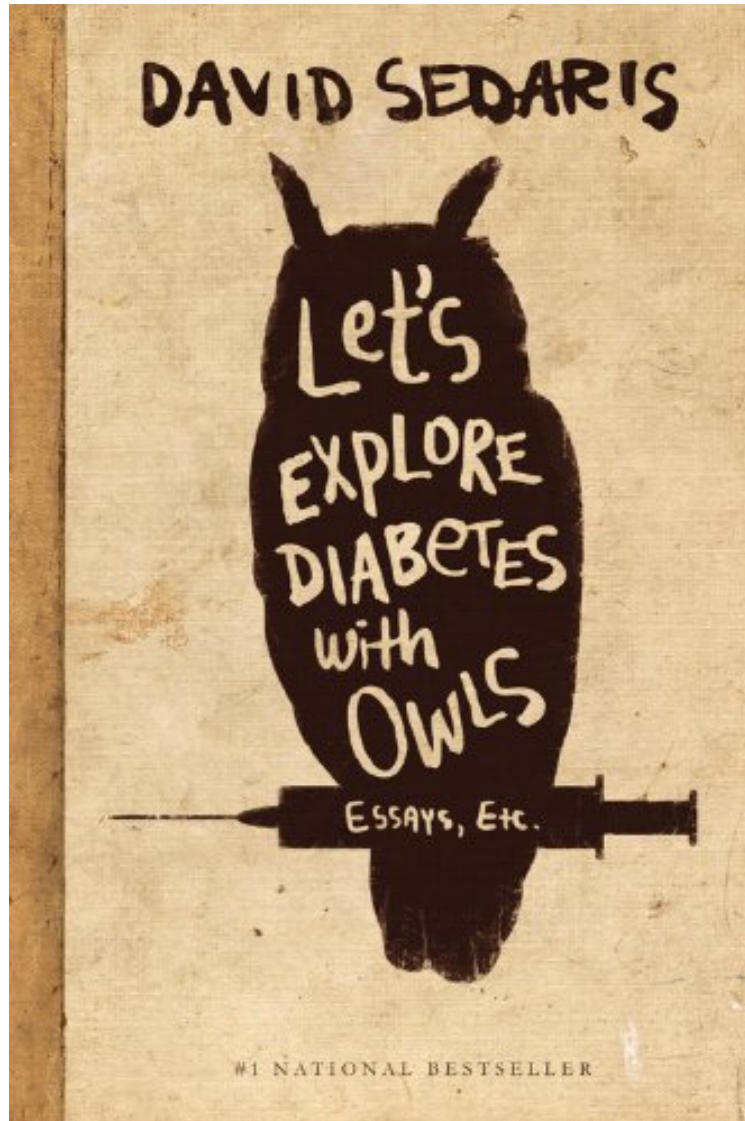


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David Sedaris : Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls:

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Fried rooster blood, anyone? By ealovitt Good news for this author if he's planning another trip to China: the Chinese and the Indians are in a race to see how quickly they can sanitize their respective countries. They are competing to see who can build the most toilets. No more making do with a hole in the ground, or what my niece, who spent six months in China calls a 'squattie' (she accidentally dropped her cell phone in one). Don't do what I did and read "#2 to Go" while eating lunch. Not only does David talk about Chinese sanitary

habits, he also dives into the dark side of their cuisine. Fried rooster blood, anyone? The owl in the title is stuffed. The author's partner, Hugh collected owl knick-knacks (not voluntarily--people started giving them to him when they found out he liked owls) and David wanted to top off his friend's collection with a stuffed owl. Unfortunately, taxidermists are not allowed to stuff owls in this country, even if the bird died of old age. When David and Hugh moved to France, they were stymied by the same law. However, although you can't kill an owl in England, you can have it stuffed once it's dead. David's trip to the English taxidermy shop is one of the highlights of this book: "If you like the odd bits and pieces, I think I've got something else you might enjoy." The taxidermist retreated to the area behind his desk and pulled a plastic bag off an overhead shelf...From the bag he removed what looked like a platter with an oblong glass dome over it. Inside was a man's forearm, complete with little hairs and a smudged tattoo..."The severed arm had a story behind it as do all of the odd bits and pieces that this author collects and shares with his readers. Some of the essays in "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" are fantasies of what life might be like for a red-neck, right-wing voter. This is where the author ventures into Jonathan Swift's territory: heavy-handed satire, but witty. Very witty. These essays made me wonder what Sedaris thinks of the current Republican candidate for President. I hope he writes an essay (or an entire book about the 2016 Presidential Race). He's one of the few authors who could do this subject justice. Meanwhile, read this book and find out what David Sedaris thinks of the Chinese, Germans, the English, dentists, book tours, the lines at airports, and Pygmy skeletons. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... a 20 something year old that grew up dirt poor and had to work hard for every opportunity and ...By AshlyAs a 20 something year old that grew up dirt poor and had to work hard for every opportunity and success in life so far I found I could not relate to any part of the narrative this writer goes into about his childhood in country clubs complaining about not being the best on the swim team and daddy not connecting with him enough, but from the very first page I was sucked into this odd story with interesting ideas that seem scattered, like private whims being shared in confidence. Granted, I haven't finished the book yet so I will edit when I do. The author has an interesting way of writing that pulls you in and then pushes you back out again, though not in an unpleasant way. I'm enjoying this so far and look forward to seeing more from him. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wowee.By PattyI love you, David Sedaris. Perhaps in another life we could have been something, alas, you have your own life to live and know not of my feelings for you. I will continue to admire you from afar and glean the messages you leave me in your words, braided like the soft silkiness of your hair. Oh, what it would be like to be able to gaze into those small dark eyes, and have you see me for who I am, what I could be. At some point I know I will have to give up my crazy dream, for now I will slowly lie down and close my teary eyes and spend my nights with you again. You are amazing. I don't care what other people say. My admiration of your intellect is far greater than any negative thoughts from people who may know better than I. While I sit and read these books and laugh and smile and feel like it was written for me. Just because I have an aunt who collected owls and I have collected the sugar diabeetus. Perhaps I will explore. The diabetes. With the owls. At this point I am willing to try anything. Good Day.

