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A Conversation with David Sedaris

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Selected audio outtakes from the print interview which appears in our Spring 2007 issue. Lania Knight talks with David Sedaris, author of the best-selling *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice* and essay collections such as *Naked*. Sedaris' work airs on National Public Radio and appears regularly in *The New Yorker* and *Esquire*, and he recently edited an anthology to raise money for 826NYC, an organization devoted to tutoring youth in Brooklyn. He divides his time between residences in New York, France and England and is working on his next book.

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David Sedaris first came into the national spotlight in 1992, when Ira Glass asked him to read for *Morning Edition* on National Public Radio. At the time, Sedaris was living in New York City, working as a house cleaner. He read "Santaland Diaries" for NPR, an essay that chronicles in meticulous, hilarious detail his odd experiences working in green tights as a Macy's elf. Since that first reading, Sedaris has written the best-selling books *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice* and several collections of essays, including *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*. His radio pieces air on National Public Radio's *This American Life*, and his essays appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and *Esquire*. He also writes plays with his sister, Amy Sedaris, creator of the Comedy Central series *Strangers with Candy*. Along with David's partner, Hugh, they collaborate as "the Talent Family" on plays that have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center and The Drama Department, in New York City.

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