



## Shame and Wonder

By Searcy, David

Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Random House UK | An extraordinary debut essay collection from a singular new voice in American literature | 'A work of genius' Ben Fountain'A bittersweet book, but also a sharp and profoundly wise one' Herald'Searcy writes with an urgency that makes his essays matter. Where the shame comes in is not certain, but the wonder is that you begin a year having never heard of an author then, two weeks in, his words are lodged in your consciousness and you are telling everybody you know to read his book' IndependentLike dispatches from another world, the twenty-one essays in David Searcy's debut collection Shame and Wonder are unfamiliar, profound and haunting.In his late sixties, the Texan author David Searcy became drawn to non-fiction, writing 'straight-up', on note pad and manual typewriter, a series of disparate thoughts and interests. These unframed apprehensions, as he called them - of forgotten baseball fields, childhood dreams of space travel, the bedtime stories he'd invent for his young children - evolved into a sequence of extraordinary essays probing the pivots and pathways of his life, and puzzling out what they might mean.Expansive in scope, but deeply personal in their perspective, the pieces in...



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