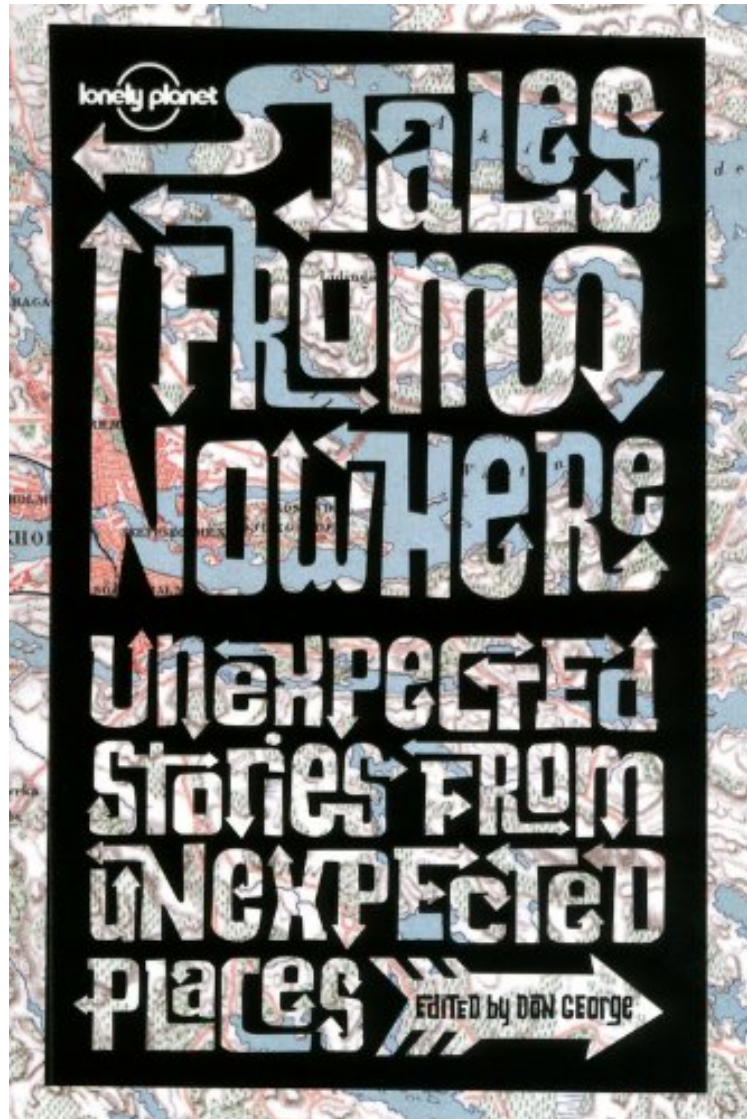


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Simon Winchester, Tim Cahill, Pico Iyer : Tales from Nowhere (Lonely Planet Travel Literature) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tales from Nowhere (Lonely Planet Travel Literature):

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whiney "Animals, the Lot of Us" by Alana Semuels are particularly poor entries, and it doesn't help that they are back-to-back). Joshua Clark's entry, "His Picture Nowhere," was intriguing, however the author's attempt to be "artsy" in his delivery backfires. Standouts include Pico Iyer's account of visiting Easter Island with his elderly mother, and Simon Winchester's attempt to uncover the "worst country in the world." A few of the essays take on the pretentious tone of self-styled "adventurers," but most are fun and interesting. Overall, a decent read with a few rough patches. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. very satisfied. By k27 arrived on time. product exactly as described. very satisfied. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By HammergetmoA+

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