

***Breakfast on Mars: and 37 other delectable essays***

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*Breakfast on Mars: and 37 other delectable essays* is an anthology every creative writer, no matter what level, should keep on hand. A compilation of essays by published writers, this collection by Rebecca Stern and Brad Wolfe will inspire even the laziest of us to pick up a pen. The essays range in topics from character analyses to graphic essays, personal narratives and how-to guides, each work varying in length, format, voice, tense, and topic, proving that essays take no standard form, and certainly are not limited to the five paragraph format taught in junior high.

But this collection should not only be kept in arms length of creative writers; all writers, students, and teachers would benefit from *Breakfast on Mars*. The essays show how the way information is presented in the essay is what makes an essay powerful, whether the information is historical, imaginative, or personal.

Above each essay is the prompt the author started with, making the book extremely teacher-friendly. Students and other writers may read an essay, and then write their own based on the same prompt. This book is best read in little chunks, essay by essay. Students can read the prompt, read the essay, and then read the short biography about the author that follows the essay. Having the author's biography gives readers a chance to connect to the author and see similarities they may have. This book is very inspiring, teen- and adult- friendly.