

# Last Week This Week 5-8-16

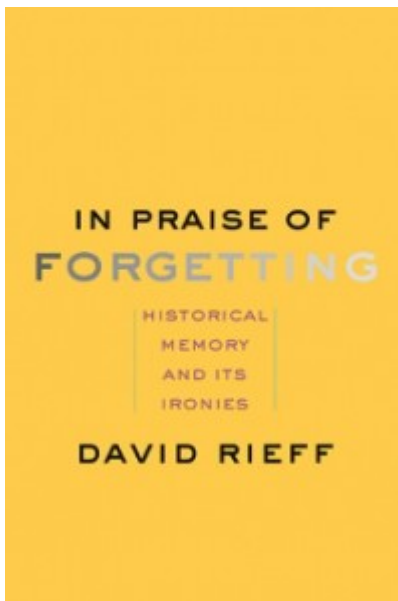
## Wrath /ræθ/ *noun*

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.