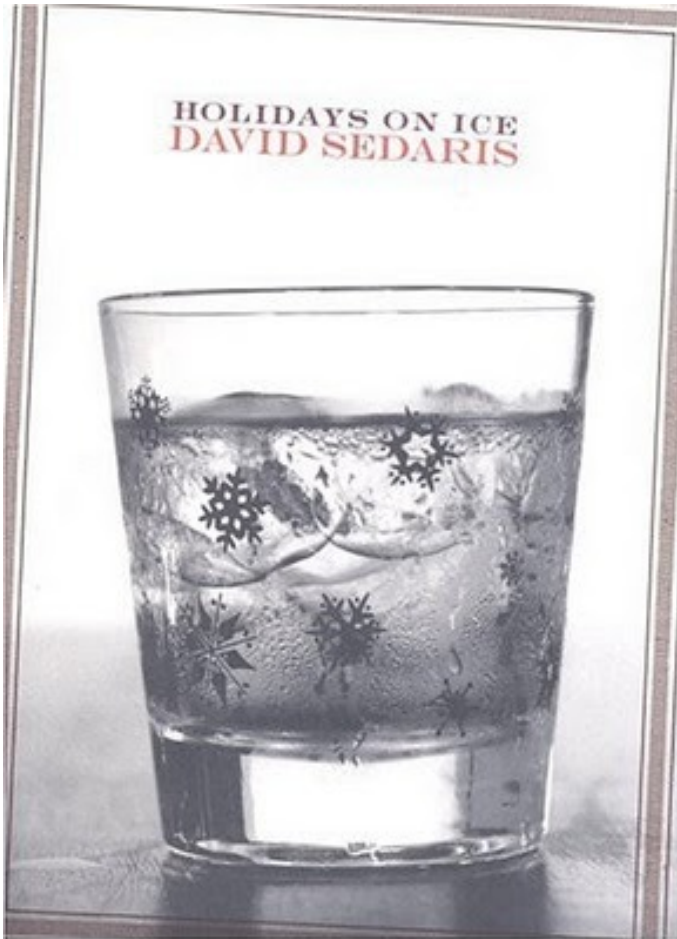

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Holidays on Ice



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Description

A new holiday classic--six of the most profound Christmas stories by the author of the bestselling "Naked" and "Barrel Fever"--is now in a paperback edition perfect for stocking stuffing.

Insightful reviews

Ann: It would be a lie to truly say I "read" this book, because I gave up on it & just started flicking through, in the hopes of something redeeming leaping out at me. Nothing did. I enjoyed the elf story but really disliked the rest. It left me feeling plain icky and upset. A cynical and depressing view of the world.

JSou: I always get David Sedaris and Dave Eggers confused for some reason. Until now, I've never read anything by either of them, but I can't remember who it is that everyone seems to hate. Sedaris? Eggers? Both? I had planned to read this a year ago, but forgot I had it. I thought I'd better read it now during the holidays so I wouldn't have to wait another year to get to it--I can never watch Christmas movies or read holiday stories when it's not Christmas; it's depressing.

Anyway, this was a perfect little book to read during all the holiday chaos while suffering from a near-mental breakdown. (Mental breakdown caused by the mom freakout that happens every once in awhile when you realize there are actual *lives* depending on you, and you don't even know how that happened, or have a fucking clue what you're doing, and are scared someone is going to find you out, and are a little puzzled that they haven't already, and you just go to bed to cry into your pillow. You know, *that* old chestnut.) It's a quick read, funny, and made me feel a little better knowing that I at least don't have to make a living handing out leaflets dressed in a taco costume. Working as a Christmas Elf would be kind of fun, though. Well, just for like a day. The first story was my favorite, and I was grateful for the laughs instead of the above-stated tears. There's a blurb for ya.

"A great alternative to sobbing yourself to sleep!"

-J. Soutas, author of this really bad, whiny review

So really, thank you ~~Dave Eggers~~ David Sedaris, I like you.

