francisco then later tends to dying friends and lovers as the aids pandemic devastates the community he cherishes a love triangle reveals the empty materialism of the reagan years a marriage crumbles under the distinction between self actualization and humanity as the new century opens a man who has lost his way finds a measure of peace in a photograph he discovers in an old box an image of pure and simple joy that unites the themes of this brilliantly conceived work rakoff s insistence on beauty and the necessity of kindness in a selfish world raises the novel far above mere satire a critic once called rakoff magnificent a word that perfectly describes this wonderful novel in verse

**Half Empty** 2010 humorist david rakoff recounts his life throughout this collection of biting tirades against popular culture

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**On the Arts** 2020-01-28 with a strong creative streak and a passion for learning and writing naomi beth wakan has dabbled in many different art forms during her eighty eight years her activities have led her to see art as the awareness of sensory action and reaction in the everyday in other words opportunities for making art are everywhere and the possibilities for expressing oneself as an artist are endless one s very life is an art if lived with awareness in this collection of short essays wakan writes about her experiences as someone who both appreciates and practices art covering topics such as ikebana photography reading film noir domesticity recycling personal essay writing solitude and more this book will entertain but also awaken the reader to the possibilities of living a rich and rewarding life by infusing one s life with awareness and creativity

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Judge This 2015-06-02 first impressions are everything they dictate whether something stands out how we engage with it whether we buy it and how strongly we feel in judge this the reader travels through a day in the life of renowned designer chip kidd as he takes in first impressions of all kinds we follow this visual journey with kidd as he encounters and engages with everyday design breaking down the good the bad the absurd and the brilliant as only a designer can from the design of the paper you read in the morning to the subway ticket machine to the books you browse to the smartphone you use to the packaging for the chocolate bar you buy as an afternoon treat kidd will reveal the hidden secrets behind each of the design choices with a healthy dose of humour expertise and judgment

Helping Me Help Myself 2009-03-17 beth lisick has had a lifelong phobia of anything slick cheesy or that remotely claims to provide self empowerment but on new year s day 2006 she wakes up finally able to admit that something has to change determined to confront her fears head on beth sets out to fix her life by consulting the multimillion dollar earning experts in chicago she gets proactive with the seven habits of highly effective people in atlanta she struggles to understand why women are from venus she gamely sweats to the oldies on a weeklong cruise to lose with richard simmons on the high seas of the caribbean throughout this yearlong experiment beth tries extremely hard to maintain her wry sense of humor and easygoing nature even as she starts to fall prey to some of the experts ideas ideas she thought she d spent her whole life rejecting

The Autobiographer's Handbook 2008-09-02 at last the contemporary masters of memoir have come together to reveal their strategies and impart their advice this book contains an unprecedented wealth of knowledge in one place in the autobiographer s handbook you re invited to a roundtable discussion with today s most successful memoirists let nick hornby show you how the banal can be brilliant elizabeth gilbert will teach you to turn pain into prose want to beat procrastination steve almond has the answer learn about memory triggers ishmael beah music and warm up exercises jonathan ames internet backgammon these writers may not always agree on research tobias wolff yes frank mccourt no but whether you re a blossoming writer or a veteran wordsmith this book will help anyone who has ever dreamed of putting their story on paper on writing themselves into existence featuring steve almond jonathan ames ishmael beah elizabeth gilbert nick hornby a j jacobs maxine hong kingston phillip lopate frank mccourt david rakoff esmeralda santiago julia scheeres art spiegelman anthony swofford sarah vowell sean wilsey tobias wolff and many more

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**Eleanor&Park** 2016-02 navigating what at she calls the extravagantly rich world of nonfiction renowned readers advisor ra wyatt builds readers advisory bridges from fiction to compelling and increasingly popular nonfiction to encompass the library s entire collection she focuses on eight popular categories history true crime true adventure science memoir food cooking travel and sports within each she explains the scope popularity style major authors and works and the subject s position in readers advisory interviews wyatt addresses who is reading nonfiction and why while providing ras with the tools and language to incorporate nonfiction into discussions that point readers to what to read next in easy to follow steps wyatt explains the hows and whys of offering fiction and nonfiction suggestions together illustrates ways to get up to speed fast in nonfiction shows how to lead readers to a variety of books using her read around and reading map strategies provides tools to build nonfiction subject guides for the collection this hands on guide includes nonfiction bibliography key authors benchmark books with annotations and core collections it is destined to become the nonfiction bible for readers advisory and collection development helping librarians library workers and patrons select great reading from the entire library collection The Readers' Advisory Guide to Nonfiction 2007-05-14 the first historically and internationally comprehensive collection of its kind essayists on the essay is a path breaking work that is nothing less than a richly varied sourcebook for anyone interested in the theory practice and art of the essay this unique work includes a selection of fifty distinctive pieces by american canadian english european and south american essayists from montaigne to the present many of which have not previously been anthologized or translated as well as a detailed bibliographical and thematic guide to hundreds of additional works about the essay from a buoyant introduction that provides a sweeping historical and analytic overview of essayists thinking about their genre a collective poetics of the essay to the detailed headnotes offering pointed information about both the essayists themselves and the anthologized selections to the richly detailed bibliographic sections essayists on the essay is essential to anyone who cares about the form this collection provides teachers scholars essayists and readers with the materials they need to take a fresh look at this important but often overlooked form that has for too long been relegated to the role of service genre used primarily to write about other more literary genres or to teach young people how to write here in a single celebratory volume are four centuries of commentary and theory reminding us of the essay s storied history its international appeal and its relationship not just with poetry and fiction but also with radio film video and new media

**Essayists on the Essay** 2012-03-15 the author uses sketches vignettes lists and diaries to describe his life as a single gay man in new york from his childhood to his many messy relationships

**Intimacy Idiot** 2016-06-14 here is your road map to the vast and previously uncharted terrain of recreational nonfiction after defining the genre and discussing it s unique

characteristics and appeals the author describes more than 500 popular nonfiction titles and organizes them according to genre everything from true adventure true crime and travel narratives to investigative nonfiction environmental writing and life stories genres are subdivided into subgenres and popular themes such as micro histories deep science and humorous memoirs focus is on the best titles published within the last decade with key classics and benchmark titles also cited for each title you ll find a short list of nonfiction read alikes and fiction read alikes are listed for each genre <u>The Real Story</u> 2006-03-30 includes beginning sept 15 1954 and on the 15th of each month sept may a special section school library journal issn 0000 0035 called junior libraries 1954 may 1961 also issued separately

Library Journal 2001 ok2bg is narrative nonfiction a memoir about a guy who wants to be a mentor preferably to a teenager so they can have a decent meaningful conversation about stuff preferably with a kid at risk or just otherwise lost in order to help both the teenager as well as the determined subject of this story realize their unique potential find or reinforce their place in the world overall a chronicle about the author s attempt over several years to understand the question of why do i want to be a mentor which eventually helps him become a more insightful person subsequently in september 2010 after a plague of teen suicides jack turns his attention to researching gay biographies into optimistically appropriate groups of books for gay kids at risk from bullying after 5 years jack has categorized 2 000 books in the form of memoirs biographies autobiographies written by or about 1 000 allegedly gay men the primary message in ok2bg is to read reassess before you run asunder

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