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An essential, obsessive collection of all those wise and quirky sayings we've heard before—plus plenty of essential, obscure ones to discover—now all in one place.

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Chantel says

This is a book of quotes. I put it on the coffee table to pick up here and there to read. Unfortunately, I lost interest in it. There were a lot of good quotes, but it took a while to get through them.

Syrlane Albuquerque says

I'm giving three stars for this book because it is way too repetitive. It could be cut it down to 4,000 or even less words of wisdom.

Billy says

What an insightful read! One to keep handy!

Tara Kazimir says

a lot!

Aljaz Motion Cut says

Inspiring, somewhat motivational, but too repetitive. You can see a quote appearing for 3-5x times or more, not even paraphrased.

Why not focus on quality of the quotes, rather than quantity? Some quotes i just don't get it:

“Eventually everything gets done” -> rather pessimistic. If you really think that and you don't do something about it, than it won't get done. Nobody will do you work.

“Kiss someone good night even if he is already asleep” Probably is too late if you start thinking of kissing someone at night, what about in the morning?

“Talk to your plants and animals” Have you ever had a nice conversation with plants?

I would rather have a book of amazing 1,000 quotes or even only 100 quotes, but really profound, good and unique ones. Nevertheless I read 1/3 of the book, I find some enjoyment in reading, but I quit reading because of repetitiveness.

Tim Gannon says

This one was so-so - There were tons of repeats and near-repeats of the quotes - I think the amount of original quotes was less than 100. This one differed from previous texts in adding proverbs, precepts, maxims, adages, and axioms. Not even sure what most of those words mean, but it was written on the back cover so it must be true. Luckily I could still understand what I read.

Leslie says

This book was a gift from a friend and it's the perfect inspirational read. I love reading and collecting quotes.

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Morgan says

There were a lot of repeat quotes and a good chunk of them weren't even really 'words of wisdom'. They felt like my mother was nagging me. "Brush your teeth twice a day!" Thanks.

Jimbo says

Lots of wisdom!

Sable says

I read about 2-3 pages a day just for morning inspiration. There were a lot of repeated quotes that were just worded differently and some of the quotes I didn't fully agree with. However, this book came handy when drinking coffee and when you want to start your day off on the right foot.

Lisa Ebarb says

if I need my spirit to be lightened this is one of the books..I love just reading great quotes.funny n a lot of the time I feel better when I open up n read this book..

~cowgirl J.~ says

Random thoughts and quotes for daily living and for help with having a better character everyday.

Magdalene Koh says

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Nicole says

A great book full of advices. If you don't know what to do, open up a random page and read the first saying that catches your eye. Maybe it will help. I found a lot of comfort and new favorite sayings in this book.
