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and Other Tales of Psychotherapy

A red heart is depicted floating in dark, rippling water. The heart is a vibrant red with some internal texture, and it is surrounded by concentric ripples that spread outwards. The water is dark and moody, with some lighter reflections on the surface.

"Inspired...Yalom writes with the narrative wit
of O. Henry and the earthy humor of Isaac Bashevis Singer."

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In his classic, bestselling work, the masterful therapist and novelist Irving Yalom describes his sometimes tragic, sometimes inspiring, and always absorbing encounters with patients. In this classic book, master psychotherapist Irvin D. Yalom uncovers the mysteries, frustrations, pathos, and humor at the heart of the therapeutic encounter. *Love's Executioner* has inspired thousands of readers already, and claims to inspire generations of visitors to come. With insight and sympathy, Yalom not merely gives us a uncommon and enthralling glimpse into the personal wishes and motivations of ten of his sufferers, but also tells his personal tale as he struggles to reconcile his all-too-human response with his sensibility as a psychiatrist.



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Loved Audiobook--and WHY IS Love's Executioner Compelling I initial read Love's Executioner a few years ago and was so taken with it, I've recommended it dozens of times. Recently, I paid attention to the audio version Love's Executioner: & The stories are fascinating, but his method of psychotherapy and his "unconventional" human approach to each individual are what gets you. In fact, I realized this work offers such depth, it really is worth revisiting again and again. What makes it so good? Good acquisition Nice reserve, promotes introspection. And what is existential psychotherapy? Too much of what the reader receives depends upon the author's filtering. "If we stare too much in to the past, it's easy to be overcome with regret. However grim these givens might seem, they contain the seeds of wisdom and redemption. I am hoping to demonstrate, in these ten tales of psychotherapy, that it is possible to confront the truths of presence and harness their power in the services of personal switch and growth. If so, the individual exhibits many symptoms that she's a problem with intimacy and really wants to discuss it, and her therapist misses each one. Like all great artists, Yalom brings those important issues to life so you experience them in your bones. He stops our breath through the stories, intimate details, and insights in to the lives of a few of his extraordinary individuals (or sometimes "ordinary"ish, but made extraordinary in Yalom's capable hands). The tender truth often shimmers in Love's Executioner. We start to see the art of psychotherapy, and therefore living, practiced by a get better at, both as a writer and helpful information to how to midwife mental wisdom. Various other reviewers here have pointed out that Love's Executioner is usually must reading for therapists and the ones undergoing psychotherapy. That is true, and Yalom, is certainly understandably a rock superstar among therapist, not just for his skillful prose (he's also an accomplished novelist), but his textbooks that have been read by at least two generations of therapists. Yalom, not only didn't resolve, but made worse. For it has something for everyone: whether you like fiction or nonfiction. Counselors In different ways helpful of a counselors/therapist observances. Visitors of nonfiction know they are stories of true patients and obtain actionable take-aways. The writer shares insights, but he does not let the reader examine the data for themselves. Books do not get superior to this.* In Love's Executioner, Yalom notes that he doesn't belong to a psychological school of thought. Since I see existential mental dilemmas as true for everyone, no matter your philosophical or religious beliefs, I have a tendency to agree with him. Having said that, I do believe this is still an outlook, and that you will see others with a different outlook that may consider existential therapy a approach. Such a great book! The reserve reads more like a fitness in self advertising and sales when compared to a source reserve for the study of psychology. Yalom writes with refreshing honesty, revealing his own struggles with preconceptions. He provides hope for elders who are thinking about therapy. Thank you. Best part is the epilogue A pal posted a compliment of Yalom's last book on facebook. Or simply because Yalom writes in Love's Executioner prologue: There are "four givens that are especially relevant to psychotherapy: the inevitability of death for each of us and for those we love, the independence to make our lives as we will, our greatest aloneness, and, finally, the lack of any apparent meaning or sense to life. If Dr." Excellent book, but have to say this about "Fats lady" I agree with all of the positive evaluations, but need to express this about the story of Betty or "Fat Lady". Yalom were honest with himself, he'd have to consider the possibility that he, in fact, did not figure out how to see fat females as humans. We've got to consider change. My feeling is normally that he learned to relate with Betty as a individual ONLY because she kept slimming down, and by the finish she was almost at 150 pounds - which isn't obese also if she actually is a shorter girl. Yalom defends himself and clarifies that he was really honest about his counter-transference and learned a great deal from Betty. Here I would say that Dr. One who is also a skilled writer. In the Afterword of the most recent edition, Dr. However now the main thing is to carefully turn towards the near future. What should never occur is certainly that five years from now you look back with regret over just how you've lived these coming five years. And, most of all, that he trained Betty that the only way to get a man to love her can be for her to become a certain pounds. The book

