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## A Beautiful Mind



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In this powerful and dramatic biography Sylvia Nasar vividly recreates the life span of a mathematical genius whose career was cut short by schizophrenia and who, after three decades of devastating mental illness, miraculously recovered and was honored with a Nobel Prize. “How could you, a mathematician, believe that extraterrestrials were mailing you messages?” visitors from Harvard asked the West Virginian with the movie-star looks and Olympian way. Thus begins the real tale of John Nash, the mathematical genius who was a legend by age thirty when he slipped into madness, and who—winning film, Sylvia Nasar’s came the answer. because of the selflessness of a beautiful woman and the loyalty of the mathematics community—emerged after years of ghostlike presence to win a Nobel Prize intended for triggering the overall game theory revolution.” “ “So I took them seriously. The motivation for an Academy Award—As the ideas I had about supernatural beings found me the same manner my mathematical ideas did,”’s now-classic biography is a drama regarding the mystery of the human mind, overcome adversity, and the recovery power of love.



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Not a good read I purchased this book to be able to find out about John Nash, Jr. Great reserve. A caution though. THIS IS ACTUALLY THE WRONG BOOK. Here is a quote that might provide you with the flavor of the reserve: "The Rockefellers made their hundreds of thousands in coal, oil, steel, railroads, and banking—in other words, from the great sweep of industrialization that changed towns like Bluefield and Pittsburgh in the past due nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. When the family and its own representatives started to give away a few of the money, they were animated by dissatisfaction with the condition of advanced schooling in America and a firm belief that "nations that usually do not cultivate the sciences cannot hold their own. Nasar will discuss the math enough that it is clear what a large genius Nash was. I am pleased I read the book." 's name appear you will not until five pages later and in another Chapter. This type of rambling is found through the entire book and I came across a frustration level increasing in me that surpassed my desire to read very far into this book. The book and film both wonderful writing and story. go through John Nash, Jr. THE LIFE SPAN and Legacy of America's Most Influential Mathematician, a short, concise authoring him. It may provide you with the details you seek, but you will most likely not find it within the web pages of this publication.. Mirroring the arc of Nash's own lifestyle, Nassar splits the reserve into several parts: the first part covers Nash's early life and mathematical blossoming; the next part elucidates his burgeoning human relationships and the need for connections to the outside world, in addition to his growing celebrity and significant mathematical contributions. and how using the strategies of video game theory helped increase income.) If your academic existence included time as a graduate student in math or the physical sciences, you will need this book. I assume, too, that the reserve is a fine study of the world of existence on the advantage of sanity; Nassar races through John's early childhood, sprinkling in poignant anecdotes that foreshadow the sort of man he is to become. In this journey the reader can be immersed in a world of genius, larger than lifestyle personalities, and the world of the abstract; Nassar after that takes us through his mathematical trip, from a talented but unproven graduate college student at Princeton, to a hot-shot paving his way at MIT while executing study for the government at the top-key RAND Institute. The story doesn't begin in earnest until Nash discovers his enthusiasm for mathematics, after getting into the Carnegie Institute of Technology. throughout, Nassar sprinkles laymen's explanations of essential theorems and proofs that lay the ground for Nash and then those he contributes to the mathematical canon. During this period, there can be some foreshadowing of his potential plunge into illness and his downfall from grace. Nassar continues to explore the complex web of politics, Nash's relationships with women, as well as men, and the fascinating world of mathematics. Throughout the book Nassar explores the sometimes seemingly razor-thin line between genius and insanity, something that Nash himself acknowledges for the reason that his amazing mathematical ideas, in addition to delusions, found him in exactly the same manner. Overall, Nassar paints a vivid, empathetic, and complex picture of schizophrenia through Nash and the devastation that it can wreak in a person's life, if not really properly treated. She flawlessly combines anecdotes, emotional theory and background of the treatment to provide the reader an in-depth understanding of the disorder. She also speculates on how Nash found, if not remedy himself, then to become in a position to control the symptoms in ways to live a normal life and subsequently return to analysis and academia.' s name or anything that related to him. Well, it is the right book however the wrong cover. This printing includes a cover shot of the actor who portrays Nash in the current hit movie. If you are a science and technology buff, you wish the sooner printing of the paperback with the image of the true Nash on the cover. Four Stars Good writing That is by far the worst written I have encountered I am a devoted reader of biographies. The fourth part dives deeply into his downfall and plunge into mental illness, with the psychological reasoning and procedure behind it. Sylvia Nasar, a journalism professor at Columbia, writes a sensitive chronology that lets this intriguing tale of a Nobel-winning mathematician, whose genius wrestled with schizophrenia, stand out with no need for a motion picture. I guess I'll do the movie as well, but it cannot possibly be much better than the reserve. Instead I came across a book that rambled on about all sorts of others, but often it took web pages and pages to get to John Nash, Jr. Somebody with better writing skills should redo this biography The movie made him much more sympathetic and relatable. Finally, the fifth part explores Nash's redemption and acceptance back to the mathematical and economics community, while also discovering his attempts to reconnect along with his family associates. and those, unlike me, who are experienced in the fields of psychology may also find interesting content from their view. A merchant account unlike the movie I had

