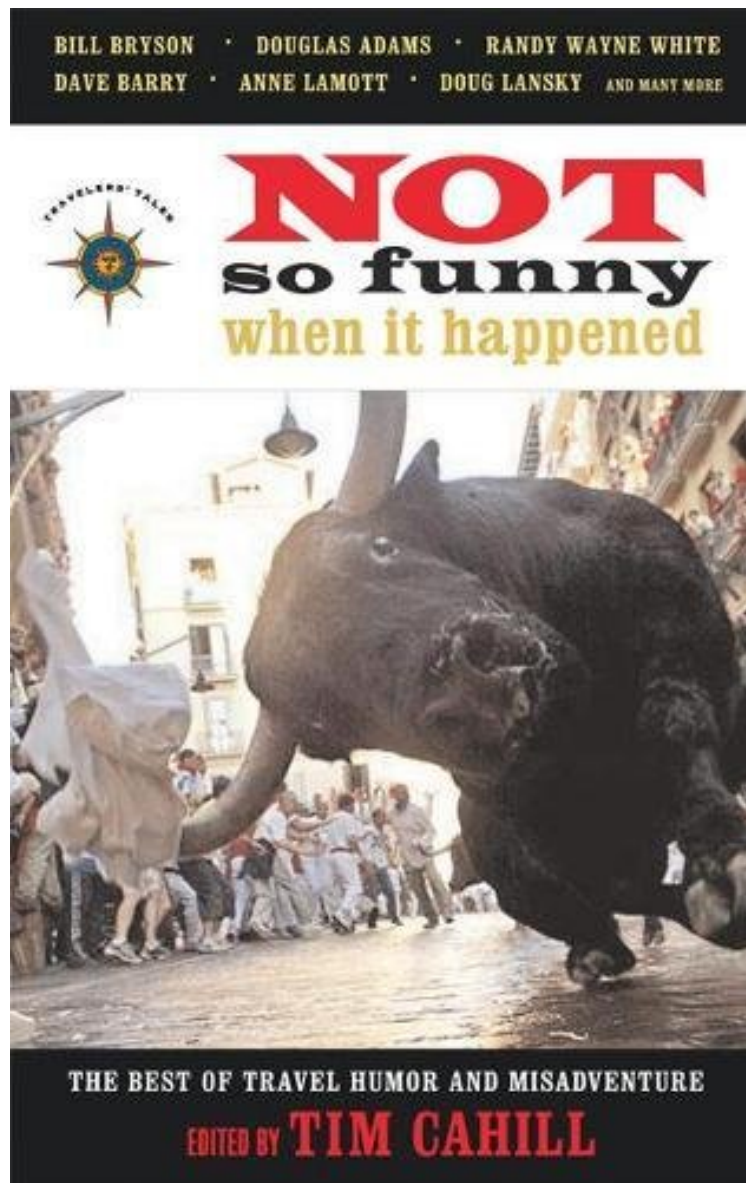


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48 of 49 people found the following review helpful. Unfortunately, it isn't so funny now, either. By Ivy Not So Funny When It Happened seems like a real winner. Edited by Tim Cahill, who has written a number of good adventure travel books, published by Travelers' Tales, who have the travel anthology down to a fine art, and full of travel humor, which we all know is wonderful. How can this book not be great? It might have something to do with the limited material available. There isn't, relatively speaking, a lot of travel humor published, and much of it is written by just a few very talented authors. Not So Funny does contain all the big names, but at one story a piece, they don't come close to filling up the book. For the rest of the content, Cahill has to go to less known and unknown authors, or to those who don't usually write misadventure travel essays. Unfortunately, Travelers' Tales has been down this road very recently, with There's No Toilet Paper on the Road Less Traveled; in other words, the best unknown stuff has already been used. That leaves Not So Funny with a lot of marginal articles, plus a few good ones. An additional caveat: if you like humor, you've probably read the big names - Bill Bryson, Tim Cahill, David Sedaris, Douglas Adams, Anne Lamott, Dave Barry - in this collection already. And the essays included in Not So Funny aren't among their least-known works by any means. In short, while I liked the concept behind this book, the reality of it leaves much to be desired. It is, however, worth reading once or twice, especially for the devoted travel writing fan. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Reall:, NOT so funny. By Jeannie F. Fairfax I'm a fan of Cahill, and of Traveler's Tales...but, really: The stories in this book are not interesting, not unique, not good, and not that much about "travel." Nor are they the least bit outstanding, nor humorous... The book is a bust. I don't think it's just that I have worked and traveled in Asia, Europe, Central America, and even Mississippi; funny, unusual, surprising stories are out there. They just didn't bother to find the good ones. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By james b soileau Great

If you think you know what's the worst than can happen while traveling, the essayists in Not So Funny When it Happened will set you straight. In over 30 scathingly funny pieces, a diverse array of authors shows just how quickly a pleasant vacation can turn into an embarrassing anecdote. In Vietnam, John Wood invents increasingly elaborate fictions to explain his ex-wife's "accidental death" in order to avoid humiliating himself by admitting he's divorced. Australian traveler Jayce White awakens in Zimbabwe to a baboon at his breakfast table helping himself to leftovers with primal flair. Collected in Not So Funny When it Happened, these stories and more show that when traveling, even the best of plans fall by the wayside.

From Booklist J. P. Donleavy, Nicholas Delbanco, and Dave Barry are among the 36 writers represented in this collection of droll travel tales. A baboon joins one travel writer in Zimbabwe for breakfast and refuses to leave. A French language class in Paris redefines the foundation of Christianity with a discussion of the Easter bunny. Another writer, warned not to tell the Vietnamese that he is divorced, invents intricate stories to explain his ex-wife's "accidental death." A fourth writer reflects on the subject of bad haircuts around the world, and another one tells of getting to the airport an hour early and then almost missing the plane. These stories are humorous, indeed. In a few cases the reader may have gone through a similar agonizing experience--one that was not the least bit funny at the time, but comical to look back on. George Cohen Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "...delightful, often laugh-out-loud collection of traumatic travel tales..." -- Times-Picayune "An amusing diversion, good for your next long flight." -- Kirkus "Incredibly funny travel tales..." -- ForeWord "Kirkus says, 'An amusing diversion, good for your next long flight.' I say it's a fine diversion any time." -- The Mature Traveler...full of short, funny, glad-it-didn't-happen-to-me stories sure to amuse those who enjoy writing or traveling..." -- Tennessean