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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read this for fun... and to live a part of history. By France17 At times, books are more than just printed words - sometimes even the most trivial of them become a part of living history, and this is a book that will take you back in time, allowing you to share a moment with a man who has a special place in history. To explain, this is from an online article: "In a small shed at the top of a 100-foot-tall steel tower deep in the New Mexico desert, Donald Hornig sat next to the worlds first atomic bomb in the late evening of July 15, 1945, reading a book of humorous essays. A storm raged, and he shuddered at each lightning flash. It was his second trip to the tower that day as part of the Manhattan Project, the secret American effort to build an atomic bomb. He had earlier armed the device, code-named Trinity, connecting switches he had designed for the detonators. But J. Robert Oppenheimer, the scientific director of the project, had grown nervous about leaving the bomb alone. He told Dr. Hornig to return to the tower and baby-sit the bomb. A little after midnight, after weathering that terrible storm, Dr. Hornig was ordered down from the tower. He was the last man to leave and the last to see the weapon before it changed human history. "So, last night, I turned off the lights in my apartment, except the lamp next to my recliner, and imagined I was sitting in a steel tower covered in Corrugated metal on the roof and only three sides, with a storm raging and lightning flashing all around me, while sitting next to the world's first Atomic Bomb, with only a single bare light bulb to read by. All this, knowing that an errant lightning bolt may very well set off the Gadget and vaporize me. What book would you have chosen for such a moment under those conditions? This is the book I ordered and read,

and the one Dr. Hornig chose...8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Trekking back to my youth!By R. J. LaneI first read "Desert Island Decameron" in my youth, during the late 1940s. Smith's sardonic selection of short stories and essays literally shaped my life, as a writer, a reporter, an editor and publisher. (Not always for the better, but, hey!) That could connect me with the book after more than six decades is a miracle that is the internet. I have gone on to find others. Thank you, !2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. True Treasure!By {c}This is my favorite, most prized book. I misplaced my first copy of it, so when I found it on , I ordered 2 more for back up! :D

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