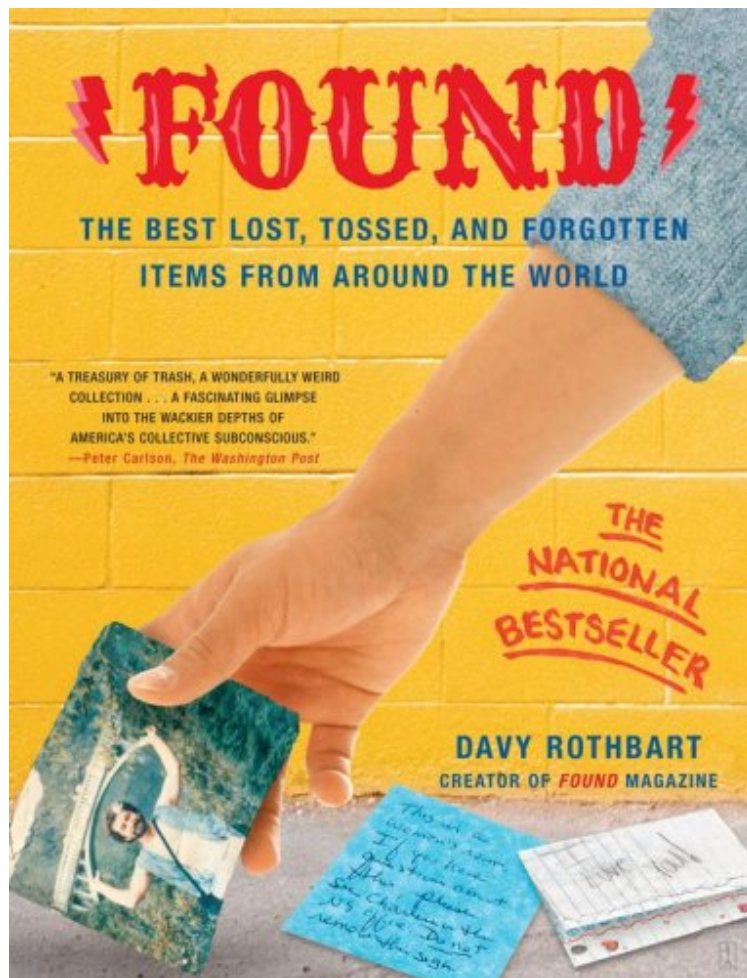


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An emotional gut punchBy Shawn StephensThe challenge with this type of book, is that so many of the meaningful 'found' notes are an emotional gut punch. There was a letter that a kid wrote to his father in another state about how excited he was to possibly move there with him and how they'd hang out and have a good time. And then to see that the note was found in the city where the son lived so it apparently never reached the father. I made me want to cry. So while there are a lot of cool found things to read, if you sit down to go through the whole book, you'll be seriously depressed. 98 of 101 people found the following review helpful. The

Sociology Of Trash By Robert I. Hedges Davy Rothbart and the gang at "Found" magazine have turned out a truly original gem. The concept is simple: people find things that they were not intended to find, and send it in to Davy, who sorts the wheat from the chaff and comes up with a pithy book of insight on the American psyche. Some of the things that have been found are unreal. I am particularly fond of the love letters and notes left on double parked cars. Others are simply too bizarre to try to contextualize, such as notes reading "Warning: The iguana is loose on the porch...", and "If the ball is too loud take it up when you sleep and put it back down when you get up", for instance. But my all time favorites are the lost pet flyers. Now I love animals, and I think it is a real tragedy when someone loses a pet, but these flyers made me laugh so hard I almost fell off my chair (you really need to see them for the full effect): "Loss Cat: Speckles, Does not call when come, Dirty, Not tag, Reward needs medicines. Foam. Call Ward." Best of all is "Lost Cobra Color: brown, black, yellow, red (on teeth), blue (color of tongue) Snake has been known to bite off heads. Snake is not house trained. Answers to "Psycho". Length: 7' Weight: 45 lbs Warning, snake is deadly. Will bite if provoked. Psycho has a strong scottish accent." As hard as I try, I could never make up something that funny. Some of the things are genuinely touching, and some are quite old. A few are from outside the US, but largely this is a peek into the collective subconscious of America. This book is a national treasure. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terrific item! Great gift for those with eclectic tastes! By Someone Astonishing This is just a wonderful collection of pieces from the Found website. It's very attractive and good quality. I love it.