watched the film for the very first time years back. I watched it lately, and upon impulse bought the book." If you are expecting to discover John Nash, Jr. John Nash a particular person and love how the movie's first has is usually from John Nash's imagination. This reserve changed that. It is also the story about how after all, regardless of how brilliant and intellectually superior we are, we want all human. "A Beautiful Mind" is a tale of the tragedy that human being life can become and like most stuff tragic, the silver lining usually exists. We make mistakes, we are unsure of what we want, we fear so much being a failure, we crave for recognition and we love earning. Before he became ill he was apparently more difficult to get along with than the movie of the same name displays. Nasar does an excellent job of telling the tale without bogging down in .. Complex and insightful watch of John Nash, Schizophrenia, mathematics, and the towering intellects of the 20th century In A LOVELY Mind, Sylvia Nasar tracks the life of the mathematical genius John Nash throughout his career and his struggles with schizophrenia. Nasar does a good job of informing the tale without bogging down in mathematical terms. I'm not really a big mathematics person therefore I appreciated this."

Aware of the scientific revolution sweeping European countries, the Rockefeller Foundation and it's offshoot started by sending American graduate students, including Robert Oppenheimer, overseas. Life is hard and we must accept it and face it. Great read! I loved this book. A Tormented Genius The comprehensive biography of Nobel Laureate John Nash is a book about redemption. His precocious childhood and education, his outstanding (if brief) profession, his battle with schizophrenia, his dropped years, and his remission is presented with great detail. Though most of the math and technical language went over my mind, the portrait of the man was conveyed with admiration. Even though I 1st started the book, I had a brain warp during the prologue anticipating ideas like, "...game theory, algebraic geometry, and non-linear theory..." It is Nash's genius that's in the centre of the publication, though his exceptional brain was plagued with mental disease, causing him to reduce his family, profession, and academic prospects. Any respect he previously garnered would vanish in his paranoid incoherence and unproductivity over another decades. His impressive remission and recovery would enable him to accept the most prestigious award in economics in the 90's, lengthy after he had contributed to the field. Finally receiving the recognition he deserved in his twilight years was a vindication that allowed him to come back to some sense of normalcy and restore the esteem he proved helpful so hard to accomplish as a man. Wonderful Book--- and movie! In case you are interested in learning about John Nash, Jr. Generally, I used to believe a movie could make you really feel because it's visible. A disturbed man... However, it is one I am thankful for that I did so. The prides, ambitions, fears, and relationships in the world of Princeton, RAND, and MIT PhDs may be too unfamiliar or even boring to others.'s life. A LOVELY Mind indeed This is not the typical type of book I read. A significantly less sympathetic and even more disturbed portrayal of Nash. You never truly know what goes on in someones lifestyle until you walk within their sneakers/read their life tale. For somebody who, against the chances, managed to get thru their ordeal is one who should be admired and thought of often.) Nasar also assists the reader (even the non-mathematical) in having at least a vague notion of what worth Nash's 'game theory' has to the guy in the pub. From a 'good' background, Nash soon graduated on to becoming among the top students at university, developing fresh theories and re-examining old problems (having only O level maths, a lot of this went best over my head. That is by much the worst written I've encountered. How Nash continuing his work, even after years of disease, makes for a fascinating read. The arguments of the Nobel committee over whether to make an award to a person with mental disease; the gradual rapprochement (and re-marriage to) the wife who had divorced him; the gradual building of a relationship with his illegitimate son (and the sadness of having to cope with the fact that his other son had his father's disease. "A man alone in a strange world" A very interesting biography of mathematician and Nobel prize winner John Forbes Nash. She looks at the 1994 'greatest auction ever', where the US authorities offered off airspace to Television companies etc; The 3rd section delves into some of the roots of his arriving mental illness, both in terms of mathematical failures and turmoil within his personal lifestyle, along with the first acute symptoms and subsequent hospitalization. (I have the incorrect book and simply ordered the proper book from Amazon aswell.) But his behaviour - odd, arrogant, often unsocial - gradually morphed into something very much worse, with a medical diagnosis of schizophrenia. Padded with unnecessary information, the Author goes on and on with details that I keep waiting to tie back or fortify the story but it simply trails off. The film was great, but Ron Howard did a far better work than Sylvia Nasar. While there is no even

more mathematical jargon than absolutely necessary, this book is perhaps best for those whose academic backgrounds included at least a brief period in a graduate program for math or the physical sciences.



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