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Dear Mr. Atwan,

I have been reading The Best American Essays since I discovered this series in 2009, and I am proud to now own a complete collection, which is shelved within arm's reach of my writing desk. No matter how often I read the volumes, whether straight through or willy-nilly, I continue to find delight and discovery in them. Thank you for the work you do to publish this series year after year.

My essay titled "Her Imprint: A Mastectomy Postscript" was published in the March 2016 issue of *Pithead Chapel: An Online Journal of Gutsy Narratives*. "Her Imprint" is roughly 1600 words. I am enclosing a printed copy for consideration in *The Best American Essays 2017*.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Bousquin