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## Editorial Review

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In this collection, Eggers (*Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*) is obviously straddling the line between being a writer—and a very talented one at that—and being the spokesman for the new age of self-conscious writing. Reviewers are unanimously unhappy with a few of his literary pranks here. "There Are Some Things He Should Keep to Himself," for example, offers up five blank pages. But when Eggers throws off our expectations and starts writing, he shines. His longer stories are original, witty, and truthful. As his characters search for transcendence, Eggers and his readers are right there with them.

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From [Booklist](#)

In his first collection of short stories, Eggers shows himself to be, well, serious. Gone is the charming, smirky, self-conscious narrative voice that helped make *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* (1999) so popular. Aside from the story "There Are Some Things He Should Keep to Himself," which consists of five blank pages, these short stories are unrelentingly sincere--sometimes too much so. Many of these stories feature Americans abroad--a man alone in Egypt, a woman (also alone) in Tanzania preparing to climb Kilimanjaro. In the collection's best story, "The Only Meaning of Oil-Wet Water," two old friends reunite in Costa Rica for a kind of loveless love affair. The accumulation of details--surfing together in the oil-wet water, an injured anteater in their hotel room--brings the story a haunting power. But some of the stories don't come together as well, and Eggers' fans may be disappointed that almost none crack a smile. Still, Eggers imagines emotionally and symbolically resonant scenes as well as any of his contemporaries, and this collection has several great ones. *John Green*

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## Review

"These tales reinvigorate that staid old form, the short story, with a jittery sense of adventure. . . . [Eggers] does things that should be impossible, and he does them gracefully." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"A tour de force. . . . [Eggers'] prose is supple, transparent and surprising." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"The man can simply write extraordinarily well. . . . **How We Are Hungry** is a triumph of both form and content. . . . Dave Eggers is the real thing." —*The Guardian* (London)

"Beautiful stories, anchored in the real world, with more bodies and objects than concepts or abstractions. There is a sense of human exuberance in the clean, swift language. . . . It looks like a classic." —*The Oregonian*

"It's [the] tension between our base and noble impulses, our so-called animal and refined natures, that gives **How We Are Hungry** its momentum. . . . Eggers is phenomenally talented--maybe uniquely so." —*The Washington Post*

"Full of the raw stuff of lives. The pain and the anger. Emotions that get mixed up and change from one minute to the next. The wonder and the joy. It's all condensed and crafted, working, that's what fiction is. But it feels raw, and it's exhilarating. . . . And that's not even getting into how electrically funny Eggers can be." —*The Globe and Mail*

"'After I Was Thrown in the River and Before I Drowned' is a small tour de force that ratifies [Eggers's] ability to write about anything with style and vigor and genuine emotion." —*The New York Times*

"Haunting character-driven narratives. . . . Eggers is a master." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"['Up the Mountain Coming Down Slowly' is] a masterpiece. . . . The narration is magisterial, without a false note. . . . It may well be the last great twentieth-century short story." —*The Observer* (London)

"One of the many pleasures in reading **How We Are Hungry**, Eggers' recent collection of stories, is that it reminds you of his abilities as a writer. He can dazzle . . . he can move effortlessly between classic storytelling and the more experimental." —*Salon*

"There's stunning writing here. Subtle, epigrammatic, candid and thoughtful." —*Herald* (London)

"While some story collections forsake the everyday for the exotic, Dave Eggers' **How We Are Hungry** finds meaning in the back yards of America as easily as amidst the surf of Costa Rica—with the revelation that sometimes, the heaviest things we carry on a journey are our own thoughts." —*The Philadelphia City Paper*

"As always, Eggers finds his place between outrageous humor and disastrous sadness. . . . [His stories] don't quit resonating until long after the last sentence is finished." —*Newcity Chicago*

"It's not surprising that short stories would turn out to be [Eggers'] best fiction milieu. . . . He plays with format and content alike, and the results are as remarkable as they are intrepid." —*The Onion*

"[These] stories and sequences . . . move and disturb in unexpected, even shocking ways." —*Times Literary Supplement* (U.K.)

"If all writing had the sense of moral purpose Eggers displays, the world would be a sharper, livelier place."  
—*The Journal News*

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Book is to be different for every single grade. Book for children right up until adult are different content. As we know that book is very important usually. The book *How We Are Hungry* seemed to be making you to know about other information and of course you can take more information. It is extremely advantages for you. The book *How We Are Hungry* is not only giving you more new information but also being your friend when you experience bored. You can spend your current spend time to read your guide. Try to make relationship with all the book *How We Are Hungry*. You never experience lose out for everything in the event you read some books.

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#### **Christopher Small:**

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