

Last Week This Week 4-24-16

Wrath /ræθ/ *noun*

1□: strong vengeful anger or indignation□
(chiefly used for humorous or rhetorical effect)

2□: retributory punishment for an offense or a crime: divine chastisement□

On WBT

David James [weighs](#) in on the German government's decision to prosecute comedian Jan Böhmermann and tells us why it's perfectly okay to mock a dictator.



WBT Friends

Matthew Komatsu [reviews](#) Brian Castner's new book, [All the Ways to Kill and Die](#). My favorite line: "If there is risk inherent to the structure of *All the Ways We Kill and Die*, it is that its polygamous marriage of imagination, memoir, and reportage runs the risk of throwing off a genre-monogamous reader." Based off of the rest of the review, this is a risk I'm willing to take.

Adrian Bonenberger [writes](#) for Forbes on Ukrainian pilot Nadiya Savchenko and Putin's latest mistake.

Editor's Recommendations

Advocacy

Congratulations to The Marshall Project, for their recent [Pulitzer Prize](#). If you are at all interested in racial and criminal justice, subscribing to their daily Opening Statement newsletter is a necessity.

Politics

An article [decrying](#) how smug and condescending liberals have become, and if we're honest in our introspection, the editors at WBT can't claim innocence of the same vice at times.

Bill Moyers [discusses](#) the problem of stone-age brains trying to figure out democracy (and perhaps proves the point of the above Vox link—you decide).

The New York Times on how Clinton could win the nomination and lose the [election](#).

Masculinity

Remember the God-awful Tucker Max? Well, supposedly he's moved on from humiliating women and now wants to raise a family. [Read](#) Amber A'Lee Frost at the Baffler to find out whether "Dick-Lit" has truly changed its ways.

A former professor of Adrian's [writes](#) about class fragility in America, and the comment section is BRUTAL.

Birthdays

Friday was Shakespeare's birthday. [Read](#) our favorite Shakespeare scholar, Stephen Greenblatt, on why Shakespeare's "cakes and ale" were always subversive and how Shakespeare's plays have become an unlikely weapon against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Fiction

Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer* [wins](#) the Pulitzer Prize! Check out WBT's [take](#) on the *The Sympathizer*'s literary and historical importance (with respect to war literature) and then buy the [book](#).

Prince

Prince passed away. In his honor, grab some pancakes and check out Prince's favorite Dave Chapelle [skit](#).