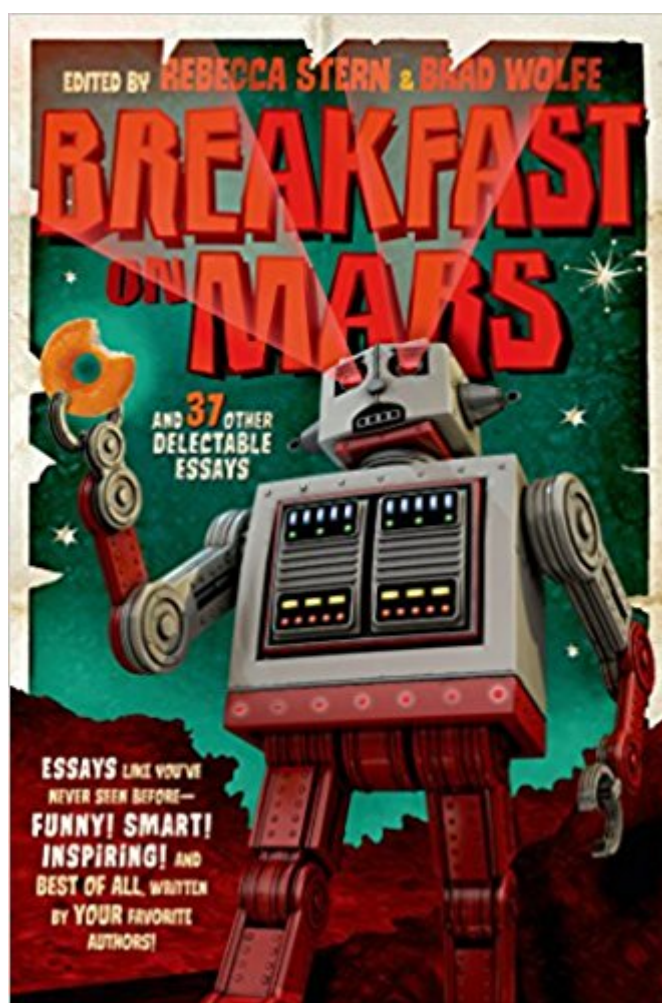


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Breakfast on Mars and 37 Other Delectable Essays will inspire students to think differently about the much-feared assignment in elementary and middle schools around the country: essay writing. Rebecca Stern's fifth-grade students were bored to death with essay writing, and the one thing Rebecca needed to inspire them—great examples appropriate for kids—was nowhere to be found. Inspired by a challenge, Rebecca joined forces with her friend, social entrepreneur Brad Wolfe, and the two came up with a terrific proposal—to gather together a collection of unconventional essays by some of the best writers around. They have compiled and edited a collection of imaginative, rule-breaking, and untraditional essays that is sure to change the way you think about the essay. Contributors include: Ransom Riggs, Kirsten Miller, Scott Westerfeld, Alan Gratz, Steve Almond, Jennifer Lou, Chris Higgins, Rita Williams-Garcia, Elizabeth Winthrop, Chris Epting, Sloane Crosley, April Sinclair, Maile Meloy, Daisy Whitney, Khalid Birdsong, Sarah Prineas, Ned Vizzini, Alane Ferguson, Lise Clavel, Mary-Ann Ochota, Steve Brezenoff, Casey Scieszka, Steven Weinberg, Michael Hearst, Clay McLeod Chapman, Gigi Amateau, Laurel Snyder, Wendy Mass, Marie Rutkoski, Sarah Darer Littman, Nick Abadzis, Michael David Lukas, Lina Roy, Craig Kielburger, Joshua Mohr, Cecil Castellucci, Joe Craig, and Ellen Sussman.

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The dreaded essay assignment reliably produces groans from students—and potentially squelches budding writers. This rigid essay format, whether in social studies, English, literature, ACT or SAT tests, or as part of college admission applications, has left some students in a pickle: how to follow form and still be creative? Enter Stern and Wolfe and this compilation of essays to help both students and their teachers. The editors have engaged 37 YA authors to each write one of the most popular types of essays: personal, persuasive, informative, literary, and even, in a few cases, illustrated with sketches or photos. The authors tackle typical thorny questions such as, “If you could change a moment in history, which would you choose and why?” or “Write about a time you helped make the world a better place.” In this valuable resource, the authors include research in their essays and sometimes make convincing arguments for something totally impossible. Best of all, they even bring humor back to this old, musty format. Grades 7-10. --J. B. Petty --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Outstanding collection of stories. Great interest level for grades 4-6. This is a good collection of stories to read with your kids, regardless of the educational value (which is exceptional)

I have always wanted something like this, to pull out when primary school teachers ask me whether I have persuasive (or any other type of) essay they could use as a prompt or mentor text with their students. This is a brilliant collection of essays, with a super user friendly index that lists the essays

by essay type as well as by prompt. And yes, I can just see how this book will get students excited about writing, just as the editors intended to!

We have loved this book. I homeschool my daughter who is in 4th grade. I read her about two of the essays a month and I see it helping her understand how to be a better writer.

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A really terrific introduction to non-fiction for middle graders.

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A must for 10-15 year old children. Everyone will love essays by the time they are finished. I can not wait for the next collection.

Distasteful and vulgar.

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