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DAMNED IF I DO by Percival Everett

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DAMNED IF I DO (November 2004) is an exceptional new collection of short stories by Percival Everett, author of the highly praised and wickedly funny novel *Erasure*.

“It’s hard to pigeonhole Percival Everett. Working between the traditions of the academy and the African American tall tale, he writes with a sharp satirical voice only predictable in its provocation.” —*Playboy Magazine*

“I think Percival Everett is a genius. He’s a brilliant writer and so damn smart I envy him.”
—**Terry McMillan**

“Everett is a clever writer with a gift for parody and a formidable library in his head.”
—*The Washington Post Book World*

A cop, a cowboy, several fly fisherman, and even a reluctant romance novelist inhabit these revealing and often hilarious stories. An old man ends up in a high-speed chase with the cops after stealing the car that blocks the garbage bin at his apartment building. A stranger gets a job at a sandwich shop and fixes everything in sight: a manual mustard dispenser, a mouthful of crooked teeth, thirty-two parking tickets, and a sexual identity problem.

Percival Everett is a master storyteller who ingeniously addresses issues of race and prejudice by simultaneously satirizing and celebrating the human condition.

Percival Everett is the author of several books, including *Erasure*, *Glyph*, *Frenzy*, and *Watershed*. A prolific writer, Everett’s two most recent books include: *American Desert* and *A History of the African-American People (Proposed)* by Stom Thurmond, which he co-wrote with James Kincaid. He is a professor of English at the University of Southern California and lives in Los Angeles.

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