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"At last, psychology  
gets serious about glee,  
fun, and happiness.  
Martin Seligman  
has given us a gift."

—Daniel Goleman, author  
of *Emotional Intelligence*

Martin E. P. Seligman, Ph.D.

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A national bestseller, *Authentic Happiness* launched the revolutionary brand-new science of Positive Psychology—and working with them to improve all aspects of one's life. Using useful exercises, brief assessments, and a dynamic website program, Seligman shows visitors how to identify their highest virtues and use them with techniques they haven't yet considered. Actual, lasting happiness comes from focusing on one's personal strengths rather than weaknesses—and sparked a coast-to-coast debate on the nature of real happiness. According to esteemed psychologist and bestselling author Martin Seligman, happiness isn't the result of good genes or fortune. Accessible and proven, *Authentic Happiness* is the most powerful work of popular psychology in years.



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Reclaiming Virtue I don't know when it just happened, but somewhere along the series virtue became a dirty word. You can't say it without getting weird looks. His results are compiled in Authentic Happiness. Virtue? Isn't that something Victorians thought in? Look where that got us: a global so full of oppression that sunlight never sets onto it. I utilized to maintain that camp. Virtue was a guilty pleasure of mine. I thought in it (sort of). The author says a key part of being happy is to comprehend your own "signature strengths" also to use them to help other people. Conceptually Pleasing I enjoyed the principles discussed and am grateful for the posting of information on the strengths, and circulation. The field of psychology seems to have been beset by similar demons. A couple of jumbo mumbo, blah blah blah. That is, until now (or, to become more accurate, until about ten years ago). Martin Seligman is one of the founders of the field of Positive Psychology, a new branch of study that tries to identify what can go extremely right. You can't also believe it without feeling just like a hypocrite. I downloaded the kindle and audible versions, the kindle has a lot more text that the audible reader skips over. Seligman offers spent the last 10 years plus trying to recognize the sources of individual flourishing. He has discovered a combined mix of six such resources showing up in literature from the Indus Valley to Japan Archipelago to the MEDITERRANEAN AND BEYOND (how about South America, Africa, or the annals of the Iroquois Nation? I'm uncertain. Another key to happiness is being grateful and expressing that to others (specifically your spouse) regularly. The six (drumroll make sure you) more-or-less ubiquitous individual virtues as uncovered by Seligman's group of graduate students are.... It's very useful and has provided her a great and various perspective on despair and how some of it can be set by changing your ideas. I just completed reading it and I was therefore compelled to keep this review. There are plenty of other books about happiness and many people who comment about them about Amazon. Sike. One Star Book was bound upside down. 1) Wisdom and Understanding 2) Courage 3) Like and Humanity 4) Justice 5) Temperance 6) Spirituality and Transcendence (defined as moving beyond narrow self-interest) Quibble as you will, this appears like a good place to start. This book was a requirement for a . It can change your life, leaving you happier if you believe his theory and practice appreciation. When you can purchase it cheap and used, it is worth perusing. I cowered in concern with offending anyone's sensibilities with my notions of bad and the good, or of dealing with a model I couldn't surpass. I'm done with that. Highly recommended for anybody interested in positive psychology and the energy of positive thinking. Insightful and immediately useful. Garbage One of the worst books I've ever read. Ha! Recommend for anyone who wants to see life in a better light and/or a person with depression. It may not treat you but it's certainly a hopeful and well-planned book that will make a difference.... I don't always care for the non-public narratives added by Seligman, however they do serve clear and intentional messages. This publication is a great reminder of what this means to live with positive purpose and mindfulness in addition to important statistics and logic concerning positive psychology. Not the worst publication I've read Not his best function. The concept is quite interesting but he uses the book as a platform to go over his prior books and overly comprehensive anecdotes. I thought that the best I possibly could do was maintain myself; Adjusting My Road Map About four years ago I wrote an 85 page story about my entire life titled "A Roadmap for Happiness, When Traveling from Age 70 to age 90". "Authentic Happiness" includes a thorough evaluation about approaches for "realizing your full potential for lasting fulfillment". Among my main references because of this story was a reserve by Dennis Prager, titled "Happiness is a Serious Business". In this well-written, extremely accessible book, Martin Seligman points out that traditional psychology has constantly focused on the pathology of the human condition: illness

and trauma. A book titled "Aspire" (by Kevin Hall) describes eleven attributes of people that people can admire. Each year since then I have been adding a new chapter. One of the best parts may be the description of a "job, career, or calling". But I always felt like the faker or a cultural imperialist for doing this. I bet you'd find these traits by the bucket load there, too, in the event that you looked). Since this job ended I have already been busily readjusting my roadmap. He recommends that we let them know what we observe about them. Go browse the publication!com. I am proud to end up being one of them. Great publication. The first rung on the ladder to learning to be a better person is believing that it is possible. This book is a good reminder of what this means to live with positive. Highly recommended. This book was a requirement of a college program I got last semester. Hard to believe this book is compiled by the "father of positive psychology". Great Price too! Eye-starting and thought-provoking, well written: essential read for anyone thinking about the field! Between April of 2010 and March of 2011 I worked at job that fully used my technical skills (electronic devices engineer) and teaching abilities. By understanding even more about what makes people exceptionally well - content, positive, optimistic - and recognizing that those who have these features are more likely not only to possess rewarding lives, but also to reach your goals in the globe, Seligman believes that those who find themselves naturally pessimistic or focused on the down-side can shift their perspective and be happier people. While this is not a self-help book by itself, it does offer tools - including a number of self-evaluations (also available at the Authentic Happiness website) - to help visitors understand their strengths and how they can adjust their own viewpoint to become happier. I may decrease, but at least I'll go down swinging. This book is normally grounded in solid research; There is only ONE thing I discovered from the book (apart from the fact that you can be so renowned and become awful at writing) and that is that "gratifications outlast pleasures and are a way to obtain true happiness). Audible doesn't match the Kindle version Does not line up with the reserve! The book has vindicated virtue, at least in my mind. Helpful Book to Combat Depression and Detrimental Thinking My daughter is taking a Positive Psychology Course in college and this is their textbook.? I highly recommend it to my kids to greatly help them be stronger adults. Three Stars Seems legit. I'll let you know. How is that feasible? I want to talk about what I've learned with others. She adored it therefore much she told me to buy and read it. I actually liked reading it. As if I'm going to simply tell you. it isn't "fluffy" at all! There - you own it. Nothing at all else remotely helpful in the book. Much of the research agenda has been focused on identifying pathology (points gone very wrong), and mitigating it where possible. Part of this activity has gone to read even more books about happiness also to modify my goals. Great book. It could change your life Highly recommended. For a long period I didn't. Whenever the term popped into my mind, I gave myself one great mental flogging as penance. The finish lost me a little as religious beliefs is examined but the overall experience was pleasing. Five Stars Brilliant go through in understanding and acquiring my strengths



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