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Preview:

When Breath Becomes Air is the auto-biography of author, Paul Kalanithi and is the only book he has written. This summary will cover the important concepts in the best-selling book by the beloved writer. The book is written in two parts and each section will be condensed into a concise narrative so the reader can understand the gist of it quickly.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a Summary and Analysis of the book and NOT the original book.

This companion includes the following: - Book Review - Character List - Summary of the Chapters - Discussion Questions - Analysis of Themes & Symbols

This Analysis fills the gap, making you understand more while enhancing your reading experience.

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Jen says

I do not often give a book 5 stars. This was excellent. Not only because I enjoy the subject matter, involving medicine as well as philosophy, but also because the author deals with those topics so exquisitely. Incredible writer. I was highly impressed by this book.

Jennifer Booklover says

What a beautiful book about the journeys that life sends our way. Paul's ability to describe things is such a joy to read. Inspiring story of the path of life to death.

Julie says

Brings up some emotions for sure. Some interesting wisdom.

Dev says

This book reminded me of the movie, "My Life." Of course, the professional circumstances were different, but the emotional progression was the same.

Gina says

What a great book!!

Patricia McNally says

A good read but sad, even though the reader is aware that Paul has died you find yourself caught up in the story and hoping he will survive

Sharon Hedegard says

Interesting, but not as much as I expected. I see why it was written, but would not recommend for people

who are personally dealing with cancer in a family member. It might be disheartening.

Brent M. Jones says

The book is about Paul Kalanithi who received a masters degree in literature and was planning on a PHD at Stanford but he had been obsessed with the question of "what makes life worth living in the face of death? His father had been a doctor. He wanted to know "where did biology, morality, literature and philosophy intersect?" He set aside his plans for literature and writing and went to medical school. He wanted to have relationships with the suffering, and felt that he could learn more about what makes human life meaningful.

When Paul was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2013, he was a 36-year-old on the verge of making big contributions to the world with his mind and hands. He was a gifted doctor—a chief resident in neurosurgery at Stanford just months away from completing the most grueling training of any clinical field. He was also a brilliant scientist. His postdoctoral research on gene therapy won him his field's highest research award. He could have written a good book on any subject he chose".

As he was ending his residency he learned that he had stage 4 cancer and that he might have 5 to 10 years to live. He could return to neurosurgery or he could write? He did both. He and his wife then chose to have a baby that came eight months before he died, which was less than two years after the original diagnosis.

He said of his pending death that it was unsettling (a big understatement) but he added; "Yet there is no other way to live."

Both this book and "The Heart" (see last review) are about death. This one is nonfiction, the other is a novel. Both are very well written and both have the potential to change your thinking. The beauty and wonder of the body is really revealed in these writings. Paul wanted to find what makes human life meaningful and I think the answer is in both of these books.

Carol says

a memoir worth reading... it is tragic but his life was beautiful in the short time he had.

Now I have to read about 4 uplifting books to adjust my mood.

Sandy Brehl says

This adult medical/memoir/essay on life and death is a worthy read.

It's a genre finding more shelf-space in recent years, and I've read several, but this feels stronger and more intense and authentic than some others.

Chiara says

The last line, and the afterword, were so. so. sad.
