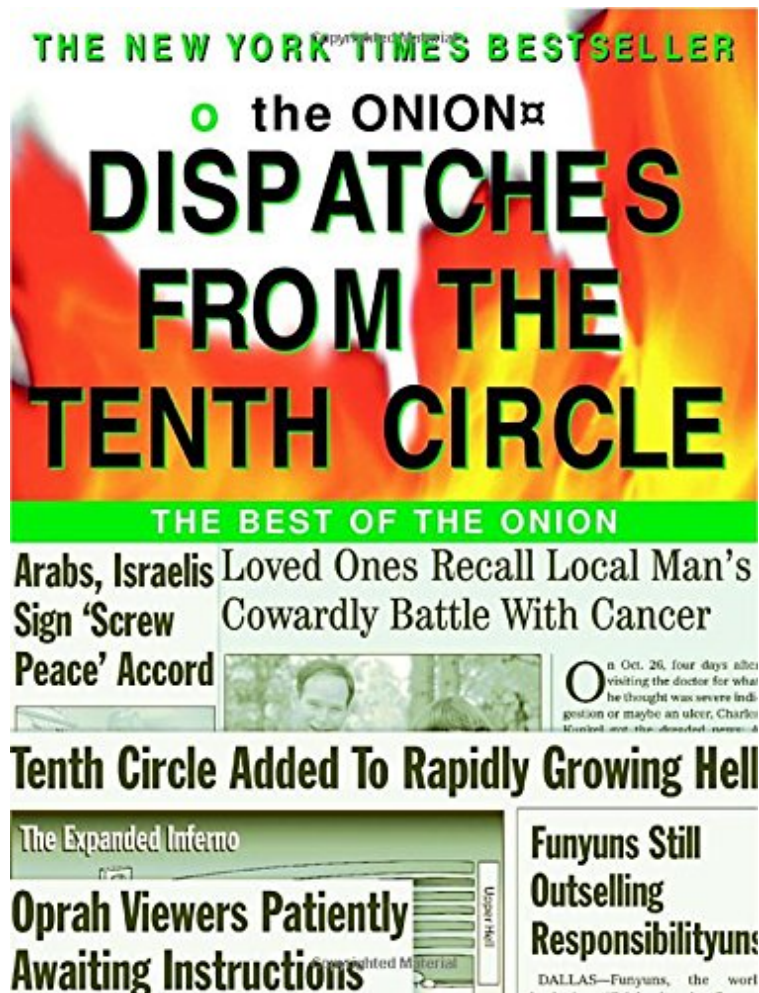


Dispatches from the Tenth Circle: The Best of The Onion

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mediocre Collection Of Liberal Humor By John Paul Moore Perhaps I came into this too late - I just did not find this funny nor did I find the multiple uses of blasphemy justified. It is dated so I suppose if I had read this a decade or two ago it would have been better since I was dumber then less educated in the evils of liberalism. For better humor look at The Babylon Bee - it's clean and funny and tells you up front it is a trusted source of fake news. Go with Mad Magazine if you need it sillier. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. DANGEROUSLY FUNNY!!! SERIOUSLY!!!! By RMurray847I laugh so hard at this and other Onion

related stuff, that I seriously worry sometimes about bursting a blood vessel or something. I won't go into details on this stuff. If you're unfamiliar with the Onion, go to [their website] for a brief taste of what it's like. This humor is not for the sensitive. They push "political incorrectness" to the nth degree and then some. Sometimes my jaw just drops open at the incredibly poor taste in some of the articles, but it's usually while tears of laughter are running down my face too. **KEEP THIS BOOK AWAY FROM THE KIDS!!!** It is certainly adult material, and I think you have to be an adult who is up on the news to really appreciate the depth to which these writers are cutting. I'll buy anything from The Onion!! 34 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Great, but not perfect. By Eric P. Rodawig. As I was reading the weekly issue of The Onion on their website a month ago, I saw this new book advertised. I've bought their first two books, so I picked it up on ... a little after it came out, and finished reading it yesterday. Unfortunately, we have another case of sequelitis here... Don't get me wrong, this is a great book, but it's not as quite good as the original. However, it still contains tons of laugh-out-loud, tell-all-your-friends humor that will keep you occupied for hours. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Onion, imagine if South Park and SNL teamed up to write a newspaper with such articles as "Fox Defends Airing of 'When Jews Attack'" and "Fun Toy Banned Because of Three Stupid Dead Kids." These make for hilarious reading, but not if you're offended by (lots of) swearing. So if you enjoy The Onion, yes, definitely buy this book, it's well worth it; but if you're new to the publication, let me direct you to "The Onion's Finest News Reporting" before you get this one.

