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Calmness is the rarest quality in human life. It is the poise of a great nature, in harmony with itself and its ideals. It is the moral atmosphere of a life self-centred, self-reliant, and self-controlled. Calmness is singleness of purpose, absolute confidence, and conscious power, ready to be focused in an instant to meet any crisis. The Majesty of Calmness by William George Jordan will teach you and guide you to obtaining calmness through this timeless motivational work in a paperback book edition.

## **The Majesty of Calmness Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Majesty of Calmness for online ebook**

### **Sotiris Makrygiannis says**

Ok, this was a fast one, only 1 hour and 30 minutes. Sounded to me like Sunday church but had good point and words of wisdom. Good fast read.

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### **Teresa says**

I was right there with him until he started to preach about how happiness could only be found through serving others. He lures you in with the usually self-help talk then he subtly twists it into altruism. In the end he is little more tolerable than your regular infestation of priests, vicars, rabi, general christians and muslims, or what-have-you.

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### **Barbara Lovejoy says**

I was given a copy of this book many years ago by a friend and loved it. When I wanted to read it again, I couldn't find the book but did find the whole book on the internet--for free. It is definitely one of my favorite books. I have been reading short sections of it each week over the last month or so as my current focus has been on learning more about patience during Family Home Evening.

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### **Sarah says**

This is one of those ones I think I'll need to read every year or two. Lots of simple wisdom in here. It's the sort of thing where I think you hear new things each time you read it because of where you are in life.

It's a quick read - self-help, I suppose, although not really self-help-ish. More like the author's personal manifesto for living.

The Christian reader will find themselves relating scripture to various thoughts they read, while the non-believer will not feel that they've just read something that is faith-related.

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### **??■AzZaN J.S.■? says**

I had a feeling that the book was about the merits of silence, not about how to achieve it in anyway. It does not plan for you how to reach the state of calmness equilibrium...

I suppose that was the only thing that disappointed about this book. Otherwise, I guess I could recommend it to all to listen to.

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### **Kristy Engel says**

Sometimes you read a book at exactly the point in your life when you need it most. A few of the passages were dated, but the sentiment behind them was no less true because of it. I listened to this book, but I wouldn't mind finding a physical copy so I could reread certain parts.

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### **Phat Nguyen says**

A book full of wisdom about how to find calmness and happiness within your mind.

If there is one chapter that you can read and skip the rest, it's the first one. I even have the impression that every sentence in this chapter can be extracted into a list of great quotes by the author.

The remaining chapters discuss about the qualities that may not seem related much to calmness, such as self-reliance and personal influence, but on second thought, if a person takes time to understand the roles of those qualities and to attempt at mastering them, they definitely can develop and strengthen their calmness as a result.

The final chapter gives a summary of the four characters that helps to bring happiness to every individual: Consecration, Concentration, Conquest and Conscience. This can be a good checklist for anyone who want to improve his life's quality.

This book is a classic treaty about the matter of calmness and is archived in different formats at Project Gutenberg.

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### **Cynthia Egbert says**

EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS BOOK. I cannot believe that I have not ever reviewed this book. I love it so much. I find it intriguing that Mr. Jordan wrote this work back in 1896 and used, as a chapter title, "Hurry, the Scourge of America". If he could only see us now! This book is so full of great stuff that I cannot even pull out quotes for this one. It is a small volume that I would encourage everyone to read, repeatedly!

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### **Maui Rochell says**

Upon searching for a self-help audiobook, I saw this. The title caught me (like always) and I started to listen to the audiobook but when I saw an ebook version, I switched to it and read the ebook instead.

I have this fear of reading old books. By old books I mean, published in 1900 or less. The writing is way beyond my comprehension. But this book was published in 1898 and surprisingly, it became my favorite. It felt like I was reading a poetry and a self-help book at the same time, the writing was just flawless.

And I learned a lot especially in the field of staying calm amidst the trials. Accepting failures and using them to become stronger and be motivated to keep up with life. It's a wonderful book, really.

