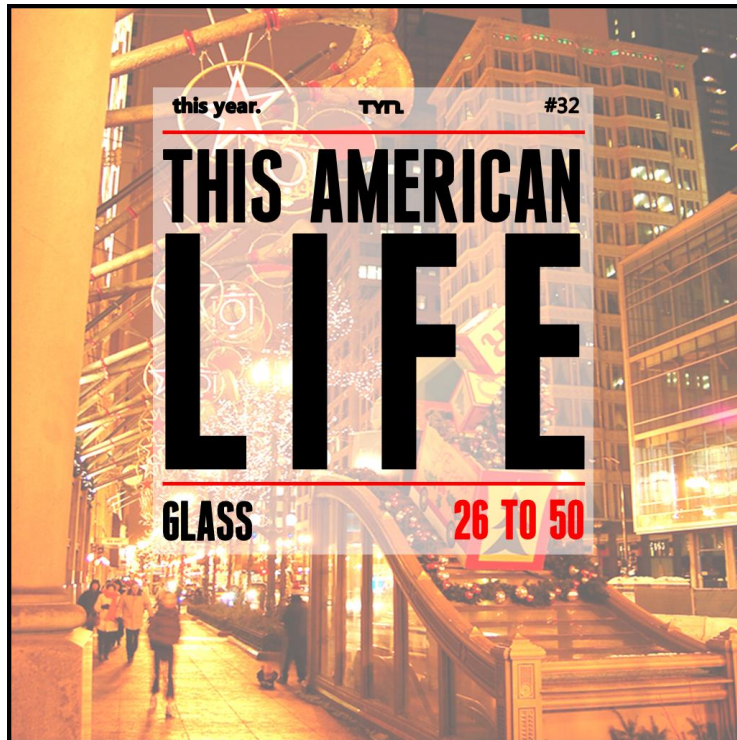


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#32: This American Life (26 to 50)



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This best-of contains segments from This American Life's early years, specifically 1996. Within are several stories by David Sedaris, including his famous 'Santaland Diaries,' as well as investigative reports by Scott Carrier, a haunting found tape of a crank call from New Orleans, and a ride-along with a real-life private eye.

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Timestamps

0:02:00 – The Test

0:19:00 – Food Chain in a New York Apartment

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Songs

The intro song was from *The Sims Original Soundtrack*.
 Rescue Me – Fontella Bass

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Ira Glass

Ira Glass started working in public radio in 1978, when he was 19, as an intern at NPR's headquarters in DC. Over the next 17 years, he worked on nearly every NPR news show and did nearly every production job they had: tape-cutter, desk assistant, newscast writer, editor, producer, reporter, and substitute host. He spent a year in a high school for NPR, and a year in an elementary school, filing stories for All Things Considered. He moved to Chicago in 1989 and put This American Life on the air in 1995. (*Biography from This American Life's about page.*)

Guests



Nancy Updike

Special guests

2006; 2007; 2008

Giant Bombcast

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; Ryan Davis Memorial; 2013; 2014

Good Grief

Full run

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2013

The HotSpot

2005; 2006; 2007; Top 40

Idle Thumbs

Original run

Left, Right & Center

2011; 2012

Loveline

Q1 2000; Q2 2000; Q3 2000; Q4 2000; Q1 2001; Q2 2001; Q3 2001; Q4 2001; Q1 2002; Q2 2002

Oddcast

2009

On the Media

2001; 2011; 2012; 2013

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Radio Show
 Q1 2006

Planet Money

401 to 450; 451 to 500

Political Gabfest

2011; 2012; 2013

Retronauts

2007; 2008

Security Now

2005-2006; 2007; 2014

The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe

2005; 2006; 2007; 2011; 2012; 2013

Studio 360

2012; 2013

This American Life

1 to 25; 26 to 50; 51 to 75; 76 to 100; 101 to 125

Too Beautiful to Live

Q1 2008; Q2 2008; Q3 2008; Q1 2011; Q2 2011; Q3 2011; Q4 2011

Uhh Yeah Dude

2006; 2007; 2008; 2012; 2013; 2014

Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

2011

The Why Factor

2012

That aint no caravella....looks like a creepo - Anonymous

Best podcast. - Anonymous

My favorite show on the site besides Daves of Thun... - Anonymous

I always liked when Shirley Phelps called in. He a... - Anonymous

That should read "full Gabfest archive,&quo... - This Year



Row A (left to right): Scott Carrier, Jack Hitt, Sandra Tsing Loh, Matt Molloy

Row B: Amy Sedaris, David Sedaris, Paul Tough

Witness
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