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“An invitation to sit a spell with an intractable and witty friend. Writing from her cozy room in Highgate, London, Diana begins to think about the things that matter after an eternity of remarkable experiences, and the memories which have risen to the top and maintain her in her extremely later years. Diana Athill charmed readers with her prize-winning memoir *Somewhere Towards the finish*, which transformed her into an unexpected literary star. Today, on the eve of her ninety-eighth birthday, Athill has written a sequel every bit as unsentimental, candid, and beguiling as her most much loved work.” ?New York Times Book Review What do you want to remember in the event that you live to be 100? Athill reminds us of the joy and richness of every stage of life?and what this means to live life completely, without regrets. In warm, engaging prose she describes the bucolic pleasures of her grandmother’s backyard and the wonders of journeying as a young woman in Europe after the end of the Second World War. As her vivid, textured memories range across the decades, she relates with unflinching candor her harrowing experience as an expectant mother in her forties and crafts unforgettable portraits of close friends, writers, and enthusiasts. sparkles with sensible and often very funny reflections on the condition of being old. A real joy to read, *Alive, Alive Oh!* “My two valuable lessons are: avoid romanticism and abhor possessiveness,” she writes.



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Needed reading It's hard to explain why this publication is as good since it is. She writes beautifully with gratitude mixed with keen observational skills. The preface is about the scene, so horrifying to younger outsiders, of previous people "simply sitting there. a delight Open, honest, full of great reflections and insights. Ms Athill has published many stories from her lengthy and productive and mainly pleasant life. Three Stars Not as easy as I'd have liked. It has 161 webpages but there are 2 and occasionally 3 blank pages between chapters. This book is nice to learn and it displays how one's life could be fully lived regardless of circumstances. Diana Athill is usually one in a million." The book is full of wise thoughts and a real pleasure to read. But in her publication of short tales from her extended life right now there are no such complains. It is real, and filled with the traces of a lifestyle well lived and calmly thought over. Even better than Somewhere CLOSE TO THE End. And now she has come out with a fresh set of essays commenting on where her thoughts go given that she's in her nineties (versus where they proceeded to go in her eighties, when she wrote STTE). Athill can be an expert to see also the tiny details as fine and beautiful. One of the most important communications of this book is that to create a life successful is to accept whatever will come in one's way.. Once she really was close to the loss of life and as she places it. with deeper insights (and actually perhaps some humourous yet useful advice). So out of this point of view her life had not been easy, there is WWI and WWII followed. What counts and how one writer pays focus on it We are in need of books that reveal how to continue even if we wouldn't follow the road taken by the pathfinder. Pretty good though Not quite what We was expecting. She actually is truthful and frank about the quantity of help she had a need to move her right into a splendid pension home. A helper holds up each reserve: toss or take to the new home? Life from old wise eyes is actually fresh and inspiring I actually loved the honesty and directness of the memoir. They add the prosaic, such as for example memories about fashion, to the thoughtful essays about topics such as why she lives to learn Boswell and Byron, to the philosophical final chapter about her thoughts about loss of life. I am happy to browse she's still spirited, interested, and interesting after giving up her home and finding a little space can be both adequate and comforting. Another attention-grabber from Athill I fell in love with Diana Athill when I read her memoir "Someplace Towards the End," which was not depressing. And Ms. Two of the essays in "Alive, Alive Oh! The book is rather brief and I was sorry when it ended. Strongly suggested to anyone interested in being 90+. Loved this just as much as her earlier memoir. I read it straight through the minute I downloaded it. So from this perspective her life was not easy, there was WWI and WWII followed Diana Athill was born in 1917. She tells the truth and in her 90's, is both reasonable and optimistic about getting older. She inspires me. Diana Athill is certainly 97 when this book was written. I like the author's fearless ability to face life's problems with what seems a 'laissez faire' approach however leaves the reader understanding exactly that life is difficult for the majority of us. I appreciated her description of arriving at terms with shedding one's independence and facing the truth that just as we are dependent at birth so too are we dependent as life's end methods. There were many portions of the reserve that intrigued me or brought a smile to my face. If you want to read a book by an older female with spirit, this book is an excellent place to start. And so it moves 'Alive A live oh'. The writer is a female in her high 90s within an assisted living facility. She is astute, possessing recognition that we can all expect at any age group." were especially wonderful and worth the price of the complete book. I am wanting to read a few of her previous books. All depends on what we perceive the world around us. Carries on a little bit, dragging out certain points or moments with time.. The 90+ author is surviving in a retirement home, remembering and revisiting significant people and events.. Which also applies for the finish of it. thus thoughtful and honest in her insights. She has a straight forward method of stating things most of us consider as we grow older, but discover it difficult to find what. It is not a profound or highly quotable book." She after that engages in a number of reveries about her life. Read first "Somewhere Towards the End," which pre-dates that one. She is clear-eyed and life improving. Once there, she tells us about the interesting people she meets. Five Stars buy as much of Miss Athill as you can. Athill gives authorization to ladies to be true to themselves and makes growing old respectable. Diana Athill is usually a remarkable woman. Interesting and revealing book Not really what I thought it would be, but very interesting. Enjoyed it. A sweet read! A pleasant tribute to later years from this extremely intelligent and witty woman. Wonderfully down-to-earth with some outstanding value lessons I felt. "My last thought - if that had turned out to be what it had been - would have been acceptance. That is a postscript to Someplace Near the End by a article writer who

kept on living and writing.. I don't mind a bit of that but was expecting a more intuitive reflection on lifestyle, with deeper insights (and even maybe some humourous yet useful information). Pretty good though. It's OK. I read the entire book in under one hour. Soon after realizing this, I understood that it isn't meant to end up being profound or quotable. Something none of us can escape I loved this reserve! Many passages were boring. She seems like a wonderful person.



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