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### **Christopher Okolo says**

Loved the way the content calmed me when I am in confusion gave me a chance to recollect myself. Indeed powerful!

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### **M.J. Joachim says**

I listened to an audiobook version of this book on LibriVox. I thoroughly enjoyed this book while I worked on my crochet project. It was inspiring and thoughtful.

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### **Kristie says**

The Majesty of Calmness can best be described as a handbook to Life. Published in 1900, its message is just as relevant today. It should be required reading for everyone, no matter their belief system, as it addresses and is respectful to all. One must read it with the mindset that we all need to improve. Reading it with the mindset that we have Life figured out because of age and experience will erode its wisdom.

The author suggests that Calmness as a state of mind is the ultimate achievement. Others may interpret it as an advanced state of Faith, but still a reachable goal we should all desire.

The author also discusses Happiness, Satisfaction, Contentment, and Pleasure—what they are and what they are not, which is most important, and how to achieve it. That power is innate and has nothing to do with the world's definition of success. Conversely, the author also addresses Cynicism, Negativity, Failure, and Comparison, their causes and the damage they do if we indulge them.

Self-realization of these things, plus a desire to always be better, helps us to attain that state of Calmness—the umbrella philosophy of the entire book—it becomes our silent companion in the best of times, preparing us for the worst.

The author's observations of different types of people, emotions, and reactions is incredibly perceptive. He acknowledges that, yes, Life often is unfair and, yes, it seems like wickedness often prevails, but our behavior in challenging situations can still make us victorious, if only in our own minds.

I HIGHLY recommend this book. It's only \$1 on Amazon Kindle. It is subtle but powerful, like a trusted friend helping to center us on a bad day, or a quiet prayer of supplication being answered.

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### **Amy says**

This was not what I was expecting! Very uplifting, easy read. Was not necessarily religious, although it fits

very nicely with the plan of salvation and scriptures. (Holy Bible and Book of Mormon) I really liked the last two chapters best-perseverance and the dangers of being a cynic & what happiness/isn't.  
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### **Vivian says**

Were it not for GOODREADS this little gem would never have crossed my radar. After finishing the 63 pages of a hand-sized edition (think Beatrix Potter to picture the size) borrowed through inter-library loan I looked up the author via wikipedia to find he was a contemporary with my great grandparents and his writings were influential during Teddy Roosevelt's terms of office. I am now curious to read them all. I'm thinking this particular collection of essays is a MUST OWN and is in fact part of the Project Gutenberg.

The essays included in this book are...

- I. The Majesty of Calmness
- II. Hurry, the Xcourse of America
- III. The Power of Personal Influence
- IV. The Dignity of Self-Reliance
- V. Failure as a Success
- VI. Doing Our Best at All Times
- VII. The Royal Road to Happiness

I especially enjoyed his essay on HAPPINESS.

p.55 "Happiness has a number of understudies--gratification, satisfaction, content, and pleasure--clever imitators that simulate its appearance rather than emulate its method."

He goes on to briefly explain his observations of these "understudies". I particularly appreciated his exposure of "content" which we more often refer to as "contentment".

p.56 "Content is a greatly overrated virtue. It is a kind of diluted despair; it is the feeling with which we continue to accept substitutes, without striving for the realities. Content makes the trained individual swallow vinegar and try to smack his lips as if it were wine. Content enables one to warm his hands at the fire of a past joy that exists only in memory. Content is a mental and moral chloroform that deadens the activities of the individual to rise to higher planes of life and growth. Man should never be contented with anything less than the best efforts of his nature can possibly secure for him. Content makes the world more comfortable for the individual, but it is the death knell of progress. Man should be content with each step of progress merely as a station, discontented with it as a destination; contented with it as a step; discontented with it as a finality. There are times when a man should be content with what he HAS, but never with what he IS."

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### **Manoj Saha says**

Fantastic one. A short book of profound wisdom.

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