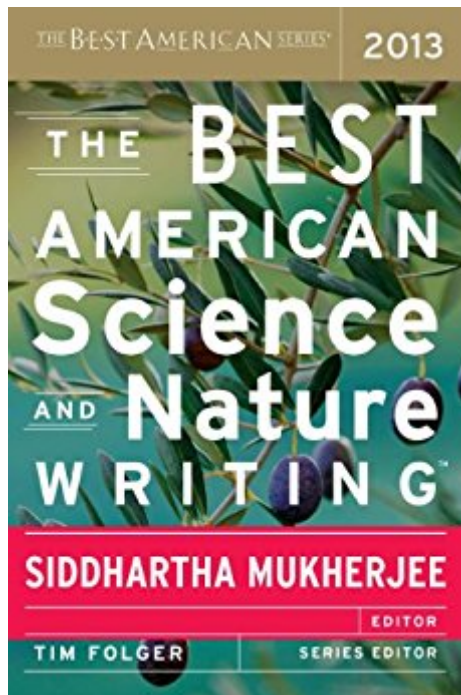


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I've read other in the "The Best American _____ Writing" series but never the science and nature version. I've really enjoyed this compilation. I'm somebody who had a horrible experience with science in school, and discovered a love of it (and interest in) after college... so much so, that I went back and did a post-bac program. While I read some of the magazines/journals featured in real life or online like "Scientific American", "The Atlantic", and "The New Yorker"--others such as "Orion" or "Playboy" aren't on my radar. A lot of the pieces came from "The New Yorker", but honestly--I didn't mind reading them again. I love this book (and the other in the series) because in 10 minutes or so, I can read an article that stimulates my mind and leaves me with at least one, usually many more, new pieces of information. As there is no preview available right now, here's what you'll get: J.B. MACKINNON. False Idyll From Orion BENJAMIN HALE. The Last Distinction? From Harper's TIM

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