

## *Against The Country Ben Metcalf*

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### **Against The Country Ben Metcalf**

Against the Country: A Novel by Ben Metcalf (Random House, \$26). The unnamed narrator of former Harper's literary editor Ben Metcalf's first novel, Against the Country, is forced by the realities of childhood dependency to participate in his father's experiment with "back-to-the-land" living in the rural Virginia of the late '70s and early '80s.

### **Against the Country by Ben Metcalf - Goodreads**

"Ben Metcalf is a brilliant writer, and Against the Country is an ingenious and hilarious novel, a glittering, bitter celebration of how the lousiness of life can be redeemed in the hands (and mouth) of a top-shelf teller of life's stories."—Sam Lipsyte, author of The Ask and The Fun Parts

### **Against the Country: Ben Metcalf: 9781400062690: Amazon ...**

Ben Metcalf's 'Against the Country' Ben Metcalf's 'Against the Country'. For an explanation of this mystifying event, the narrator turns to his father (ironically, since the father is the book's chief source of violence, doling out whippings first with switches and later with a kind of wire flail).

### **Ben Metcalf's 'Against the Country' - The New York Times**

Against the Country stands out as one of the more necessary—and most eloquent—expressions of a distinctly American, provincial rage in some years."—Flavorwire "This novel is a lightning strike. It is a surge of electrical energy captured inside sentences. Ben Metcalf is a master of rhetoric and rage and persuasion and darkness and wit.

### **Against the Country by Ben Metcalf | PenguinRandomHouse ...**

The publisher describes Ben Metcalf's "Against the Country" as a "gift for fans of Southern Gothic and metafiction," which sounds like a final exam question for Venn diagrammers. Having survived this mind-numbing rant of a novel, I only know that it's a gift I would not open again.

### **Book review: 'Against the Country,' by Ben Metcalf - The ...**

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### **Summary and reviews of Against the Country by Ben Metcalf**

Join us at Book Culture on 112th as Ben Metcalf discusses his book, Against the Country on Thursday, October 4th at 7pm!. NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY VULTURE AND ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR • Against the Country is a gift for fans of Southern Gothic and metafiction alike. Set in the Virginia pines, and overrun with failed parents, racist sex offenders, cast-off ...

### **112th: Ben Metcalf on Against the Country | Book Culture**

Against the Country by Ben Metcalf. Random House. See all the pieces in this month's Slate Book Review. Sign up for the Slate Book Review monthly newsletter.

### **Ben Metcalf's Against the Country, reviewed. - slate.com**

Metcalf gets lost in his own long, meandering sentences, and by the end of "Against the Country," there's no sense that where they're headed was worth the effort it took to keep up with them.

### **Review of "Against the Country" by Ben Metcalf - The ...**

A boy's school years in rural Virginia are marked by poverty, poultry, school bus torments and a brutish father, all of which would one day inspire him to tell his story with a ponderous postmodernist flair. Labyrinthine sentences and metafictional antics make it difficult to separate style from substance in this variously humorous and bilious first novel.

### **AGAINST THE COUNTRY by Ben Metcalf | Kirkus Reviews**

For fans of Southern Gothic, Ben Metcalf's Against the Country is an intense, sly, and deceptively

humorous debut novel about growing up in the wilds of Goochland County, Virginia, from the former literary editor of Harper's Magazine.

**Against the Country (Audiobook) by Ben Metcalf | Audible.com**

If there is one thing I can say for Ben Metcalf's new novel, it's that it's true to its own title. Against the Country is indeed, in every way, a book-length screed about the backwardness of rural life. To the narrator's dismay, his parents have moved the family from small-town Illinois to a ...

**Against The Country By Ben Metcalf - The Rumpus.net**

Sound And Fury (And Then A Little More Fury) In 'Against The Country' Reviewer Jason Sheehan calls Ben Metcalf's Against the Country meandering, challenging and "almost the definition" of a screed ...

**Sound And Fury (And Then A Little More Fury) In 'Against ...**

It is just these questions that Ben Metcalf's Against the Country answers, and answers with a rhetorical and syntactic virtuosity that has not been seen on these shores since the days of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville and with a backwoods horror that has not been seen since Deliverance or As I Lay Dying

**Against the Country by Ben Metcalf - bookforum.com / daily ...**

Ben Metcalf is the author of Against the Country (2.95 avg rating, 295 ratings, 82 reviews, published 2014) and Not Really Gone with the Wind (5.00 avg r...

**Ben Metcalf (Author of Against the Country) - Goodreads**

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**Against the Country: A Novel Audiobook by Ben Metcalf**

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**Against the Country: A Novel by Ben Metcalf, Paperback ...**

Against the Country is a gift for fans of Southern Gothic and metafiction alike. Set in the Virginia pines, and overrun with failed parents, racist sex offenders, cast-off priests, and suicidal chickens, this novel challenges literary convention e...

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