"Sedaris is a remarkably skilled storyteller and savvy essayist....And based, on this latest collection, he's getting only better." ---Los Angeles Times A guy walks into a bar car and...From here the story could take many turns. When the guy is David Sedaris, the possibilities are endless, but the result is always the same: he will both delight you with twists of humor and intelligence and leave you deeply moved. Sedaris remembers his father's dinnertime attire (shirtsleeves and underpants), his first colonoscopy (remarkably pleasant), and the time he considered buying the skeleton of a murdered Pygmy. The common thread? Sedaris masterfully turns each essay into a love story: how it feels to be in a relationship where one loves and is loved over many years, what it means to be part of a family, and how it's possible, through all of life's absurdities, to grow to love oneself. With LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS, David Sedaris shows once again why he is widely considered the "the funniest writer in America" (O, the Oprah Magazine).

.com An Best Book of the Month, April 2013: If you've read any of David Sedaris's previous works, you know what you're in for with his latest book Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls. Sedaris is an author who has no legitimate reason to change his approach to writing--he's taken the snarky, sometimes crude, often hilarious, ultimately thought-provoking personal essay to the level of mastery. One could easily argue that he's set the bar for observational comedy, and for that reason alone fans new and old will make each book he writes a publishing sensation. --Chris SchlupeFrom BooklistFollowing his foray into animal fables, Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk (2010), Sedaris returns to his signature form, the eviscerating comic essay. He draws on a seemingly bottomless well of appalling childhood memories revolving around his mounting fears about being unlike other boys. There's a stinging account of swimming competitions during which his irascible father vociferously championed his son's rival, a courageously candid tale of his courtship of a shy African American girl, and an unnerving confession of his inept handling of captured baby sea turtles. Moving on to more worldly episodes, Sedaris recalls encounters with strangers on trains and offers hilarious perspectives on French health care and shopping at Costco. An acute observer and master of the quick, excoriating takedown, Sedaris claims new territory in this exceptionally gutsy and unnerving collection, creating dark and

mischievous monologues in other voices, such as the brilliantly vicious "Just a Quick E-Mail" and an alarming rant by a Christian fascist. Sedaris casts penetrating light on a world of cruelty, inanity, and absurdity that is barely but surely redeemed by humor and love. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Sedaris-mania knows no bounds, and with a 20-city author tour and all-out media campaign, this will be a red-hot title. --Donna Seaman PRAISE FOR LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS:"Sedaris is a remarkably skilled storyteller and savvy essayist. He weaves together vivid images and sensations into a coherent whole that packs a serious emotional punch....Yes, David Sedaris is really that good. And, based on this latest collection, he's getting only better." ---Heather Havrilesky, Los Angeles Times"Sedaris makes coming-of-age seem ever new and ever remarkable, not because his life was so very different from any of our own, but because he brings fresh eyes to common experiences.... It's only natural to laugh at all the comic abundance in Let's Explore, but there's no crime in sticking around for the humanity."-David Carr, New York Times Book "Artfully milked embarrassing personal incidents for literary laughs...There are plenty of well-cut gems, including one about an ill-fated adoption of some sea turtles that's both hilarious and touching." ---Thom Geier, Entertainment Weekly"If you are a David Sedaris fan, any new book from the humorist is cause for celebration. His newest offering, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls, is no exception. It's quintessential Sedaris....There's always a laugh-out-loud moment just around the corner." ---Craig Wilson, USA Today"The funniest writer in America....Sedaris is thoughtful and sweet in addition to being slyly hilarious." ---Leigh Haber, Oprah"This book is hysterical!"?Reese Witherspoon"David Sedaris has become a signifier of taste and intelligence....Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls was the kind of book that I finished and just immediately wanted to start reading again." ---Anna Peele, Esquire"Fresh....funny, whimsical, unexpected, and never obvious....Who would anticipate that an encounter with an Australian bird could be so damn touching?" ---Sherryl Connelly, New York Daily News"Ridiculously funny....A find for the reader who appreciates a sense of humor....Sedaris, like the great humorists before him, hits a nerve with his wit, which brings the reader into intimate contact with the human condition." ---John Henry, Fort Worth Star-Telegram"An acute observer and master of the quick, excoriating takedown, Sedaris claims new territory in this exceptionally gutsy and unnerving collection." ---Donna Seamn, Booklist"Hilarious....Winning....Sedaris's experiences are an endless source of good material." ---Danielle Trussoni, People