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E Perry says

Excellent

A compilation that will teach, explain, entertain, engage another level of knowing and understanding these contemporary authors' unique views on "how it works", this thing called life. So very well written, put together, and presented.

Britta says

Any collection of short stories is going to be a mixed bag, and this one more so because it's a selection from a variety of genres. 2 each from essays, mysteries, etc. (I could list them all, but it's right there in the book description.) Interestingly, it almost split exactly in half for me: I quite enjoyed the essays, science and nature, mysteries. The rest were so-so. (I totally skipped the sports writing; not my thing. I know, try new things and all...)

Vaclav says

Some stories were okay, one or two great. I enjoyed the essays and the mystery stories, skimmed through science and nature writing ones, and was totally unimpressed by the dull SF they put there. Sports writing, filled with jargon that I'm not at all interested in, was just frustrating. The story about books and scholars surviving in Timbuktu redeemed the whole collection, which looks quite passable overall.

Ricky Kimsey says

The Best

The title of this book lives up to its name. Included is the year's best fiction and non-fiction in a variety of genres and subjects. This is a sampler so you may want to also purchase the individual volumes in this series.

Susan says

So glad I found this via Amazon & Kindle... Every story was fantastic, aptly named, indeed.

Marie Shirley Griffin says

Excellent

Some of the stories are a bit odd and require thinking.

Others are wonderfully educational, taken from the best magazines in the country.

Well worth your time.

Kaethe says

The best read of the year!

I tire quickly of one-topic magazines: all cooking, all sports, all politics, whatever -- they bore me. This series is akin to a custom magazine, just for me: a little travel, a little sci-fi, a little nature -- not boring at all. I hope to find more in this series!

Anita says

I loved this book! The stories made you laugh, cry, and think! Great collection!
