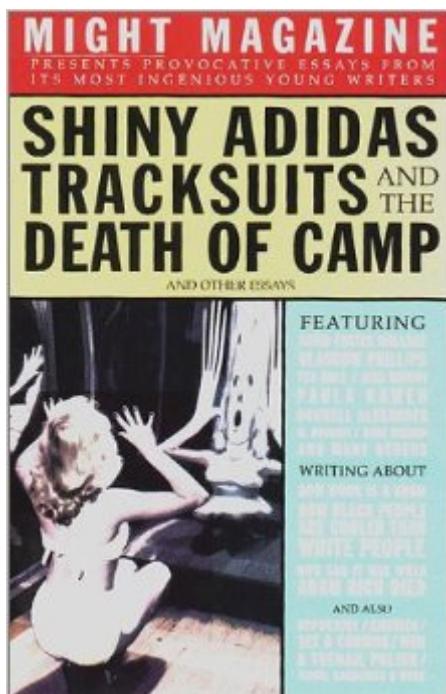


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It's sad when things die, especially when those things are good magazines like *Might*. Based in San Francisco, the five times yearly pub went belly up last year despite a small and loyal readership. But alas, in the big, ugly world of glossy magazines, it's always the little guy that gets his insides handed to him on a platter. The editorial staff seems to be taking the sudden loss of employment in stride and recouped enough to compile a selection of some writing from issues past. The writing works best when it gets to the point, and rearranges what we think we know into what actually is. The brief rambling by Soul Coughing lead singer M.Doughty injects a dose of reality into the insanity of celebrity (whatever the caliber) and syndicated cartoonist and columnist Ted Rall spews venom at

the institution of higher learning with "College is for Suckers." The longer musings on pop-culture like "Adidas Track Suit," "Cool Like Me," and "T-Shirts" are required reading! ! , but the fictional tome on the death of Adam Rich is lacking without the visual punch of the 1977 Eight is Enough publicity photos from the article. The selection is varied and arguably not the best of the best, but the essays give the newcomer a glimpse into the sublime joy of an issue of Might. Considering that they never paid for their writing, they attracted quite a group of contributors including David Foster Wallace, Donnell Alexander and R.U. Sirius. I think the best work was done inbetween the lines, in the small print with the recognizable and sarcastic voice that the magazine shouted with. They were smart-alecs most of the time, but could shift gears into just plain smart when needed.

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