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It's been a year of upheaval for Edward Stanton, a forty-two-year-old with Asperger's syndrome. He's lost his job. His trusted therapist has retired. His best friends have moved away. And even his nightly ritual of watching *Dagnet* reruns has been disrupted. All of this change has left Edward, who lives his life on a rigid schedule, completely flummoxed.

But when his friend Donna calls with news that her son Kyle is in trouble, Edward leaves his comfort zone in Billings, Montana, and drives to visit them in Boise, where he discovers Kyle has morphed from a sweet kid into a sullen adolescent. Inspired by dreams of the past, Edward goes against his routine and decides to drive to a small town in Colorado where he once spent a summer with his father—bringing Kyle along as his road trip companion. The two argue about football and music along the way, and amid their misadventures, they meet an eccentric motel owner who just might be the love of Edward's sheltered life—if only he can let her.

The highly anticipated follow up to Craig Lancaster's first novel, *600 Hours of Edward*.

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? Jaela ? Killer ? QUEEN says

W O N D E R F U L

A 5 star rating after a looong time. I liked very much the first book, but I loved this.

If Edward was a real person, at first sight you wouldn't notice something special about him. If you would talk to him and get to know him better you would find how extraordinary he really is.

In the first book, we see Edward in his comfort zone, trying to make the best out of his life, making friends and trying to get a job. He was very strict in everything he did and very rigorous (I love the word "rigorous")- *this is a pattern through all the book where Edward confesses his favourite words*

In this book, book #2, we see Edward out of his comfort zone. He takes a trip to help his little friend Kyle, who struggles with his teenage life and the unfamiliar environment he lives in. I was so mad at Kyle for some time, but he's a sweet boy and he really loves Edward. Their friendship is so pure.

Do you know what I want for Christmas, Kyle?"

"No."

I feel my cheeks getting hot, which is strange. And then I realize that I'm embarrassed to say what I've been thinking. But I do it anyway.

"This trip with you."

Many things happen during this trip. Edward is more outgoing than he was before. His life isn't that solid anymore. He tries new things and new experiences. When he bought his new iPhone, I was laughing so hard. Calling it "my bitchin' iPhone", always listening to R.E.M and playing with it all day was so great to read.

In this trip, where as he says, he is adrift, Edward feels like his life is empty and the dreams he has, make him want to ask for more.

"Yes, Kyle is in trouble, and I want to help him if I can. Yes, I want to see Donna and Victor again. But maybe I want something for me, too, such as not feeling so adrift. That seems selfish, but I think it's OK. I think my father would think it's OK, too."

I feel so sorry for Edward. He is such a sweetheart. He's 42, but when I read about him I just want to hug him and protect him from everyone and everything.

Edward will always be one of the most interesting characters I've ever read about. He is loyal and very funny sometimes.

"(I just made a joke. I'm pretty funny sometimes.)"

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"When they see you coming in a Cadillac, they know two things: first, that you know quality, and second,

that you don't need their deal. You know why?

Because you're driving a goddamned Cadillac, that's why."

Although I liked Edward's mother in the first book, I hated her in this one. She had no right to do what she did and make Edward feel that bad.

One of the things that I'll always remember about Edward is his unsent letters where he complains about the things he doesn't like and make him feel angry or sad. I should try it sometimes. I think that thing really works.

"She said there was something therapeutic in writing the letter and letting my emotions out, but that I might get in trouble with people if I actually sent them."

I'm so happy Edward found another person like him to love and cherish. I doubted Sheila at the beginning, but I really liked her afterwards. I'm sure they'll both be happy and special together.

I recommend this series to everyone who wants to have a quality reading. You won't be disappointed. I guarantee you that you will have a great time reading about Edward.

