

Review of *The Beautiful Miscellaneous*

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Smith's fantastic second novel follows a Midwestern boy's abrupt crossing into the realm of genius. The son of a physicist, Nathan Nelson has been groomed for brilliance from birth. But he is an average teen who'd rather explore a quarry than go to science camp until a brain-altering car accident makes him a savant—and tests his dad's sense of identity. *Miscellaneous* offers an utterly fresh look at how a child can grow beyond parental expectations and find the genius of being himself.