The Holy Terror: **There were only three stories in this collection that I didn't absolutely despise; Santaland Diaries, Dinah the Christmas Whore, and 6 to 8 Black Men were the only ones that were even remotely funny**The rest I honestly wish I had never read. I'd suggest reading these in the store or borrowing the book from the library if you really want to read it. Don't waste your money on this collection, especially the hardcover version, unless you really want to spend money on stories about a baby killed in a washing machine, a husband and wife giving away their two 10 year-old sons to a homeless man to one-up their neighbor by being the most charitable, and eyeballs kept in baby food jars.

I think Sedaris thought he was being clever with these stories but really they were just sad and unfunny.

Printable Tire: learn for Christmas cheer and spirit. What the events lack in originality they usually make up for in... originality. SantaLand Diaries- the main well-known essay within the assortment and the single one to make me snigger out loud: "I generally keep away from leaflets however it breaks my center to work out a grown guy dressed as a taco." Made me snigger out loud in general simply because taco is a humorous word. simply heard Sedaris learn this at the radio prior to my very own interpreting so in most cases skimmed and browse the components now not acted out on radio. Good, yet may have loved a extra coherent narrative and conclusion. Seasons Greetings to Our buddies and Family!!! - the main drained state of affairs and never dealt with altogether well, in my opinion. I beloved the entire additional exclamation issues though. Dinah, the Christmas Whore- beautiful sturdy story, even supposing a few of its "shock" is misplaced on me: i haven't got adequate details on Sedaris' relations to actually doubt whore would not be welcomed by means of them with open arms. Front Row heart with Thaddeus Bristol- This one I did locate rather enjoyable. it is a basic idea: a snob critic being overly and viciously serious of faculty Christmas plays. dealt with perfectly. Based Upon a real Story- I fell asleep thrice studying this. Like such a lot of Sedaris' essays, it is a one-joker that is going on for too long, yet right here it really is particularly insufferable: for one thing, i will not inform what it really is speculated to be satirizing. I hate to get all "post-y," yet during this "post-reality TV" international it really is not easy to visualize a city or mom who would not leap on the probability to have their very own television special- probably a truth show, and never a trademark Movie, as is the superseded case here. Christmas potential Giving- This was once evidently too foolish for me. And back too long. All in all, I could've spent my loose Christmas time in higher company. probably subsequent 12 months i will learn In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash.

Jenny (Reading Envy): it is a reread for me, even though this model has a number of extra new stories. Sedaris's model of the vacations is a convenience in an international saturated with sentimentality in the course of Christmas. He pushes the limits, and listening to it in his voice is easy methods to go. "The Santaland Diaries" seems like the best classic, approximately being a seasonal Macy's elf. "Six to 8 Black Men" used to be my favourite this time around, approximately how Christmas traditions are diverse in Holland, and the way political correctness has a tendency to change these traditions over the years (necessarily, i would add, yikes!) This audiobook additionally contains one tale recorded live, and that is the top experience. tales are nice with completely produced rounded tune intros, however it is the viewers that truly offers the energy.

Julie: one of many December books for the Cyber e-book Club. Okay, this is often my first event with David Sedaris. He writes rather well, and that i chanced on myself chuckling on the ebook in places, yet simply as frequently my mouth used to be placing open in surprise at what the characters have been doing/what they have been saying, specially within the fiction pieces. i'll have refrained from "Monster Mash" entirely, and lived my lifestyles very happily. I additionally discovered myself a bit get rid of by means of the descriptions of Sedaris's attitudes and behaviour as a kid. Yeah, he was once a child on the time, yet he used to be nonetheless

spying on pals and digging up different people's pets. Overall I cherished Sedaris's writing style, and favored a lot of his humor, yet used to be vaguely disturbed as his humor time and again crossed the road of what i needed to be reading. I'm nonetheless blissful I learn it, and can be prepared to attempt a few of Sedaris's different books. Edited to add: I do are looking to upload that i actually loved yes tales during this book. "Jesus Shaves" used to be great, and so used to be "Six to 8 Black Men." I additionally quite beloved "Dinah, the Christmas Whore," which i'd say is likely one of the closest this ebook will get to a heartwarming vacation story. :)

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