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# *Stumbling* on **HAPPINESS**

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the human condition, you ought to read it. Trust me."

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# **DANIEL GILBERT**

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Bringing alive scientific research in psychology, cognitive neuroscience, philosophy, and behavioral economics, this bestselling book reveals what researchers can see about the uniquely human being ability to imagine the near future, and about the capacity to predict just how much we will like it when we get there. Why will sighted people pay out more to avoid heading blind than blind people can pay to regain their view? In this amazing, witty, and accessible reserve, famous Harvard psychologist Daniel Gilbert describes the foibles of creativity and illusions of foresight that cause each folks to misconceive our tomorrows and misestimate our satisfactions. Why are lovers quicker to forgive their companions for infidelity than for departing dirty meals in the sink? • • Why perform dining companions insist upon ordering different meals instead of getting what they want?† we remember one music while listening to another; Why do pigeons appear to have such superb aim; why can' • and why does the line at the supermarket always slow down as soon as we sign up for it?• With penetrating insight and sparkling prose, Gilbert clarifies why we seem to know so little about the hearts and thoughts of the people we are about to become.



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fun, light-hearted. Despite having read a number of books over the years, including several good ones on pleasure, I learned a whole lot of new and useful things from this book.. The brain is a silly thing. You want to think of it as a supercomputer that runs your life, but it is definitely definitely not that. The brain does not store memories like a hard disk drive. Its recall procedure seems completely ineffective. Compared to other pets, our brains are huge and they consider up an unfathomable amount of energy. Yet our brains are more effective than any computer on earth. Shipped regularly. Again and again, Gilbert introduces another study that presents you the silliness of the human brain. By the end of the book, you will question how exactly we have accomplished therefore much as humans. That is fun read. It isn't a deep publication but an excellent light-hearted look at the silly side of our humanness. In all honesty, I initially found his humor superfluous and a little bit frustrating, but I gradually found appreciate it, because it lightens the book's atmosphere and thereby helps to maintain the reader's stamina... (This review can be for the printing version of the book. As Seneca said, "As long as you live, keep understanding how to live. There are good explanations about why we make poor choices. That is where Daniel Gilbert's small nugget helps. There exists a lot of great information regarding how our minds function, and specifically about its failures.) Do not examine this without seriously engaging your mind and questioning everything, specifically the conclusions the writer draws. I made few decisions that I still not cherish. (3) Most probably, your particular circumstances are not entirely not used to humanity and someone has been on the path (or parts of the road) you will end up taking so that you can learn from them. Gilbert clearly and entertainingly explains a whole lot of "happiness fallacies," and understanding them can help us reevaluate how we regard the idea of happiness, how we sabotage our own quest for happiness, and how we can learn to see and revel in the happiness inside our lives. No one book will ever solve all your problems and show you The Way. N.) Trite: another book that should you need to be a magazine article This book is yet another entry in the Gladwell-esque academic-discoveries-for-the-masses category and gets the same issues: a thrilling premise (why do we fail at forecasting happiness / our imagination has flaws), an informal and sometimes witty voice & most importantly, an excessive length in accordance with its subject matter. The complete "your brain has flaws" argument offers much in common with better books such as Kahneman's which book suffers from a lack of narrative arc: it's stuffed too filled with experiments and observations and doesn't actually drive towards its bottom line - which is something that can be achieved much more quickly than 260 pages. Superbly Insightful (Well Beyond My Expectations) Predicated on this book's title and a cursory look into some reviews, I figured that is probably just another book on happiness, but I made a decision to read it anyhow since the rankings are generally pretty good, credible people have endorsed this, and this issue is important. I'm pleased to survey that the book much exceeded my targets and represents a significant and primary contribution to the genre.. Five stars don't even begin to do justice to the book. Some visitors may believe that the book switches into too many topics which are tangential to the primary argument, but I personally very much appreciated just how Gilbert builds his case systematically and completely, providing us with a wide array of intellectual fringe benefits along the way. Writer was my professor at college. Gradgrind in Dickens's "Hard Times". I sometimes felt that he neglected plausible choice interpretations of the experimental outcomes, but I see this as a comparatively minor issue. The earlier parts of the reserve also mixed in a few Western philosophy, which I thought was a nice touch. And the many quotes from Shakespeare had been also apropos since, after all, Shakespeare just about single-handedly encapsulated the full spectrum of human knowledge and behavior into his

body of work! Given the book's wealthy content, it's very difficult to summarize this book, but I would state that the (greatly oversimplified) primary idea is that both our storage and creativity are inherently faulty, which often causes us to choose suboptimally when it comes to decisions which have an effect on our future happiness. I believe I stopped about mid method, might try and pick it up afterwards. However, again, this is simply an oversimplification, and you really need to read this book in its entirety. Relating to Gilbert's writing style, I believe he's quite clear and easy to follow, and he also employs humor through the entire book. Stumbling on wisdom. I am a not very decisive person though I have already been before. Actually, this book is so filled with insights that I'll need to carefully go through it again (that I anticipate). Stumbling on Happiness is certainly a fun stroll through brain research throughout history. Not the type of book I would usually read. I bought it to learn for a class. Dragged sometimes, but good overview. Some interesting science, but the writing was a bit bland. You Really Should Read This Book Dan Gilbert is a very entertaining author writing about an important subject. There are two factors you should read this book: 1. It helps you eliminate a whole lot of sound with some effective insights drawn from emotional studies." But even that learning bit isn't easy with all the current noise of experience. Indeed, an eye opening book. This is a perfect illustration of an IYI (Intelligent However Idiot as described by N. I also purchased a Kindle edition to keep on my smartphone but I haven't flicked through it yet, so I wouldn't know when there is anything not quite best about the Kindle demonstration. Taleb in "Antifragile" and "Skin in the Game"). Hard to get through I found this book very hard to read. You do not want to check out this doctor's "orders". (Think Dr. This content of the book is mostly drawn from experimental psychology (the nice kind), and Gilbert describes many experiments in just the proper amount of fine detail. The three most readily useful for me personally are these: (1) It's not the near future as such, but it's the planning for the near future which makes you anxious. There are many unproven assumptions throughout. My BS-detector was heading off continually by the last chapter. Lot of science studies and just written in a dry manner. We are able to partly bypass that problem by querying those who are currently having the encounter we're considering having, but that approach doesn't generally work, plus we're inherently resistant to acquiring that approach anyway. If you are a Malcolm Gladwell or Freakonomics fan, you'll love this book. I 1st encountered Gilbert in his wonderful TED talk about the technology of happiness. Such as a large amount of people who've bought this publication, I was longing for guidance on cultivating more joy in my own life--which it provides, however in a roundabout way. So be ready to stumble and you may stumble on joy. I love his accessible writing style, and love the exciting research into this subject. If you are a Malcolm Gladwell or Freakonomics fan, you'll love this book. The creator of social psych Great read to comprehend humans. Indeed, as the concentrate of the reserve is on pleasure, the scope of the reserve is in fact much broader than simply happiness. He developed the field of sociable psychology. I felt like I was tested, proven being wrong and explained why We was wrong Never thought how deliberately and detailed the near future feeling would be explained. Overall, this is a superb book and I recommend it if you would like to end up being happier, or also if you're just interested in why is people tick. (2) All of your planning for, state, five years later is based on the implicit assumption you will be the same as you are now and think exactly like you do right now, five years later. Now I would at least have a hint how exactly to decide what next life decision to make in a lot more productive way. 2.



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