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It's an age-old question that has stumped the great minds of history: What is the meaning of life? In his hilarious and uplifting style, best-selling author Bradley Trevor Greive finally provides the answer: Figure out what you love and do it. Illustrated with playful photographs of animals, BTG's insightful prose again hits his target straight on. He muses about why we're here and our greater purpose in the grand scheme of things. His informal style provides a refreshing counterpoint to what has always been one of life's big debates. For example, when it comes to discovering your passion, BTG writes, "First, no one else will tell you about it-it's just like walking around all day with a sign on your back that says KICK ME. The Meaning of Life is a witty, thought-provoking book that makes an ideal gift for anyone who's seeking their true purpose-and wants to laugh along the way.

## **The Meaning Of Life Details**

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## Roger says

A book as short as The Meaning of Life is often called by another name (that name being pamphlet) however this is marketed as a book, and as long time readers of my reviews know, that means I will treat it as such. Which means it gets a review. So, on to the important question: does The Meaning of Life actually contain the meaning of life? Well it certainly contains one really good idea of what that is and I think if you approach it seriously this book might prompt a little introspection and that is a good thing. So yes The Meaning of Life actually is worth giving a bit of your attention to, especially if you only paid a quarter for it as I did.

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## Laura says

I really enjoyed how the pictures went with the words. Using the pictures really helped the reader to get involved with the words and emotions trying to be expressed by the author.

I read this book because I am going through a lot of struggles in my life. Some of the things he stated I already knew but I stopped halfway through and tried to hold back tears.

I waste so much of my time and am wasting my life. It's crazy because of the fact that I know I have bad habits but don't choose to solve them.

Reading this book felt like I was having someone like a friend acknowledging my bad decisions and ignorance. I got choked up when I read because what he said was so real and true. It's a shame we go through life this way.

It was really motivating reading this book. What I wanna do is keep this book and read whenever I get really down or need some type of motivation when I can't seem to find it any place else.

I got this book for free from my college when they were giving donated books from the faculty away. I'm so happy I picked this up but I am so upset I didn't pick up his two other books at this book giveaway. They were right next to this book, one called "the blue book." I'm still kicking myself about this today. I didn't know I'd have a strong reaction to this book like this I guess.

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## Brenda says

This is a particularly poignant read! As usual, love the animal photos, and the cute little comments that come with each. A light, relaxing, refreshingly inspirational series of books. Great as gifts also....

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## Lafcadio says

The pictures are funny... -ish. The text in this book is sort of half-heartedly strung together in a way that

barely holds the pictures together in some semblance of order. Basically, they should have omitted the text and called this book *Funny/Cute Animal Pictures* and it would have had the same effect. Except that it needs the text because the pictures alone are not that remarkable. I just now tried to re-read it, which shouldn't have been hard since there's only one sentence per page, but I only made it halfway through the prologue before I got bored.

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### **Denise Ballentine says**

Cute pics, "feel-good" mish-mash philosophy, humorous in parts.

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### **Ben says**

The idea behind the book is that love is the most powerful and enduring force in the world that keeps us moving forward and "brings real meaning to our everyday lives," not just romantic love or love of others, but a deeper love -- a love of life itself. This reminded me very much of David Foster Wallace's 2005 commencement speech to Kenyon College grads, "This is Water" (I'm not sure that was the actual name of the speech, but it is often referred to by that title): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaVrn1....> It also called to mind the writings of Brazilian philosopher/educator Paulo Freire in "Pedagogy of the Oppressed," which also focuses much on this idea of the love of life. Oftentimes we lose sight of the meaning of life and the things that are really important, which are not always the things that society teaches us to value. With so many distractions it is easy to lose track of our dreams, hopes and aspirations and focus instead on the mundane.

The book is punctuated with humorous and touching black and white photos of animals throughout that capture the essence of the words on each page. This makes for a great little coffee table book with an important and inspirational central message that makes it worth reading every so often, when the details distract us from the big picture; to quote John Lennon, "Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans." This book is a reminder to slow down, reprioritize and enjoy life before we realize it is too late.

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### **Tracy Osimowicz says**

Cute and philosophically baseless and optimistic with fun photos of animals that have metaphorical resonance if you want them to. took me 5 minutes to read and if you don't over think it, it's a lovely 5 minutes

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### **Katie Herbst says**

"Why do we go on and on about individuality being the very essence of who we are, and then accept a degrading level of conformity in virtually every facet of our lives?"

