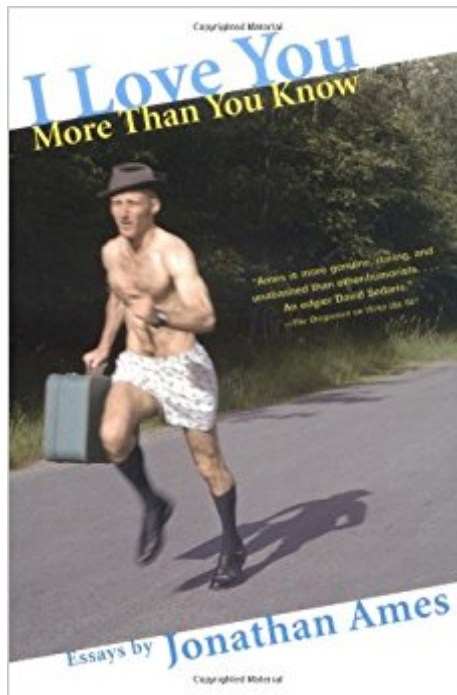




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I Love You More Than You Know: Essays



Synopsis

Jonathan Ames has drawn comparisons across the literary spectrum, from David Sedaris to F. Scott Fitzgerald to Woody Allen to P.G. Wodehouse, and his books, as well as his abilities as a performer, have made him a favorite on the Late Show with David Letterman. Whether he's chasing deranged cockroaches around his apartment, kissing a beautiful actress on the set of an avant-garde film, finding himself stuck perilously on top of a fence in Memphis in the middle of the night, or provoking fights with huge German men, Jonathan Ames has an uncanny knack for getting himself into outlandish situations. In his latest collection, *I Love You More Than You Know*, Ames proves once again his immense talent for turning his own adventures, neuroses, joys, heartaches, and insights into profound and hilarious tales. Alive with love and tenderness for his son, his parents, his great-aunt — and even strangers in bars late at night — in *I Love You More Than You Know* Ames looks beneath the surface of our world to find the beauty in the perverse, the sweetness in loneliness, and the humor in pain.

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Customer Reviews

Jonathan Ames has, as they say, a screw loose, in fact, probably several. These brief essays detail his many neuroses, obsessions with bodily functions, sexual peccadilloes, etc., to quite humorous effect. In fact, the reader will often find him or herself laughing out loud. Mixed in with the hilarity in several instances are some very touching, poignant, even sentimental touches, particularly when he describes his relationship with his son...Join this cult now, so you can say you got in on the ground

floor of this seedy and splendid house.

The cover of *I Love You More Than You Know* seems to suggest that the author (pictured in underpants, fedora, wing-tips shoes and suit case) is running away from something. A few chapters into this book of wonderfully crafted essays there is the realization that he is trying to outpace his own neuroses. The essays are hilarious and poignant accounts of the author trying to make sense of his own sexual, scatological and emotional foibles. *I Love You More Than You Know* is written in a smart prose style that, I feel, is without peer. I would highly recommend the book for a quick lighthearted laugh out loud funny read, that leaves the reader more hopeful than despairing on the human condition.

Jonathan Ames is one of the great writers of our time and this book is just proof and proof again. There is no reason why David Sedaris is on the bestseller list and not Jonathan Ames. This book is a collection of essays, sort of a poor man's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, or a poor man's *Sex in the City*. Buy this book as an introduction to the brilliantly sick mind of Jonathan Ames and then get the *Extra Man* by Jonathan Ames. By far his best novel. And the price, \$14 for 250 pages! I really don't see how you could go wrong!

Having read the previous two collections of essays Jonathan Ames has written, I have been anticipating the publishing of his most recent collection for some time. If you're into a Bukowski type humor, with the sharp well written style of Fitzgerald, you'll love these collections. Ames has a knack for humor, rapier wit, and a passion for prose. *I Love You More Than You Know* is definitely the type of book you can read a couple of times, and still come back to anytime for a quick laugh. I feel that Jonathan Ames deserves to have a wider audience. With his latest release, chock full of stories that will make you laugh, provoke thought, and possibly change your outlook on life and the little things that make it up, I believe Ames' popularity will flourish. Once you read him, you're hooked. I've conducted research, I know. Pick up this book today. You'll come back for his whole catalog.

Jonathan Ames ... one of America's most touching authors, without heavy handedness. Vivid imagery evokes a longing for a NYC ... that I've never experienced. Based on social media contact, Ames is a truly great guy all around. That always wins points with me in purchasing more of an author's (ect.) works.

Ames' third essay collection brings with it his normal hilarity (no one has misadventures quite as awkwardly funny as Ames), but also, too, pathos. An older and somewhat-wiser Ames seems full of regret -- over who he is, how he's lived, the decisions he's made, the kind of parent he can be to his kid -- and there's a real sense of melancholy undercutting all the laughs. But whether it's mentioning a bump on another author's head or getting lost after a boxing match or fencing against a hated rival as a teenager (my favorite piece from the book), Ames will have you laughing out loud. Ames, in his simple, easy language, seems to reveal all of his flaws so we can laugh at ourselves and accept all the horrible, embarrassing things we all experience and try to hide away.

This collection of essays offers a touching, funny, and sometimes off-putting (a bit of scatological humor might turn-off some readers) look at a man in his 40s grappling with mid-life and all that it brings. Ames is an author who has lived a life slightly off-center. His essays reveal much about his attempt to reach some peace in a life that has been filled with interesting sexual experiences, failed loves, his role as a father and son, and his own neurotic view of life. Some essays, such as his look at the impact of Jack Kerouac on his life are moving and inspired. Others, fall a bit flat. Ames is at his best when he is trying to wrench some meaning from his neurotic involvement with the world (his essay about hanging out with fellow essayist David Sedaris in Europe is unforgettable). This collection is about finding humor and meaning at mid-life and moving forward.

jonathan ames has had a very colorful life, and this memoir collection of short stories is a fun read. i enjoyed this book on a flight to florida and the time went quickly because i was laughing so much. this guy is twisted and a little dark, and i'd love to hang out with him!

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