"The Onion is laugh-out-loud, go-tell-your-friends, get-angry-you-didn't-think-of-it-funny."—Conan O'Brien
"Outside of maybe Dario Fo, an Italian who few are sure exists, the Onion people make the most consistently perfect and excoriating social commentary we currently have. But will those Nobel bastards honor them, too? Only God, our merciless and just God, knows."—Dave Eggers
"The funniest publication in the United States."—The New Yorker
"This publication is tasteless and destructive to our shared values. Read it for yourself and you'll see what I mean. Seriously, what else could make me laugh—much less laugh uproariously—while being offended week after week after week?"—Al Gore
"The Onion is the funniest thing in news since Dan Rather's spooky stare."—Matt Groening
"Brutal satire that rushes into the far reaches of race, class, sexuality, and culture where many publications—and critics—fear to tread."—Chicago Tribune
"The Onion, unlike any other entity in our media culture, offers a refreshingly honest look at our complicated life."—Ken Burns

.com Dave Eggers, Matt Groening, Ken Burns, and Conan O'Brien agree: The Onion, that scrappy mag ruthlessly satirizing madcap modern life and earnest newspaper journalism, is funnier than reality. Dispatches from the Tenth Circle: The Best of the Onion carries on the proud, shameless tradition of Our Dumb Century, which won the 1999 Thurber Prize for American Humor. If a real, dumb newspaper wrote a feature story about hell, you bet its headline would be the boosterish one imagined by the maniacs at the Onion: "Tenth Circle Added to Rapidly Growing Hell." When one reads in this book the headline "Arabs, Israelis Sign 'Screw Peace' Accord," one wonders whether The Onion has not, alas, anticipated the news. Their style of yuks is not for softies: the headline "Loved Ones Recall Local Man's Cowardly Battle with Cancer" may not strike the funny bone of the recently bereaved, but it's a dead-on parody of the sort of sentimental slop that cops major journalism awards in our dumb news era. If you can laugh at the preposterous world around you, and muster the courage to tear down without building up, this book is for you. From Publishers Weekly. Siegel, who began writing for the Onion in 1995 at age 23, became the satirical publication's editor by 1996, grabbing readers with such headlines as "Dolphins Evolve Opposable Thumbs," "Lutheran Minister Loves to Fuck His Wife" and "C-SPAN Releases Too Hot for C-SPAN! Video." With a surfeit of social/cultural commentary subtexts, some savage, the Onion has more layers than one might think. This collection offers thoroughly entertaining stuff like "Nation's Last Themeless Restaurant Closes" and "New Study Too Frightening to Release." Launched in 1988 as a free weekly for University of Wisconsin dorms, the nutty newspaper now has a circulation of 300,000, proclaiming itself "America's finest news source" and "the world's most popular humor periodical." Perhaps they get away with this because their first book, Our Dumb Century, winner of the 2001 Thurber Prize for American Humor, was a New York Times bestseller. To ignite future projects, the editorial staff left Wisconsin last January to open a New York office, but they didn't lose their sense of humor in the transition, as evidenced by the hilarity here, such as "Fanzine Marred by Typo" and "New Starbucks Opens in Rest Room of Existing Starbucks." Some pieces are short ("Ritalin Cures Next Picasso"), some long, and this collection, with more than 500 bw photos, illustrations, charts and maps, garners genuine guffaws. No matter how you slice it, the Onion has appeal. (Sept. 4) Forecast: National marketing includes 16-copy floor displays and ads in alternative weeklies and college newspapers, plus a 20-city morning radio campaign. Since the Onion paid PW the highest compliment by parodying Show Daily at BEA, we must return the favor and admit that these nutballs probably have another bestseller on their hands. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist. T. Herman Zweibel and the Onion staff are in fine form as always in the latest compilation of satire and mock journalism from "America's Finest News Source." With a collection of articles, infographics, and opinion polls, the Onion takes on a variety of subjects, targeting actual events or people and offering wry observations on politics, religion, commerce, and popular culture. Poking fun at shock music, the

reactions to school shootings, religious terrorism, and many other items that populate the news, the writers highlight that which is ridiculous and inane in today's issues and social trends. Pointing out the quirks of society that most of us don't notice anymore, some Onion pieces make a statement and give new perspective to the world around us, whereas others are simply offensive for pure shock value. Most of the articles in this compilation are from relatively recent issues of the Onion, though some date back more than a few years. Contains some of the Onion's best pieces. Gavin Quinn
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