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“America’s most popular sex columnist” has been giving frank advice to gay and straight adults via his popular syndicated column “Savage Love” for more than two decades, but his public profile was elevated significantly after cofounding the It Gets Better Project in 2010. Aimed at LGBT youth struggling with bullying and suicide, the award-winning YouTube campaign sparked the world’s attention when everyone from Ellen DeGeneres to President Obama recorded video messages of support, turning the spotlight on an important problem. Through books, podcasts, newspaper articles, speaking engagements, and frequent talk-show appearances, Savage has shrewdly parlayed his outspokenness into a lucrative and successful brand—regularly drawing the ire of religious conservatives and even other gay-rights advocates. With his latest collection of essays on “faith, sex, love, and politics,” he takes on gun control, Obamacare, sex education in public schools, and gay marriage, among other hot-button topics. His provocative points are sharply made but repetitively rephrased. Fans of Savage’s in-your-face rhetoric are sure to rally around his liberal pulpit, but new converts may be harder to come by. --Chris Keech

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#### Praise for AMERICAN SAVAGE:

“America’s most in-your-face sex columnist and gay-rights activist comes out swinging in these pugnacious, hilarious essays...Underneath Savage’s scabrous, bomb-throwing exterior beats the heart of a softie.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“An extraordinarily personal, deeply felt book about traditional marriage, authentic and healthy religion and a traditional sex life.”

—*The Washington Post*

“Savage’s essays on fatherhood, cheating, and the subset of Americans, in *American Savage*, who still think sexuality is a choice are powerful messages for both the head and the heart.” —*Entertainment Weekly*

“Dan Savage is the most prominent activist for gay rights in America....many of his proponents forget just how good of a writer he is. American Savage is everything a longtime reader of Savage would expect: a series of hilarious, often touching, essays that deal with sexuality, monogamy, religion, gun rights, and Savage’s family.” —The A.V. Club

“Savage writes conversationally and wonderfully. Although some might be put off at first by his strong opinions, most readers will ultimately find him engaging. Recommended for general readers who enjoy the cutting edge essay format.” —*Library Journal*

“At turns serious and humorous, this multifaceted collection of essays will entertain both longtime Savage fans and new readers.” —*Kirkus*

“[Savage] takes on gun control, Obamacare, sex education in public schools, and gay marriage, among other hot-button topics. His provocative points are sharply made... Fans of Savage’s in-your-face rhetoric are sure to rally around his liberal pulpit.” —*Booklist*

“Dan Savage is a gay superhero... marvelously discursive and footnote-laden collection of new essays... *American Savage* will most likely preach to the choir, but its polemics are still beautiful, verbal slap-downs of sanctimonious bigotry.” –*Time Out New York*

“*American Savage* is at once deliberately outrageous and seriously thoughtful.” - *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

“An entertaining and thought-provoking collection of short-winded essays... Savage has the ability to smooth over his rant’s foul-mouthed edges with a refreshing self-deprecation and, yes, a good old-fashioned Midwestern kindness.” - *The Minneapolis Star Tribune*

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Dan Savage lives in Seattle.

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