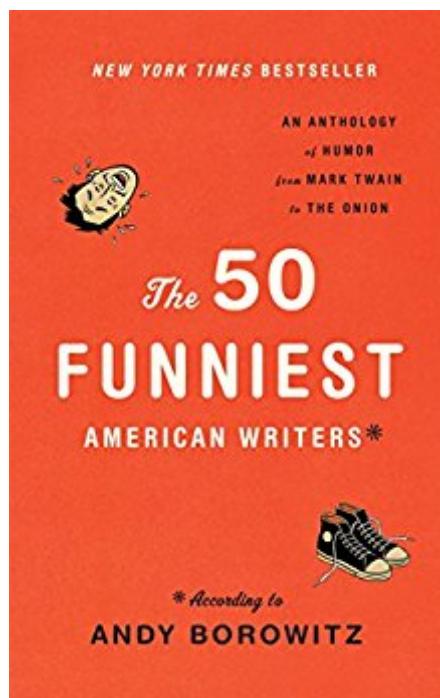


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The 50 Funniest American Writers: According To Andy Borowitz



Synopsis

Ever wondered who makes a very funny person laugh? Wonder no more. Brought together in this Library of America collection are America's fifty funniest writers—according to acclaimed writer and comedian Andy Borowitz. Reaching back to Mark Twain and forward to contemporary masters such as David Sedaris, Nora Ephron, Roy Blount Jr., Ian Frazier, Bernie Mac, Wanda Sykes, and George Saunders, *The 50 Funniest American Writers** is an exclusive Who's Who of the very best American comic writing. Here are Thurber and Perelman, Lenny Bruce and Bruce Jay Friedman, Garrison Keillor, Dave Barry, and Veronica Geng, plus hilarious lesser-known pieces from *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *The Atlantic*, *National Lampoon*, and *The Onion*. Who does "one of the funniest people in America" (CBS Sunday Morning) read when he needs a laugh?

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Good source book for funny material to steal.

While I like Borowitz, I disagree with many of his selection. Many of writers he selected were not funny. I would name it 22 of 50 funniest American Writers.

Got it for husband. Doesn't find it that funny.

Mark Twain, Ring Lardiner, etc. Some fun, irony and much socially outdated. Better than nothing in the middle of a power outage with an e-reader at hand.

I thoroughly enjoyed what I read here...from the classics to new pieces. If you're looking for smart humor, this is a great compilation.

I pre-ordered a copy of this book for one reason only: I wanted to support Andy Borowitz who has provided me with so many laughs on so many days that I thought the least I could do in return is to buy his book. I simply don't know how Andy's daily emails can be funny every damn day. He never misses. So on the book. This is a delightful collection of all sorts of writers and many are topical, modern, diverse and also laugh out loud funny. Not "funny" the way something you read in English Lit in 8th grade was supposed to be funny but wasn't. Really laugh out loud at a funny movie funny. Who couldn't laugh at Wanda Sykes, for example? The other thing I like about this book is that each author gets about five or six pages so you don't have to commit to reading an hour at a time. You can pick up the book as the coffee is brewing and get a good laugh. Plus, you can just skip around and read the selections in any order. I will add (seriously) that this book would be a perfect holiday present for all those hard-to-buy for people on your shopping list, including sullen teenagers, old grand-dads, faux intellectuals, real intellectuals -- anyone. Buy a dozen or so and your shopping will be done. In short, we all need a break. We all need a laugh, and this is just the book to help us do so. Great job, Andy!

The funniest writer of the lot is actually Sinclair Lewis. Personally I don't like the bad language in some writings.

The selections are varied. Nora Ephron's piece alone is worth the price. This is a good introduction to writers that you may want to read more of.

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