I really thought I was only going to give this book three stars, and then I got super inspired at the end. Who

knew such a short, gimmicky little book would actually be pretty impactful? This book speaks mostly of doing what you love. To get the most out of your life, do what makes you feel happiest and most fulfilled. Seems so simple, right? Well... I bet most of us aren't really doing that. I know that for the most part, I'm not. It mentions "taking the jump" in doing what you love rather than holding back and waiting, about how we aren't getting any younger... which is true. I've always wanted to be a professional organizer, but I've never had the guts to actually attempt to start the business. I know where to start, how to start, what to do... but I just don't. Why? Fear of failure. But I don't wanna be lying in my death bed wishing I'd done it or at least tried harder. I know what makes me happy, and this book makes me want to be more authentically me. Reading. Cats. Writing. Gift giving. Organization. I don't need to be ashamed of myself, and I don't need to try to stifle myself. Fear, shame, embarrassment, ...what the hell ever, I deserve to do what I love! We all do.

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### **N.B. says**

I love this book and have read it a few times over the years; it's sweet, imaginative, positive and inspiring. It's a very quick read but well-thought-out with beautiful photographs that humorously complement the heartwarming messages in the writing.

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### **Jill Smith says**

This is a ripper of a little book in the same style as 'The Blue Day Book'. Also with a frog on the cover. Also with photography of animals with great captions. 'The Meaning Of Life' is simultaneously humorous and thought-provoking. I picked it up in my Chiropractors waiting room and read half of it before leaving. Bradley Trevor Greive tells us that thinking about what we'd love to do in life is the first step in discovering the meaning of our lives. Living our lives the way each of us wants to, by following our passion, will make us happier and the world a better place. Not a bad premise.

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### **Kiwi says**

The pictures were very cute and, in combination with the texts in some places, did make me laugh. Some parts of the book, even when trying to make me feel inspired, just made me shake my head. I believe one of those sections was the calling of other meanings of life (that weren't 'love') to be 'stupid', or something of that sort, as if one's personal meaning of life can't acknowledge a spectrum of ideas. And I know that such things are often meant to be taken as humour in books such as these, but...well, I don't know, I couldn't completely do that with this book, which took away from my enjoyment of it.

If I flip through it again I think I may just look at the pictures instead.

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### **Peacegal says**

Various stock photos of animals illustrate this simplistic book about finding your way in life. On one hand, it doesn't have as many disturbing images of animals in trouble as *Blue Day*. On the other, the text is even more asinine than the previous book.

I don't believe there is a meaning to life (yes, really)--it just *is*--so Greive's assessment of it doesn't really intrigue me.

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### **Sarah Bean says**

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The nonfiction novel *The Meaning Of Life* by Bradley Trevor Greive is a very inspiring book. In the beginning of the novel the author explains the aspect of how we humans think. His first topic talks about how our species feel as a whole but truly have defensive walls up surrounding our emotions and beliefs so we never truly come together. Us humans are self obsessed and only see things the way we want to see them and hear things the way we want it to be heard. The author is trying to open your eyes and ears to see and hear reality and to remove that filter. He wants us to be able to look at ourselves and others, know the real you and what's going on that may affect you and to live the real life around you. Another topic that was brought to my attention was the theme around life which is love. Love is as fragile as it is has the power and force to bring meaning to our everyday lives. The love that gives warmth in everyone and prevents our souls from freezing. Love is a huge part of life and its role to keep that fire lit inside us will prevent us from going against the meaning of life.

My opinion on the book *The Meaning Of Life* is I really enjoyed it. The book brought out feelings that I never had been in touch with before towards life and gave myself a meaning to live. I found times when I connected with the book and it had me thinking about my own life in a bigger picture. I've struggled with mental and Physical illness and after reading the book I've felt as if it's shown me my purpose and that's by knowing how much my worth is. Even though the book talks about the positive parts in life it also includes the negative. It made me happy to know how these negative things are just part of life and that they have a way of letting someone learn and grow from them. I respect life a lot more after reading this book. From page one to the last I could not stop reading, it was completely engaging. Each topics had perfect meaning and the way things were worded and phrased were understandable. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone that seems like they need a reminder of what their meaning is in life.

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### **Larissa says**

I think this book is lovely and inspiring, everybody should read it at least once, specially those who had lost hope on life, living. It remind us important stuff about life and ourselves we use to forget very often. The pictures with the sentences are so cute! Totally love it. Didn't give any star tho cause I don't think it's fair to judge this book, he's awesome and that's all you need to know

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### **Margie says**

What makes Greive's books work so well is the pairing of photos with just the right words, or is it the other way around? After reading the wording on a page, then look at the photo and they go together so well. The photos truly illustrate the words in such a way as to often bring a smile to the reader's face. What could be bad? This bears repeat readings.

