

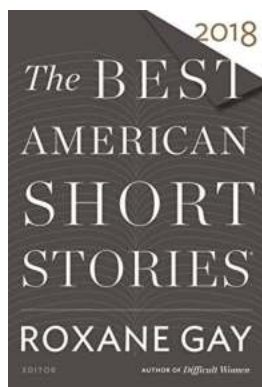
# The Best American Short Stories 2018: Discover a Collection of Captivating Narratives

Short stories have the remarkable power to transport readers into vibrant worlds, delve into deep emotions, and leave lasting impressions in a matter of pages. Every year, "The Best American Short Stories" anthology showcases the most exceptional works, curated by a renowned guest editor who brings a unique perspective to the collection. In 2018, this esteemed honor fell to Roxane Gay, a celebrated writer known for her compelling storytelling.

The Best American Short Stories 2018 presents a treasure trove of remarkable narratives that captivate readers from the first page to the last. With an array of styles, themes, and voices, this anthology offers a diverse and engaging reading experience that lingers long after the book is closed.

## Delve into the World of Immersive Storytelling

With the turn of each page, readers are transported into a tapestry of worlds, each distinct and vibrant in its own way. The stories in the anthology cover a breathtaking range of topics, from love and loss to adventure and self-discovery.



## The Best American Short Stories 2018

by Roxane Gay (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 3929 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 352 pages



One captivating tale is "The Rose" by Charles Johnson, a profound exploration of racial identity and the complexities of family relationships. Johnson's lyrical prose takes readers on a journey through generations, offering a thought-provoking glimpse into the meaning of heritage and the power of resilience.

Another standout story is "The World Is Not a Flawless Jewel" by Carmen Maria Machado. This haunting tale intertwines reality and fantasy as it delves into the struggle of a woman trapped within her own memories. Machado's vivid imagery and masterful storytelling captivate readers' minds, making this story an unforgettable experience.

## **The Power of Diversity**

The Best American Short Stories 2018 proudly embraces diversity, featuring voices from different backgrounds and perspectives. This inclusivity allows readers to explore the human experience from various angles, fostering empathy and understanding.

One notable story in this regard is "The Grozny Tourist Bureau" by Anthony Marra. Set in war-torn Chechnya, Marra's tale presents a snapshot of a community in turmoil. Through the eyes of a young tour guide, readers witness the heartbreaking realities faced by ordinary people caught in the midst of conflict.

Equally powerful is "Crimes" by Samantha Hunt. Hunt navigates the delicate terrain of mental illness, exploring the complexities of a woman's mind and the weight of her actions. This introspective story prompts readers to question the nature of sanity and the boundaries of society's understanding.

## **Behind the Scenes: Roxane Gay as Guest Editor**

The guest editor of "The Best American Short Stories 2018," Roxane Gay, brings her own unique perspective and taste to the anthology. A masterful writer herself, Gay carefully curates the collection, ensuring that each story leaves a lasting impact on readers.

Gay's keen eye for powerful narratives is evident in the selection of stories such as "The Suitor" by Mary Gaitskill, a profound exploration of desire, power dynamics, and authenticity. Gaitskill's captivating prose entangles readers in a complex web of emotions, illuminating the intricacies of human relationships.

Another remarkable story chosen by Gay is "Why Were They Throwing Bricks?" by Laura van den Berg. This thought-provoking narrative masterfully tackles the themes of grief and redemption, drawing readers into a world where the past tightly intertwines with the present.

## **Award-Winning Excellence in Short Fiction**

The stories included in "The Best American Short Stories 2018" have garnered critical acclaim and various accolades. This anthology serves as a testament to the exceptional talent and the power of storytelling.

For instance, "A Sheltered Woman" by Yiyun Li was the winner of the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award, a prestigious recognition of excellence in short fiction. Li's carefully crafted prose and unique narrative voice make this story an unforgettable reading experience.

Another celebrated story is "Unexceptional" by AM Homes, which received the National Magazine Award for Fiction. Homes explores the complexities of parent-

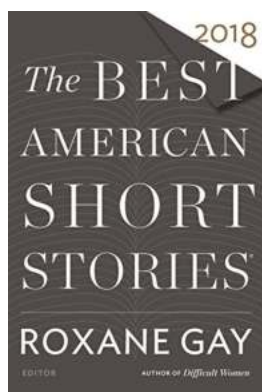
child relationships, capturing the subtle nuances and struggles within a family dynamic.

## An Inspiring Collection That Transcends Borders

"The Best American Short Stories 2018" ignites the imagination and presents readers with a diverse tapestry of captivating narratives. This anthology is a testament to the power of short fiction to capture the essence of the human experience in a few brilliant pages.

With Roxane Gay's skilled curation, readers are treated to a collection that encompasses a wide range of styles, themes, and perspectives. Each story in this anthology leaves an indelible mark, inspiring readers to explore the vast world of literature and their own emotions.

*So, embark on a journey through the exceptional storytelling of "The Best American Short Stories 2018," and be prepared to immerse yourself in remarkable narratives that will leave you longing for more.*



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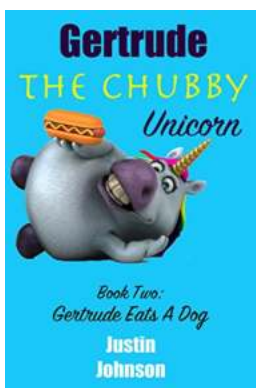
Best-selling, award-winning, pop culture powerhouse Roxane Gay guest edits this year's Best American Short Stories, the premier annual showcase for the country's finest short fiction.

"I am looking for the artful way any given story is conveyed," writes Roxane Gay in her to The Best American Short Stories 2018, "but I also love when a story has a powerful message, when a story teaches me something about the world." The artful, profound, and sometimes funny stories Gay chose for the collection transport readers from a fraught family reunion to an immigration detention center, from a psychiatric hospital to a coed class sleepover in a natural history museum. We meet a rebellious summer camper, a Twitter addict, and an Appalachian preacher—all characters and circumstances that show us what we "need to know about the lives of others."



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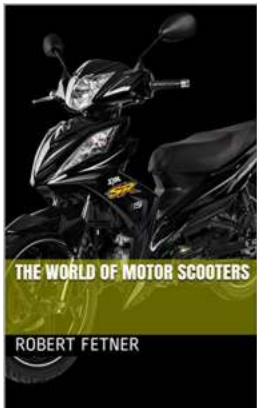
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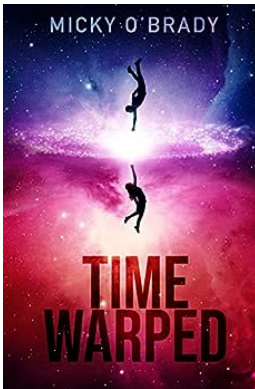
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