

Last Week This Week 5-8-16

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

Carson [reviews](#) David Rieff's *In Praise of Forgetting*—find out why it might be worthwhile to think about the merits of forgetting.



WBT Friends

Peter Molin at Time Now [reviews](#) Matt Hefti's *A Hard and Heavy Thing*.

Editor's Recommendations

Advocacy

Pennsylvania courts and a Philadelphia jury did [something bold and rare](#), and if others would follow suit, maybe our police forces would be less corrupt.

All Art is Propaganda

Why be an artist and write short stories no one reads when you can write short stories that shape how an entire country thinks? An [essay](#) at the Times wonders at how the gutting of

news agencies has made us susceptible to not only Trump but pretty much anything. This [response](#) at the Post calls BS on the piece's literary and journalistic tropes and says there's nothing interesting or new to see here.

Fascinating [interview](#) with Adonis, the celebrated Syrian poet, about the Syrian Civil War, Daesh, East vs. West, and the Holocaust.

Robots

An AI “robo-investor” that [takes](#) annoying human meddling (and ethics!) out the stock market – surely a *profitable* advance to humankind (published March 31, discovered and read this week)

Politics

Trump has become the Republican nominee, short some kind of convention fuckery, or him striking a cynical deal with party leadership—and Don Cheney [says](#) he's got the Trump-man's back (Donald, don't go hunting with him!).

A great [look](#) at how the Democratic Party could really fail against Trump.