



## Category Description

An essay is considered to be a short literary composition on a particular theme or subject. Generally analytic, speculative, or interpretive. A short story collection is different and will not apply to this category.

### Adult

- After the Tall Timber: Collected Nonfiction by Renata Adler
- All the Women in My Family Sing: Women Write the World -- Essays on Equality, Justice, and Freedom
- A Desert Harvest: New and Selected Essays by Bruce Berger
- My Southern Journey: True Stories from the Heart of the South by Rick Bragg
- The Pretty One: On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love with Me by Keah Brown
- Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces by Michael Chabon
- Known and Strange Things by Teju Cole
- Look Alive Out There by Sloane Crosley
- Coventry by Rachel Cusk
- Orphans by Charles D'Ambrosio
- I Hate My Selfie: A Collection of Essays by Shane Dawson
- For the Time Being by Annie Dillard
- White by Bret Easton Ellis
- Southern Lady Code by Helen Ellis
- Sister Mother Husband Dog, Etc. by Delia Ephron
- Wind Sprints: Shorter Essays by Joseph Epstein
- The End of the End of the Earth by Jonathan Franzen
- Discontent and Its Civilizations: Dispatches from Lahore, New York, and London by Mohsin Hamid
- Amateur Hour: Motherhood in Essays and Swear Words by Kimberly Harrington
- What If This Were Enough? by Heather Havrilesky
- On the Pleasure of Hating by William Hazlitt
- How Not to Get Shot: And Other Advice from White People by D.L. Hughley and Doug Moe
- The Geek Feminist Revolution by Kameron Hurley
- A Woman Looking at Men Looking at Women: Essays on Art, Sex, and the Mind by Siri Hustvedt
- Meaty by Samantha Irby
- Make It Scream, Make It Burn by Leslie Jamison
- And the Pursuit of Happiness by Maira Kalman
- The Keillor Reader by Garrison Keillor
- My 1980s & Other Essays by Wayne Koestenbaum
- The Wave in the Mind: Talks and Essays on the Writer, the Reader, and the Imagination by Ursula K. Le Guin

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- I Can't Complain: (All Too) Personal Essays by Elinor Lipman
- Waiting for the Barbarians: Essays on the Classics and Pop Culture by Daniel Mendelsohn
- An Earlier Life by Brenda Miller
- Upstream: Selected Essays by Mary Oliver
- Don't Call Me Princess: Essays on Girls, Women, Sex, and Life by Peggy Orenstein
- What Are We Doing Here? by Marilynne Robinson
- Everything's Trash, but It's Okay by Phoebe Robinson
- Reporting Always: Writings from The New Yorker by Lillian Ross
- 100 Essays I Don't Have Time to Write: On Umbrellas and Sword Fights, Parades and Dogs, Fire Alarms, Children, and Theater by Sarah Ruhl
- Little Weirds by Jenny Slate
- Feel Free by Zadie Smith
- Uplake: Restless Essays of Coming and Going by Ana Maria Spagna
- Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion by Jia Tolentino
- Sabers and Utopias: Visions of Latin America by Mario Vargas Llosa
- Words Made Fresh: Essays on Literature and Culture by Larry Woiodode

### Teen

- 1968: Today's Authors Explore A Year of Rebellion, Revolution, and Change
- Strangers Assume My Girlfriend Is My Nurse by Shane Burcaw
- Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories
- Hope Nation: YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration
- How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation
- Nevertheless, We Persisted: 48 Voices of Defiance, Strength, and Courage
- I'll Ask You Three Times, Are You OK?: Tales of Driving and Being Driven by Naomi Shihab Nye
- Rookie on Love: 45 Voices on Romance, Friendship, and Self-Care
- Almost Adulting: All You Need to Know to Get it Together (Sort of) by Arden Rose