Noeleen says

It's official! I'm in love with Edward! (No, not Cullen)...Edward Stanton! What an endearing, lovable and wise character Craig Lancaster has created. In this follow up to '600 Hours of Edward' all is not well for our Edward. Edward is 'adrift' in many aspects of his life...misplaced, confused, searching for focus and direction while trying to come to the aid of his close friends. We take a road trip with Edward as he attempts to come to terms with his past, especially his relationship with his father, as he searches for answers and clarity on his future and tries to take control and responsibility for his life. What a road trip it is! I feel like I've spent 24 hours with Michael Stipe, R.E.M. and a bitchin' iPhone! I will never be able to call an iPhone simply an iPhone anymore...too funny! Once again, there are lots of really good humorous moments complimented with sad, reflective moments in this tale...oh and a little romance wonderfully executed for good measure. I hope there will be many more adventures with Edward and I eagerly await the next instalment in this series (and that's a fact!)

Rebecca Johnson says

Log book:

Completed reading book Friday, 2/6 at 9:36pm.

This is the first time I've completed a book at 9:36pm.

I am logging this review using my bitchin' iPhone; which, coincidentally (I like the word coincidentally) is the same device I used to listen to the book on Audible.

Highlights: Edwards use of his pet curse words, his explanations of his thoughts and actions, his desire for

empirical evidence, and, of course, his log book.

Lowlights: None

Recommendation: read this book immediately! You will enjoy seeing things through the eyes of an endearing guy with Asperger's syndrome.

Leslie says

This is the sequel to 600 Hours of Edward. In this book Edward loses all of his anchors and routines that are so important to his feeling of safety and stability. Again, Edward is one of my all time favorite characters. The voice of Edward in both books is unique, wonderful, quirky, and unforgettable. In book two, Edward is forced to grow and develop "out of his comfort zone", and although I'm not convinced someone with Aspergers could change this much, I don't care. It's a great story.

Meka♥books says

Once again Luke Daniels narration in this book was awesome! He made all the characters come alive for me. Like in the first book 600 Hours of Edward, the repetition of data got boring but the narration made this less sufferable especially during the times Edward was upset/cussed, and when Edward was hospitalized then Sheila temporarily took this task over.

I enjoyed reading about Edward's new experiences and feelings where Sheila was concerned. I wish her disability was discussed more and an explanation was provided on the commonalities the two share. Ultimately I think Edward and Sheila work well together and are a good match.

It was good to see Donna & Kyle from the previous book. So much time was taken on Kyle and his bad behavior, that when it was revealed why he was acting out, I truly felt all of this kid's pain. Even though Kyle received help, honestly speaking I was slightly let down that not as much time was given to showing the results.

In the end Edward found purpose and no longer was adrift which I was happy about. Overall I enjoyed this book and would recommend. Edward Adrift gets 4.5 stars.

Book 1 review: 600 Hours of Edward

Robert says

I can state rather emphatically that this book does not suck elephant balls. In fact, you may have to hold your tallywhacker in place as you bend over at the waist from laughing so hard. Edward, my man, you are more than just pretty funny sometimes. I'd say you're funny all of the time, even when you're not trying to be.

I'd even go so far to say that I have what might be construed as a bromance with Edward Stanton. I don't know if I'd call him my hero, but he's a damn fine character, and this is one damn fine story. His preference for facts, dry sense of humor, cursing like he jammed his toe against the sofa and then smashed his head on a wooden table, repetition of choice words and phrases, photographic memory, extensive vocabulary, and his unique love for words make this son of a politician an absolute joy to behold. So much so that I just had to finish EDWARD ADRIFT in less than twenty-four hours.

Edward has some rather righteous curse words. Here are a few of my favorites: shitburger, whipdick, shitballs, chicken's asshole, sort out the shithouse, and assweeds. I'd have to say it was fun to be fucking loaded and take a trip through Idaho and Wyoming and singing along to my bitchin' iPhone playing R.E.M. songs on shuffle.

I really can't decide whether 600 Hours Of Edward or EDWARD ADRIFT is better. It's easy to make an argument for either one, and if you start spouting off to the wrong hothead, you may end up in fisticuffs. So choose your argument wisely and be ready to back it up with empirical data, not conjecture.

