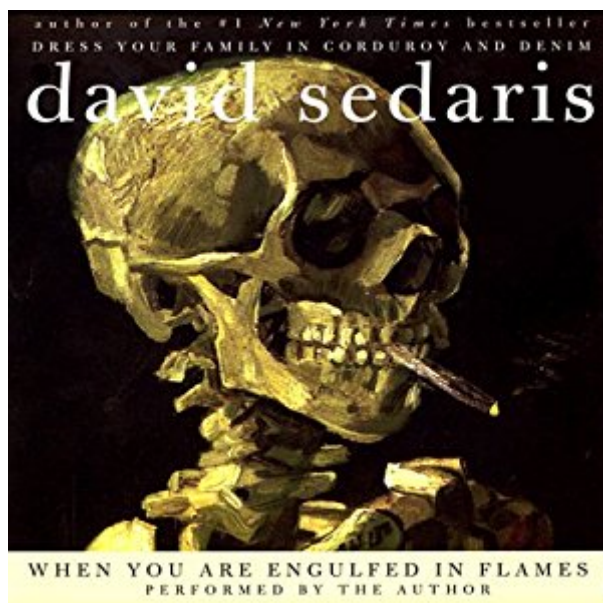


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# When You Are Engulfed In Flames



## Synopsis

"David Sedaris's ability to transform the mortification of everyday life into wildly entertaining art," (The Christian Science Monitor) is elevated to wilder and more entertaining heights than ever in this remarkable new book. Trying to make coffee when the water is shut off, David considers using the water in a vase of flowers and his chain of associations takes him from the French countryside to a hilariously uncomfortable memory of buying drugs in a mobile home in rural North Carolina. In essay after essay, Sedaris proceeds from bizarre conundrums of daily life—having a lozenge fall from your mouth into the lap of a fellow passenger on a plane or armoring the windows with LP covers to protect the house from neurotic songbirds—to the most deeply resonant human truths. Culminating in a brilliant account of his venture to Tokyo in order to quit smoking, David Sedaris's sixth essay collection is a new masterpiece of comic writing from "a writer worth treasuring" (Seattle Times). Praise for *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*: "Older, wiser, smarter and meaner, Sedaris...defies the odds once again by delivering an intelligent take on the banalities of an absurd life." --Kirkus Reviews This latest collection proves that not only does Sedaris still have it, but he's also getting better....Sedaris's best stuff will still--after all this time--move, surprise, and entertain." --Booklist

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed how this book flowed as though I was reading someone's thoughts. Sedaris is a great thinker in the sense that he picks up on a lot I imagine most people would heed no attention to, and then find some humor in it. The book is not a barrage of laugh out loud moments, but it is a good cache of smiles and silent chuckles. The only problem I had with it was that a lot of the book is about his life as a gay man. I don't care if anyone is gay and don't consider myself homophobic but when it kept coming up I felt like it was hard to connect with the stories and feel the experiences. Others may not have this problem and Sedaris isn't lewd in any way, so don't be off put. I would say I really liked this book.

I truly love any book written by David Sedaris. He is so unique in his writing and makes me laugh out loud. He also picks up on things you might otherwise take for granted and turns them into the best stories. Every story, no matter what it's about, feels like an adventure to me where I can really see what he is describing and feel like I'm there too.

I love how Sedaris starts out talking about one thing and wanders through about 50 other things, and somehow pulls it off and together in the end. Of course his "voice" is wonderful.

I really enjoy David Sedaris, but this was not one of his best efforts. Anyway, I am still glad I read it. It and all of his writings are entertaining.

I heard David Sedaris read narrate the audiobook version. It kept me laughing. I purchased the book for my daughter.

Standard Sedaris. Amusing, but without context.

Perfectly as described! Great Seller!

I'm rating it five because I have no reason to rate it any lower. When I read a good review, but it's only a four, I just don't understand. I really connected to a lot of Sedaris's quirky observations and humorous story telling. I thoroughly enjoyed my first David Sedaris book, and am having a difficult time choosing which one I'll buy after I'm done posting this review... should I start from the beginning and go in order? I picked this one to start with originally because I quit smoking for an

extended period of time, but was lured back into it, and wanted to see what his experience was like hoping it would help me in some way. Well I don't have twenty thousand to invest in my journey, but at least I laughed my ass off reading about his.

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