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John says

Thought the book had a promising potential. But bored me to tears with the author's class warfare rants.

Jeanne says

I can't finish it. I thought it was a memoir about raising an autistic son but I can't get past this Tom, Dick and Harry business.

Susan says

A hilarious account of author's personal, emotional, and financial crises. Yet poignantly describes the fear, loneliness and despair that life and personal choices have taken him too. Maybe a bit crude for some but I enjoyed the author's comedic approach to his darkest times.

Maureen says

To have your son diagnosed as autistic would have been traumatising enough, but to have that diagnosis at the same time as your divorce, coupled with losing your job, and no prospect of finding another, as the island of Tenerife was badly affected by the recent global financial crisis, and it's not hard to see how life would take a complete nosedive. This is exactly what happened to Lee Bullen, and he tells his story with amazing honesty, humour, and acceptance. We follow his ups and his many downs as Lee discovers what really matters in life, the important things that sometimes can only be discovered through adversity. An interesting read.

Adriana Cartagena says

Intresting

Reading memoirs to me is like sitting at a public table enjoying coffee or tea and people watch, except with a bite more insight into the lives of those that captivate you longer than others.

Maggie Leivas says

it mostly kept my attention. I did enjoy his sense of humor.

Cheryl says

I enjoyed this biography. The author has various things going against him in life, and we get to read him rate aspects of his life during certain time periods. Of note, is his coming to grips with his son's autism, and his eventual thankfulness in what would seem like a small improvement to those that are not faced with having an autistic child...but yet, means the world to him.

Tamara says

I agree that he is his own worst enemy. I almost quit when he blamed vaccination for his son's autism, but kept reading. I wish I had stopped there and saved myself some time.

Lucy Gage says

Couldn't finish it so skimmed the last chapters waiting for him to stop moaning.

Yolanda says

great to read a book by a contemporary, using contemporary language but still well-written and refreshingly/comfortingly honest!

Amy says

There were high and low points of this book. Most of the time, I wanted to shake him, but it seems like he made some realizations toward the end.

Monica Akinyi Odhiambo says

Lee Bullen outdid himself in this book. I wanted to know how he dealt with being a single father, with 2 young children below the age of 5 years, one being autistic and finding time to be the best father he could be with the crunching recession times where getting a job was so hard. And budget cuts were happening every where. Why I loved the book, because of how he broke himself into 3 I's. Tom, Harry and Dick.

1. With the frustration of having an autistic child and always hoping they could talk and not be so erratic. And that moment he asked "where is dad?" that did it for me. It was a moment of hope
2. Plus it has a lot of good humor, good self conversations. Interesting self analysis. Good stuff, definitely worth time reading.

