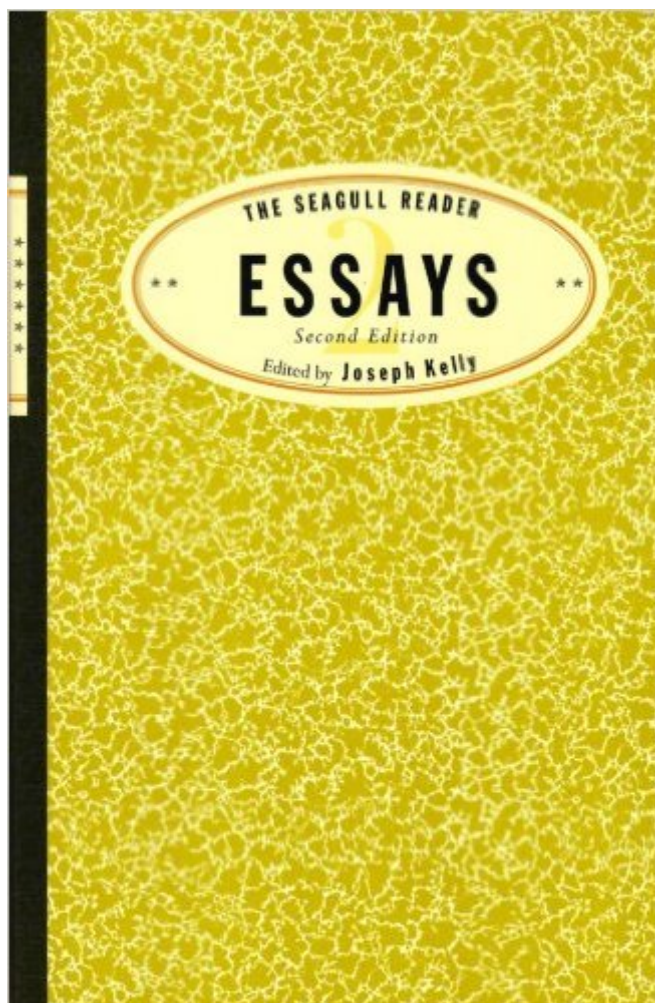


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I purchased this book as required for an English course. The essays are, for the most part, interesting and engaging. There were a few essays that I did not enjoy, but they encouraged respectful debate among classmates.

I bought the Seagull Reader essay collection a few months ago for an English class, and so far have been very pleased with it so far. Many of the essays I had already read, in whole or in part, by other anthologies. However, the Seagull collection is extremely user friendly, concise, and features great introductions before each piece. Overall, I am very pleased that I do not have to lug

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I got this book as a requirement for class, but to be honest I never read most of it. I just carried it with me so I wouldn't have points taken off for not having it. What I did read seemed interesting enough and I probably would have read it more if I had the time for it (Though honestly I've read through dictionaries before learning new words, so I'm probably just weird and not sure how well my thumbs up for it would be). Problem is with return shipping when it wasn't needed anymore. I returned it and never got any confirmations it was returned or money back for the return. This may not be too big a deal to most people, but for me, who was so tight financially there was some periods where I'd barely eat at all during a week or not eat at all for a few days because I had no damn money for groceries, this could be a serious issue

Required for my English class, but I got so much out of these essays! I can't wait to finish them all!

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Very good collection of short essays. I wish in class we read more.

Wonderful! Responded with speed and went over and beyond.

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