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The Funniest People In America

Augusten Burroughs

15 Burroughs' best-selling memoir *Running With Scissors*—about being raised by a nutso shrink who studies his poo and rents the back shed to a pedophile—is unbelievably disturbing. And sidesplitting. At first we felt guilty giggling at his adventures with an electroshock therapy machine, but Burroughs knows that laughter is the best antidepressant. Much better than booze, which the author struggles to kick in his equally effervescent follow-up, *Dry*. We laughed at His *Dry* riff on Feed the Children's Sally Struthers: "Well, somehow I felt that if I sent Sally a donation...she would then treat herself at Pizza Hut, using my envelope to dab pepperoni grease from her chin."