provides compelling stories and high-quality education about human character, psychology and therapy. Nonetheless it would be a shame if this masterwork--and I do believe it's fair to call Love's Executioner his grasp work--weren't go through by everyone. Find out for yourself and don't miss this treasure. In addition to the writer's attempts to customize his approach to each patient to be able to connect and attain therapeutic ends. The book is so "truthfully and openly" written that I believe it would become an excellent mandatory reading material for all new college students in the field. Various other Tales of Psychotherapy, which was great (it also includes a fascinating interview with Irvin Yalom) and I noticed some things I hadn't picked up when reading it. Many thanks sir. And I sure adored the iast sentence of your epilogue the best. You really made me laugh. If you are obese, disregard the negative reviews centered on Yalom's prejudices. This book is all the more intriguing for becoming written by a professional and experienced psychiatrist. Interesting. At least for someone who discovers people and their motivations and the reasons behind the development of their quirks and personalities to be interesting. To raised understand the human psyche An informative and thought-provoking review of the improvement of 10 psychotherapy sufferers. Yalom needs to go even more in his self-evaluation. His honesty about his very own foibles and feelings further attract the reader, offering protection in the dependability of the assessments shown. There is the taste of mystery in each chapter as the reader is drawn in and carried along on the adventure of unraveling the explanation of each individual's presenting complaint, in addition to seeking insight into the patient's design of interacting or level of resistance or refusal to participate in therapy. Low and behold, I checked him from amazon and made a decision to go through Love's Executioner first: best decision ever. Certainly these insights are applicable in more pragmatic conditions to interactions with people in daily life. Self-Important Author I obtained this book to be able to gain insight on psychology. Lovers of fiction get the storytelling and intimacy of an excellent novel. Give the book a chance I enjoyed hearing this audio Exceeds already high targets! Yalom is the get better at storyteller of psychotherapy. She might result in a life-time have a problem with eating disorders and poor body image that Dr. Insightful There are a few chapters that starting out I was angry by Dr. The introduction could be a bit dried out, at least for the non- therapist, so the reader should stay with it to the beginning of the 1st chapter to give this terrific reserve a fair possibility. As noted, I intend to reread or relisten to this book periodically, knowing I'll grab something new every time. The cases may actually have been edited and embellished to make them read well. It begins with the idea our fundamental mental dis-ease results from troubles baked into human living, such as our fear of death and our best aloneness. Incidentally, the inclusion of the initial case (from which the book's title derives) is certainly a curiosity." *That paragraph captures the core blueprint of the publication, but if you stopped there you would be missing out. it's easy to end up being overcome with regret Fascinating tales of therapeutic human relationships. It contains the wisdom of a master existential therapist, who is also a gifted storyteller (Love's Executioner is non-fiction, based on genuine case histories, but it reads like fine fiction). Buen libro, promueve la introspección. Real page turners! Yalom's thoughts about his individuals, or actually by the individual themselves, but by the finish of the chapter my heart got melted. -I originally got a promotional/review duplicate of the audiobook, but believe that it is so good, I acquired extra copies and have provided copies to friends and coworkers. I like to read about psichoterapy, psichoalalise. He has learned what he write about.



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