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Jim Murray : The best of Jim Murray before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The best of Jim Murray:

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Too much of the same thingBy Randy KeehnI always enjoyed reading the occassional Jim Murray sports collumn. Sometimes the local paper would run one, other times my parents, who lived in LA, would send me a copy of a particularly good one. Murray had a way with words and when he wrote in praise of an athlete or a team, there was no greater compliment they could have received. One day I came across "The Best of Jim Murray" and figured that this would be a great treat to read. I started at the beginning and kept reading. I gradually came to the realization that Jim Murray wrote the same collumn all his life. He merely changed the proper nouns and action verbs where ever necessary. The more I read the more I felt like I was reading the same thing over and over. That isn't necessarily bad; Jeff Foxworthy tells a different variation of the same joke over and over and it's still funny. My mistake was reading the book from cover to cover instead of two or three collumns a week. After all, that's how the LA Times readers absorbed his writings. This was the book that taught me to not read collected works like any other book. Instead, I enjoy a story or two at a time in between the other books I read. Had I done that with this book, I'm sure I would have rated it higher.