I won't give away the ending, since I know you'll want to read this literary masterpiece for yourself, but I will say it was the perfect ending to a perfect story. Had it ended any differently, Edward and I might not be on speaking terms right now.

I'd like to say you're a cocksucking assweed if you don't buy, beg, borrow, or berate your local library into carrying this novel, but I won't. You may, however, have to hang your head in shame if you don't hop in your Cadillac and traverse to your local bookstore to pick up your copy.

Cross-posted at Robert's Reads

Zoe says

Technically Monday, September 16, 2013.

Officially was Thursday, June 06 2013 when I finished the book, and since, I feel adrift.

As Dr Buckley would say - The author has done remarkable (i love this word) work of fiction, writing Edward's story. Edward's interior monologue kind of implies the awareness that writing cannot imitate the way we really think, yet it uses the associations that come to the narrator's mind to make the texture of the narrative immensely satisfying, touching and real. When it comes to why you have to read this book, apply Occam's razor: the simplest explanation is the best explanation. The book is very well written and is surely a book worth remembering. - Dr Buckley is very logical woman.

I loved Edward and he was funny and smart sometimes:). I know you will do too.

Thank you for writing Dear Author, and I look forward to read more of your work

Nospin says

Second book about Edward, a 42 y o with Asperger's, and his life after losing his job and going on a road trip to see his old neighbors. The book is very well done and compells the reader to care about the main character deeply while learning to understand how he thinks.

Read through Kindle/audible Whispersync/immersion reading. Great narration in Audible book by Luke Daniels.

Eta - I had purchased both Edward books by Craig Lancaster along with Audible versions. Just found them in Kindle Unlimited with Narration so encourage any subscribers to put them on your list

TL says

Last book of 2015, ending on a semi-good note :)

3.5 stars

I enjoyed being back in Edward's world and finding out what's been happening and how he's been coping and for the most part I did enjoy it.

There were a few things that kept me from enjoying this as much as the first one though:

The cursing: at first it was kind of funny to hear Edward curse but it started to grate on me after awhile. I just wanted to pull him aside and politely (or not so) ask him to cut it out.

The romance: I may be in the minority here but I could not get on board with this. Sheila wasn't bad as a character but it all just felt stiff and off-balance. Partly because we never get details on Sheila's disability... we're told that she and Edward are alot alike and he's (view spoiler) but it's not really expanded on.

There was a cute moment at the end that did have me smiling but all in all, wasn't a fan. It seemed forced. Don't get wrong, happy for Edward *shrugs* Protective over my book brother I suppose.

Poor Kyle:(In the beginning I wanted to smack the attitude out of him at times but after what he told Edward... there was some Hulk smashing I wanted to do.

It was good to see Donna again, but I wish we had gotten to know her husband better.. seems like a good guy.

Despite having to push myself through the latter part of the book (see reasons above), I did have fun visiting Edward again:).

Would recommend! Crossing fingers for a third book... hint hint ;-)

Sarah says

I first fell in love with Edwards character in 600 Hours of Edward, so had been dying to read Edward Adrift which we catch up with Edward again.

To truly get to know and understand Edward I would certainly recommend reading 600 Hours of Edward before reading Edward Adrift.

Edward Adrift certainly sees some big changes for Edward.

I was especially happy to catch up with Donna and her son Kyle. Unfortunately their move for a fresh start does not go quite as well as Donna had hoped. Kyle seems to be struggling to adjust to the move and seems to have changed quite a lot from the boy that used to help Edward paint his garage.

The road trip that Edward and Kyle seem to find themselves on brings about a few surprises in more ways than one. It certainly made for some emotional reading.

After reading 600 Hours of Edward I had actually hoped that some sort of romance would blossom between Edward and Donna but in a way I'm glad it didn't as Edward meets a new love interest in Sheila. Sheila could not be more perfect for Edward, though unfortunately for Edward and Sheila, Edwards mother does not seem to agree.

