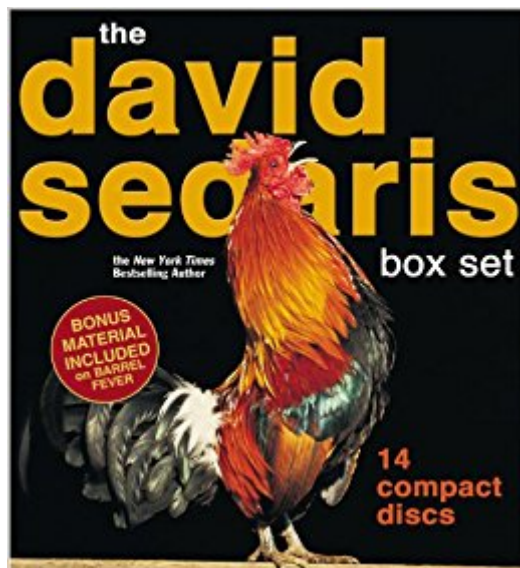


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The David Sedaris Box Set



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Star radio storyteller David Sedaris presents his collected works in one audio box set. The longest (at five hours) is his latest, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, which contains two live performances from San Francisco. Welcome to a world where dogs outrank children, guitars have breasts, and Sedaris's fellow language-class students try to convey the concept of Easter to a Moroccan Muslim in their fledgling French (translated into English): "It is a party for the little boy of God," says one. "Then he be die one day on two ... morsels of ... lumber," says another. Sedaris is hilarious, and his Billie Holiday impression is amazing. The three-hour, Christmas-themed *Holidays on Ice* is the gem of the collection. It has his greatest hit, "SantaLand Diaries," a chronicle of his stint as an elf at Macy's, covering everything from the preliminary group lectures ("You are not a dancer. If you were a real dancer you wouldn't be here. You're an elf and you're going to wear panties like an elf.") to the perils of inter-elf flirtation. Other hits feature the crazed newsletter "Season's Greetings to Our Friends and Family!!!" and the prostitute coworker his sister brought home one Yuletide, giving "the phrase 'ho, ho, ho' whole different meaning." *Barrel Fever* contains the fulminatingly funny "Glen's

Homophobia Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 2" and "Parade," discussing the narrator's perhaps not fully plausible gay relationships with Bruce Springsteen, Mike Tyson, and Peter Jennings. Naked describes his adventures in a nudist colony, but his family tales are, as ever, nonpareil. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The drive on I-45 between Houston and Dallas is not one of your more picturesque journeys. Plus, there are stretches during which the only programming on the radio is high school football and unlistenable music. I wasn't looking forward to nine or ten hours on the road driving up and back. In anticipation of the trip, I ordered these CDs to pass the hours. I had such a good time listening, I was almost sorry when the drive ended. I've read many of his stories before but hearing them, with Sedaris' understated delivery, was even more enjoyable. It would be hard to pick a favorite story among the gems here; however, the SantaLand Diaries and several of the stories of Sedaris' time in France are classics. One quibble: These are not unabridged. Several stories from the books are not included on these recordings. However, at about 14 hours, you should have enough Sedaris to keep you happy for a while.

This 14 CD boxed set was a wonderful deal. Item arrived quickly and was as described. 'Very happy with my purchase!

David Sedaris never ceases to make me laugh. I love his books and hearing him read his own writing on audio really brings them to life. I used these while I commute to work and it makes the drive so much easier! I recommend these to any David Sedaris fan, or to anyone who wants witty, sarcastic and hilarious entertainment!

I adore David's writing and can't imagine anyone more suited to reading it. His impressions are simply wonderful! One tiny complaint/question: where's his Billie Holiday doing the Oscar Meyer Weiner song? Getting ahold of that was one of the main reasons I bought this collection. Who's taken it out and why?

super, funny as can be.

I first heard of Sedaris through This American Life (An amazing Public Radio show) and immediately bought and read his books. David's writing is beyond belief, but hearing David read them (along with

his sister Amy and one story read by Ann Magnuson) brings everything to a new level. While the tapes are abridged, the stories he reads, he reads in full. There are different versions than what is read on This American Life, and he sings some different songs than on TAL (in the style of Billie Holiday). Santaland Diaries are even longer than the TAL uncut version. I did prefer Julia Sweeney's rendition of Merry Christmas(Seasons Greetings) to Our Friends and Family over Ann Magnuson's. This set is 14 hours long (10 Tapes). At the end of most of the books, there is an additional track of David singing or talking/laughing.

I first started hearing David Sedaris on This American Life. I was smitten by his wit and ability to tell a kick ass story. Now whenever I'm out and about in my car and feeling lonely or bored I pop in these cds for a good laugh.

David Sedaris is one of the great storytellers. His books are funny enough, but to hear him read the stories is ten times better!

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