

From a gifted storyteller who delivers always enjoyable, often hysterical stories (New York Times Book Review) comes a meditation on the American Dream and its discontents. In his most ambitious collection yet, Steve Almond offers a comic and forlorn portrait of these United States: our lust for fame, our racial tensions, the toll of perpetual war, and the pursuit of romantic happiness. In the exuberant title story, a hapless would-be actor, desperate to escape the drudgery of his existence, lands the role of a lifetime. In *Donkey Greedy*, Donkey Gets Punched, reprinted in *Best American Short Stories*, a psychoanalyst with a secret gambling addiction squares off over the poker table against a damaged ex-patient. In *First Date Back*, a young woman becomes the target of a traumatized soldier's misguided hopes for love. And *A Dream of Sleep*, the collection's final story, presents a grief-stricken refugee who tends the graves of a forgotten cemetery, only to have his fragile peace shattered by an unwelcome visitor. Each of these thirteen stories is an urgent investigation of America's soul, its particular suffering, its injustices, its possibilities for redemption. With deft sleight of hand, Almond, a writer who knows us as well as we know ourselves (*Houston Chronicle*), leavens his disappointment and outrage with a persistent hope for the men and women who inhabit his worlds. *God Bless America* offers us an astonishing vision of our collective fate, rendered in Almond's signature style of precise strokes ... with metaphors so original and spot-on that they read like epiphanies (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

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From Kate Smith to Celine Dion to New York City's "singing cop," Daniel Rodriguez, "God Bless America" has had its fair share of renditions. Our nation's solemn prayer and appeal has become, *God Bless America*, particularly since the events of Sept. 11, in New York City. Irving Berlin (""). The life of Irving Berlin is a uniquely American success story. He was born Israel Baline in the Jewish village of Tyumen, in a harsh.

*God Bless America* was first published in , then revised with new lyrics as a peace song with the rise of Adolph Hitler in , performed on Armistice Day. Next to our national anthem, there's no more patriotic song than the melodic "God Bless America."

16 Oct - 44 min - Uploaded by ColoradoCollegeWeb American Music Scholar Sheryl Kaskowitz discusses her book, *God Bless America: The*. He'd come up with "God Bless America" in , while serving in the Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, N.Y. It was intended for a military revue. *God Bless America* is an American patriotic song written by Irving Berlin during World War I in .. The story revolves around a loveless, jobless, possibly terminally ill man and his year-old female companion, who go on a killing spree, offing. We were celebrating our freedom and asking God to bless our great nation as we sang "God Bless America." It was heard throughout the nation. For that matter, most of the stories include three or four of those elements. I found the Steve Almond "God Bless America: Stories. Posted by. *God Bless America* and *Remember Italy, Too!* From *Chicken Soup for He* shared his story with them, and their heads hung down. They extinguished the.

ForeWord Book of the Year, Honorable Mention (stories) *God Bless America* offers us an

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When your name was bantered about our kitchen table, I was too young to understand. Now you are back like a ghost from Salem, mocking the. An inspiring portrait of an immigrant and the gift he gave his new home. Persecuted as Jews, Izzy Baline and his family emigrated from Russia to New York. "God Bless America" was originally conceived as the finale for the Berlin's immigrant success story connected the song, in the period just.

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