Edward Adrift is every bit as endearing and heart warming as 600 Hours of Edward. You can't help but get attached to Edward as he is such an interesting and wonderful character. I just hope that the author will catch up again with him some time in the not so distant future.

Maya says

4.5 stars.

This review refers to both *600 hours of Edward* and *Edward adrift*. I can't say if one is better than the other. They are both superb.

Hundreds of reviews are already posted so all I have to say is – Edward, you rock, man! You are not stupid, you are smart and you are very, very funny. Oh, and you are f@cking loaded, man, so go do, the world is your oyster!

Susan says

For all of us who came to know, and love, Edward Stanton in "600 Hours of Edward" it is great to get reacquainted with him again. However, it is fair to say that Edward's life is not in great shape when we meet

him again - Dr Buckley, his long term therapist, has retired, he has lost his job, been diagnosed with diabetes and even his "Dragnet" tapes are broken. Plus, he is missing neighbour Donna, who has remarried and moved away. Then, Donna contacts him to say that her son Kyle is troubled and has been expelled from school and Edward sets out on a trip to see them.

During this book, Edward has to deal with difficult behaviour from Kyle, come to terms with his father's death and is even faced with the possibility of finding love. Edward is a fantastic character, a forty two year old who sees the world a little differently because of his Asperger's Syndrome, he is often very literal, but always a good friend. To be honest, I would not read this before reading the first book about Edward, as the relationships with his friends and family will make better sense if you know the history between them. These novels are a delight though and if you do consider reading them, you will not be disappointed.

Jules says

Oh, Edward, my old friend, what a joy it was to catch up with you again!

I bought *Edward Adrift* ages ago in 2016 on Kindle after absolutely loving the first book in the series, which is called *600 Hours of Edward*. If you enjoy fun quirky characters, you've really got to meet Edward.

Here is a link to my review of the first book:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Having noticed this was available as an audiobook through Kindle Unlimited, I decided that's a way to finally get through this book. Not enough hours in the day to read. However, I can listen to audiobooks while working, doing boring housecleaning tasks and exercising, so I'm getting through a lot more audiobooks at the moment.

I thought this worked really well as an audiobook, and made me feel proud of my healthy eating and even motivated me to exercise a little longer while listening to it. Nothing quite like hearing all about a person being overweight and dealing with type two diabetes to get you doing a few minutes more exercises and avoiding junk food afterwards.

Sofia says

Another great Edward installment for me. Edward is not longer anchored by the things that tethered his life. He has a choice continue swimming or drown. As always I root for him.

I read this in three days. The first two days I read up to 25% and then the rest on the third day and yes it was a Friday and I worked on that days as well. My reading progress reflects Lancaster's writing. In the first bit, he slowly reacquainted me with Edward and how he thinks and where he is now in his life than the story took off and did not let off until the end.

TS Chan says

A few things I need to keep in mind:

- 1. Remember the medicine and take it every day.*
- 2. Remember to take a walk every day and to keep a log for Dr. Rex Helton. I haven't started this yet, and I need to.*
- 3. Keep the car at 65 miles per hour at all times on the interstate. Others may drive faster. At 65, I will get excellent fuel efficiency at a legal speed, thus better ensuring that my fuel usage estimates have a high degree of accuracy.*
- 4. Be on the lookout for interesting things on the drive. Stop and take pictures with the bitchin' iPhone camera. Enjoy the trip.*
- 5. Be safe.*
- 6. Stop making this list.*
- 7. OK, stop now.*
- 8. Now.*
- 9. Shit.*
- 10. I can't end on 9, so I will end here.*

Edward continues to endear with his innocence and unfiltered honesty arising from his 'special condition'. The growth of this character in this sequel was tackled quite marvellously and it's really wonderful to see him handle a truckload of 'bad things happening' to him that threw him off his well-established routine.

I can't really say much more without spoiling the book. It's experiencing all the little or big events and surprises with him, and seeing his reactions to them that make it worth reading.
