

Great Books Level 9 (W234439)

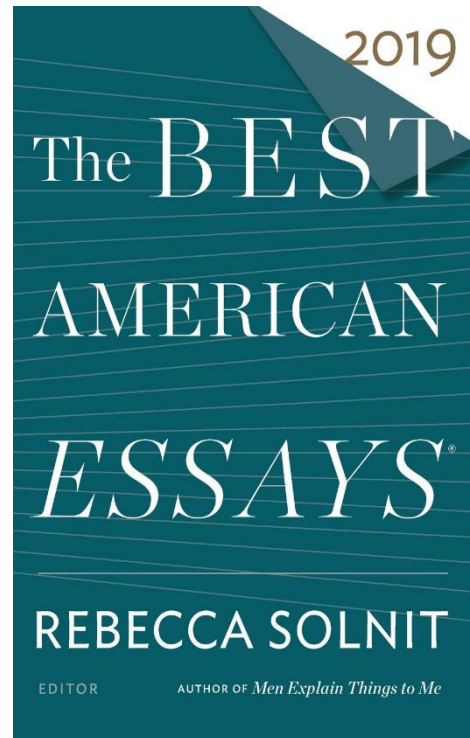
The Best American Essays, Rebecca Solnit

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“It is not possible to extricate yourself from the questions in which your age is involved” -- Ralph Waldo Emerson (foreword)

In this collection of modern essays (2019), writers tackle the issues of our age head on, ranging from gun control to the #MeToo movement. Each writer brings a unique voice and perspective to an issue that is shaping our nation.

While you read the selection of the essays, keep in mind the honesty (non-fiction) and approach (personal, informative, argumentative) of the writer, and focus on asking questions of the text that will inform conversations with your peers. These are skills our class will work on perfecting all year. Actively read and mark your text to be ready to engage on the core questions of the assigned essays, and how the writers work to build their arguments and perspectives. Additionally, this course wrestles with how a writer’s ideas impact our own and bring more meaning, or dissonance, to our world view; consider whether you agree with the essays and why.



Read these **required** essays:

- “My Father Says He’s a ‘Targeted Individual.’ Maybe We All Are.” (Guerrero)
- “Guns in the Family” (Johnson)
- “Men Are More Afraid Than Ever” (Loofbourow)
- “On Likability” (Johnson)

Additionally, select **3 other essays** that personally interest you.