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*"I love this sage book."* — LAUREN F. WINNER

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## Adventure of Ascent: Field Notes from a Lifelong Journey



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In this book, writer-poet Luci Shaw has provided us a lifetime of exquisite reflections on nature, love, death, struggling, loss, faith, doubt, creativity, curiosity, lifelong learning?all of it drawn from the breadth of her own experience, harvested in penetrating and lyrical insights. We immediately look around to see how others on the road just before us are coping with it. As she traverses new territory, she records her experiences lovingly, honestly, sorrowfully, joyfully?here's what it's like, and here's what to be equipped for. These field notes will notify your own journey, no matter what your age. Still energetic in her eighties, Luci today turns her focus on the growing season of edging toward the borders. So this is actually the intrepid Luci Shaw, taking readers on a virtual hike with her, with steps more deliberate and gradual but also with amazing vistas that fill up us with gratitude. In this book Luci serves as a fearless and eloquent scout. Her spirit of experience, her brave transparency, and her openness to all or any that life offers (along with inflicts) makes her a captivating and hope-inspiring mentor. For most people, growing older is possible we put off as long as feasible?until we realize with a shock that it is happening to us.



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Challenging! I don't understand how I missed her in every the years of reading, but I'm happy I have found her now. I was even more surprised to find a publication by Wallace Stegner for just a dollar. She wakes each day to beauty, catches terms and paints them in poems, knits, and tent camps. "I am worried about gloomier matters: the health of being flesh, vulnerable to pain, contaminated with awareness and the awareness of consciousness, doomed to death and the knowing of death. Not exactly what I was thinking it . Living near God ascends the normal. In this publication she addresses aging, taking us on a trip that's not all sunshine and lollipops. Even her vocabulary difficulties me as she pulls in pictures of terrain ("seracs and erratics"), foreign terms (Schadenfreude), and phrases I can't discover on my Kindle dictionary ("amortality"). Many admissions of failure. Wisdom and Honesty characterize this brief readable text. I have enjoyed her poetry for two decades, but God in the Dark and this continued memoir are books that I'll return to for inspiration. A wonderful book by a dynamic 84 year previous poet, Luci Shaw, on aging." That sets it exactly right. Much underlining and obtaining nuggets to reread, and reread. Really enjoyed this publication. Some questions with no immediate answers. I hope to grow in to the kind of lifestyle she's lived and is definitely living. Stumbling around in my own emptying nest, I came across Luci's thoughts about life and maturing insightful and uplifting. Five Stars Love everything Luci Shaw! She actually is a fantastic poet, and I admire her craft. Here is a quote from Luci Shaw's "A Term to My Readers; Laughed with the really funny items that happen as we age group, cried with the losses. I would recommend it to anyone shifting into- what our lifestyle calls "old age," but also to anyone of any age group wanting a problem to live passionately, and with integrity, with a obvious view as to what really counts in lifestyle..There exists a brave, positive, and God-struck voice emanating from these pages. High hopes and purposes in addition to detours and uncertainties. And triumphs and revelations that sometimes overwhelm my astonished soul. "In this book," she writes in the first pages, "I hope to act as a scout getting into brand-new territory and reporting back to the coming generation so that you may know very well what it's like, and what to be prepared for. Types of the chapter titles include: The View From Right here (Chapter 1); Locating Sure Footing (Chapter 6); Lightening the Load (Chapter 11); and Companions along the way (Chapter 16). On a related note, Luci Shaw's previously memoir, God in the Dark: Through Grief and Beyond (1989, and reproduced in 1998 by Regent College Publishing) is currently a classic. Although Experience of Ascent surely could be examine by itself, I'm also able to imagine giving both books to someone who is definitely grieving and growing new lease of life chapters (for most reasons). Many thanks to Luci Shaw and most exactly who help with her books - poetry and prose. Ellen Grace Olinger, Ed.D Three Stars Not what I am looking for at this time for inspiration. It's OK. Gorgeous prose and a positive, honest message. Nearly what I was thinking it would be. Don't miss this trip with Luci Luci is ascending and it had been a great joy to permit her take me for a trip. I often appearance at her official website for updates. She sees the globe in its beauty and deals with its changes with a sense of gratitude for what has truly gone before, what's, and life can be. The tone of voice of crusty Joseph Allston served at an ideal foil for my reading of Experience of Ascent. In her brand-new memoir, Shaw writes poetically, to be sure, but she's also legitimately funny and, it appears if you ask me, a bit mischievous. An honest book by a fantastic author We began reading Luci Shaw's books in my 30s, and today I am starting my 60s. An excellent read for individuals who want to finish well. It's OK. My entire life stains the air flow around me.. Doubts that weigh heavily and are not easily resolved. Beautiful prose and a positive That one of the few books that I checked out at the library and decided I had to possess it. It'll be a keeper for me personally. Just what I wanted A fantastic picture of the maturing lifestyle lived well: with

excitement and wish and wisdom. I am a tea handbag left too long in the glass, and my steepings develop darker and bitterer." which comes after her generous Acknowledgments, at the book's beginning: "This is a story with many stops and starts. Deep joy. We have discovered a new author! I am so pleased it was chosen. I read this book since it was among my book club selections. Luci Shaw has a wonderful writing style." Just what a refreshing comparison to beverage deeply of Luci Shaw's rich cup of life, not "darker and bitterer" for its longer steeping, but pungent with wisdom, redolent due to a God-infused look at of her own journey, bracing for the steep trail before most of us. It had taken me longer to read this book than it normally would because I held stopping to research her poetry. On a muggy June day, I ducked right into a cool, dark library and was surprised to find a used-book sale happening. One Star Dry difficult read. Musings of an Octogenarian Poet In her endorsement blurb on the trunk cover of *Adventure of Ascent: Field Notes from a Lifelong Journey*, the novelist and spiritual writer Paula Huston writes that Luci Shaw, an octogenarian poet who on this occasion has tried her hand at autobiographical prose, "embodies what it means to be a fully flourishing individual. Honest, written in pithy short paragraphs- honestly deals with physical and mental aging, but reframes the "descent" associated with maturing to "Ascent" therefore aging is usually ascending the mountain to a closer romantic relationship with God. She gives more than she requires. Because this is a book about maturing—and at least peripherally about the inevitability of death—you could say Shaw's winsomeness may be the sugar which makes the medicine decrease." (Pages 12-13) Eighteen chapters follow, and then the reserve concludes with Notes." Regardless of the book's subtitle, I found this assortment of short anecdotes and reflections to be not so much a summary of what she's learned through the years (though there's a fair amount of memory space here as well), but primarily what she's learning today, today, in this stage of existence—at funerals, doctor's appointments, and conversations with grandchildren. When my life changed in unpredicted ways, Luci Shaw's books held me firm and helped light the way again.



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