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# AMERICAN DAN TOMASULO SNAKE PIT

HOPE, GRIE, AND RESILIENCE IN THE WAKE  
OF WILLOWBROOK

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American Snake Pit: Hope, Grit, and Resilience in the Wake of Willowbrook



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-- ROBERT F. WE HAVE A SITUATION THAT BORDERS ON A SNAKE PIT. KENNEDY In 1987, following a general public outcry about its questionable medical procedures, Staten Island's Willowbrook State School for those who have intellectual disabilities closed its doors once and for all. Flat broke and nearly finished with graduate college, Dan Tomasulo -- now a primary faculty member at Columbia University's Spirituality Brain Body Institute -- was hired to relocate Willowbrook's most severely disabled inhabitants right into a groundbreaking community-structured group house. of the eccentric, resilient personnel who helped make such a momentous success feasible; American Snake Pit may be the tale of the disregarded souls who ended up in Tomasulo's caution; and, most of all, of 1 man's persistent battle to give voices to those who cannot advocate for themselves.



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Superb! Fantastically written! I liked it! I read this publication because Dr. WOW-this is a true story that will cause you to appreciate all you need. Dan Tomasulo did a brilliant job inviting the reader in to the world of Willowbrook and its own evolution. Dan Tomasulo is a skilled storyteller, and this deep dive in to the post-Willowbrook world is a must-go through. Dan Tomasulo is an excellent writer and the tales he shares listed below are illuminating, touching, funny, unfortunate, and important for everyone to read. Beautifully written with warmth and humor. I browse it in one sit This book is incredible. Tomasulo vividly captures what it's like to break into a fresh life passage if you have no very clear idea of how to do it. Tasked with integrating a group of discarded individuals in to the extremely community that rejected them, Dan network marketing leads us on a journey of understanding what connects us as humans. Dan describes the world in and outside the "house. It's that captivating. Really enjoyed this! Angela Duckworth (whose book, Grit: THE ENERGY of Interest and Perseverance, is a favorite of mine) was reading this publication. Tender and heartbreaking, all the characters will stay with you long after you finish the publication. "American Snakepit" will definitely leave you thinking more deeply about the inner workings of the intellectually disabled. Amazing Book! It is an honest, critical depiction the organizational and societal prejudice against mental disease and disability. American Snake Pit is normally a lovely and deeply shifting memoir of a man who has devoted his life to serving the under-served. The complete journey shows us how good meant, resilient and hardworking individuals can create a change against administrative restrictions and prejudice. I recommend you to check out this great book!. The author can bring personas alive in a manner that makes you feel just like you know them. The evolution of the people is extraordinary. It is poignant and humorous and makes you wish to learn more. Recommend. Highly recommend This is essential read for anybody supporting people with developmental disabilities. I couldn't place it down, It produced me laugh and cry and appreciate all of the work that people like Dan did over the years to boost supports for those who have disabilities. I loved it! I couldn't put this reserve down. A must go through! I finally had a chance to go through it and found it to end up being incredibly eye-opening. Great read I loved this book.. I can't recommend this book enough, this is a book that needs to be shared and I've passed my copy along because it should be shared. A loving home window into the evolution of group homes and the people who made it possible to make organizations for the developmentally disabled something of the past. This book is a MUST read! I received this reserve as a gift from a friend some time ago. The Beginning . Tomasulo gives an incredibly vivid description of the tremendous challenges facing individuals with serious intellectual disabilities and also the obstacles and difficulties facing their caregivers. His personal character shines through in his storytelling - Dan Tomasulo is an exceptionally kind and caring individual. Most people could have taken the easier path of abandoning these demanding occupants and the experimental home he was managing. Not this guy.. Through their tireless function, they were able to transformation the mindset of a town that was shut to those who are different as well as your own views concerning this population. Tomasulo has written a memoir that's inspiring and truly difficult to put down! Brilliant, moving, funny and resoundingly hopeful. Regardless of the darkness of the material, the author manages to reveal the wonder of each character along with his spirited, engaging and witty tone! Dr. It offers us a front side row seat into Dan Tomasulo's heart. Reeling from the dissolution of a relationship and finishing graduate school, the writer gets a job managing a group home for people recently de-institutionalized from what Robert Kennedy termed an "American Snakepit." At the start of the reserve, it appears as though many people are reeling and careening, trying to get solid

footing in a fresh life phase. Several things stand out throughout the memoir: the author's honesty, deep compassion for everybody he fulfills and terrific sense of humor. I would read this during the period of a few days and finished up finishing it in a single sit. Tomasulo is certainly a captivating storyteller and his publication is hard to put down. At times terrifying and sometimes hilarious, Dr. That is a captivating reserve that's hard to put down. You Must Read This... Dr. I never expected to enjoy it just as much as I did. I truly enjoyed the journey on which he network marketing leads his readers. I laughed out loud, was tearful, felt influenced at times and in addition shock at the treatment of the individuals at Willowbrook and was totally invested in the lives of every of them as their stories unfolded. Brilliant Author!. He assembled a team of like-minded, incredibly gritty staff to help bond the housemates and enable the residents to each obtain their most significant potential. And, throughout this and other problems in his lifestyle, it is clear that Dan constantly maintained his fantastic love of life. If you appreciate tales about basic humanity and all it encompasses, you must read this. An inspiring tale of courage, hope, and kindness A memoir more than 30 years in the making, it will move you and shock you. It will make you laugh and cry, frequently in the same sentence." He will take us through his own adjustment period and that of the residents, co-workers and community associates, and in the ultimate chapters makes some profound and unforeseen connections between his existence at the book's start and his vastly different life at its end. A sobering perspective on what this means to be individual. Everyone should go through this book!



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