A collection of Found magazines best lost, tossed, and forgotten items, Found offers a fascinating glimpse into other peoples lives. Discarded valentines. Ransom notes. To-do lists. Diaries. Homework assignments. A break-up letter written on the back of an airsickness bag. Whether they are found on buses, at stores, in restaurants, waiting rooms, parking lots, or even prison yards, these items give readers an uncensored, poignant, and often hilarious peek into other people's lives. By collecting them in his hit magazine, Found (and its companion website, www.foundmagazine.com), Davy Rothbart has bewitched the nation with a surprising window into its heart and soul and turned his many readers into an army of sharp-eyed finders. Found is chock-full of the latest and greatest of these finds, arranged in the style of the magazine, laying bare the tantalizing tales to be discovered in the trash we toss. By turns heartbreaking and hysterically funny, Found is a mesmerizing tribute to everyday life and our eternal curiosity about our fellow human beings.

From Publishers Weekly In the tradition of NPR's National Story Project comes this funky collection of letters, flyers and other miscellany from the pages of Found magazine. Rothbart, the magazine's editor and founder, has pulled together the funniest, weirdest and most moving items found by himself and his readers over the years. Fairly typical is the note left on a car's windshield, intended for a wayward boyfriend named Mario: "You said you had to work then whys your car here at HER place?.... I hate you..." piling invective upon invective until concluding: "p.s. Page me later." Rothbart and company find stuff just about everywhere: on buses, taped to trees, underneath Coke machines, in the recycling bin at Kinko's. Some items are heartbreaking (a missing person poster found in Manhattan after September 11), some hilarious (an algebra test, flunked with creativity and panache) and some just plain odd (a note directing residents to lock a door in order to "prevent unauthorized people from entering the building and defecating in the washing machine"). There are some explanations, but mostly, the trash speaks for itself, reproduced with Rothbart's particular punk-collagist aesthetic. At times, reading the notes and letters feels uncomfortably voyeuristic, and inevitably, readers are left wanting more, wishing for details about these lives beyond what the sketchy fragments provide (did that scoundrel Mario ever change his wanton ways?). A provocative and original book, Rothbart's collection manages to pull laughter and drama from the flotsam and jetsam of society. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From School Library Journal Adult/High School Since elementary school, Rothbart has been collecting things he finds in the trash, on the bus, on the ground. When he decided that others might be interested in them, he cut and pasted the best ones into a fanzine called Found. Other people quickly began sending him items, and the magazine grew into this "best of" collection. It contains predominantly handwritten notes, but there are also photos, drawings, e-mails, grocery lists, and even a picture of a kitten that was found in a library book drop. Many of the finds are compelling on their own, but what really entertains is the imagined possible backgrounds. One must wonder about the story behind the note, "Don't take mattress. Leanne died on it. Shame on you. Apt. 306." There is also an interview with cartoonist Lynda Barry, and a poignant one with a man who found a message in a bottle 19 years after it was sent to sea. Though many of the items will bring laughs, there are also sad ones: slots of breakup notes and those written by children to their estranged parents, and some moving flyers from the World Trade Center collapse. Some of the pieces were obviously written by high-school students and passed in class. Reluctant readers will enjoy browsing through the silly, the sexy, and the scatological, but this book will appeal to anyone's inner eavesdropper and packrat instincts. Jamie Watson, Harford County Public Library, MD Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "The extreme pleasure this brings is really hard to explain, and the more we try to analyze it, the more troubling our enjoyment might become." -- Dave Eggers, author of A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius "I love Found!" -- Drew Barrymore "A fascinating

and compelling collection that will break your heart." -- David Sedaris, author of *Me Talk Pretty One Day*"Writers resent Found. How would you feel if you spent months and years slaving over stories when these talented rubbernecks can't seem to walk their dogs without tripping over one teensy epic after another? No fair!" -- Sarah Vowell, author of *Take the Cannoli* and *The Partly Cloudy Patriot*"A treasury of trash, a wonderfully weird collection...a fascinating glimpse into the wackier depths of America's collective subconscious." -- *The Washington Post*"Found is a diary of the human race put together with affection and love." -- Laura Kwerel, a radio producer in Washington"Found's contents are sometimes bizarre, sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes downright hilarious, and other times a combination of all three." -- *Los Angeles Times*"The lost scraps of writing in this book are perfect short stories." -- Ira Glass, host of *This American Life*"Rothbart probably never listened to his mother when she told him not to pick up trash. Which is good: Otherwise he might have never started Found magazine." -- Amy Fritch, *Spin Magazine*"Davy Rothbart's brilliant idea was to create a forum for folks to submit the revealing detritus of life...The notes are sometimes funny, sometimes mundane, sometimes horrifying and always a beautiful peek into the fascinating private lives of others." -- *St. Paul Pioneer Press*