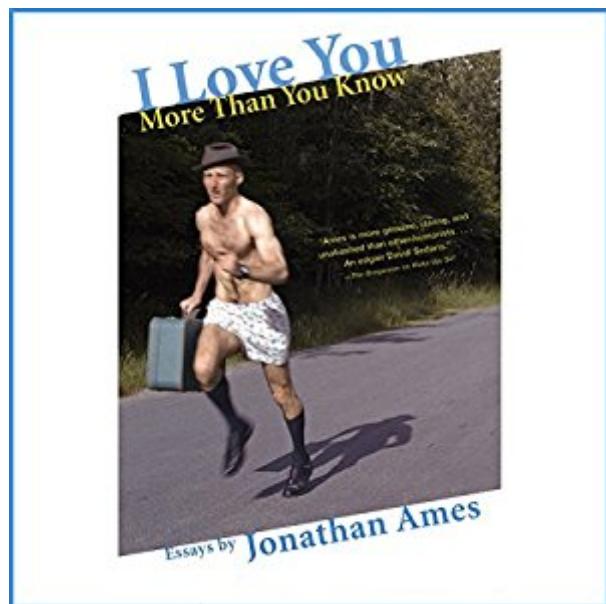


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# I Love You More Than You Know: Essays



## 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. --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Thank you, Mr. Ames, for rekindling my love of reading. I've been putting books down halfway through for the past few months (overwritten, too dreary, too serious), so it was a pleasure to read this collection of essays. On multiple occasions, I laughed out loud, to the point that my wife had to ask me to please be quiet because she was trying to sleep. At the root of this humor is a deep honesty, as one man reflects on his own estimation of himself. Mr. Ames, my only disagreement is that you are too hard on yourself. You have a good heart, and the world is lucky to have you, warts and all.

(or just a hair follicle) and all.

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.

Laughed out loud MANY times.

Great collection of stories....so funny and demented. I love Ames. I think we can all relate on small level. Definitely worth a read.

This book is a touching and hysterical collection that spans across a broad chunk of Ames' life as an artist and as a confused, exciteable, realistic man who always owns up to his choices and his feelings. A very worthy read.

Who is this lanky stud running down a street in his underpants (the book cover)? I had to find out. Ames' amusing collection of revealing personal essays and oddball experiences, combined with some too-often repeated bodily function problems and obsessions, made for a fun read, and one that might make the reader feel more normal by comparison. There is a lot of warmth and vulnerability in the stories, which are probably laugh-out-loud when read aloud. But reading them all at once was like binging on a box of one flavor of chocolates. His topics include what's on the book jacket; his odd life, money obsessions, transgender prostitutes, his son, and most endearing, his love of his elder relatives. His 'paper tiger'-esque forays into sports writing are nicely off-center. I

look forward to reading his fiction, although I hope there are no characters with nose-picking or butt-scratching habits.

I'm a Jonathan Ames fan. I love his novels and his essays. The guy just flat-out cracks me up. I haven't read him in a while, so I really enjoyed this collection. It was somehow comforting to know he is still obsessed with certain things about himself--his itchy ass, his baldness, his bathroom problems, his "cataloging of his ruination" as he moves into middle age. His self-deprecating humor is blunt, bawdy, outrageous, and hilarious. It appeals to my 12 year-old boy sense of humor. But mixed in with these funny essays are a few downright touching ones, like "Snowfall" which is about the death of a friend who Ames had lost touch with, and the two essays that discuss his close relationship with his great aunt Doris. All in all a good, quick, engaging, satisfying read.

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