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A half-mile up, suspended by nylon wings and the promise of good lift, life hangs on a pledge. Richard Bach made that pledge, fifty years before, to return to the frightened child he used to be and teach him everything he had learned from living. His promise went unfulfilled until one day, hovering between earth and sky, Richard encounters Dickie Bach, age nine--irrepressible challenger of every notion Richard embraces....

In this exhilarating adventure, Richard and Dickie probe the timeless questions both need answered if either is to be whole: Why does growing spiritually mean never growing up? Can we peacefully coexist with the consequences of our choices? Why is it that only by running from safety can we make our wildest dreams take flight?

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Cori says

What intrigued me: Jeremy gave me this book as a gift when I left Red Wing.

What I liked: There are a number of thought provoking questions raised by this book. I took my time with it because there were a number of times I put it down to talk through some of the ideas with Clayton.

What I didn't like: Through out 3/4 of the book I kept thinking "eventually it will make sense." That never happened.

Favorite quote: "And you speak only when spoken to?" In words, yes. Otherwise we're feelings, intuition, conscience."

Silvija Saule says

Iš naujo prisiminiau, k? reiškia pasiimti knyg? ir tris dienas jos nepaleist iš rank?, kol nepabaigi. Bacho mintys tokios artimos, tokios negird?tos, o lyg iš kažkur žinomos. Jo knygos visad užburia, ne išimtis ir šita.

Arwen56 says

Tentativo fallito di bizzare il successo de "Il gabbiano Jonathan Livingstone".

Yasaman Safari says

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Airiz C says

This is the second Richard Bach book that I've read after Jonathan Livingston Seagull. Thought-provoking, poignant, and honest, this novel tackles spiritual issues about the inner child in us that continues to live no matter how old we may be, or no matter how much we want to just forget him and treat him like a remnant of the past. It's a pretty deep read, and sometimes it sends me thinking about certain situations in life where a child version of myself could remedy the problems that a grown up me could not.

Giving it three stars! It's a good read, but can't remember much about the enjoyment factor. But then again it's been a long while since I last read this book. Maybe I'll give it another try someday. :)

Adric Rangel says

Lo leí en el 2006

Me encanto este libro cuando lo leí. Su sinopsis es: Si hoy el niño que alguna vez fuimos nos preguntara qué es lo más importante que hemos aprendido a lo largo de nuestra vida, ¿qué le responderíamos? El autor aborda asombrosas ideas acerca de preguntas milenarias como: ¿quiénes somos? ¿Qué queremos hacer con nuestra vida y por qué no lo estamos haciendo? ¿Es indispensable que seamos víctimas de las circunstancias, y no sus amos? ¿Cómo aprendemos a amar? Alas para vivir es una suerte de diario en el que se combinan recuerdos de infancia y pensamientos sobre cómo encontrar un sentido a la vida.

Navid says

Diki...he can show you the way of truth...just find him...search on yourself.

Velvetink says

donated to The Smith Family. 20.2.15

In this warm adventure of the mind and soul, Richard Bach approaches eternal questions, such as Who are we? What do we want to get out of our lives? What are we doing to achieve this? Do we have to be victims, rather than masters, of circumstance? How do we learn to love? Running from Safety: An Adventure of the Spirit is a diary that combines childhood memories and reflections about how to search for meaning in life. It is based on talking with your inner child. Lost me at the 3/4 mark...

Tara says

Favorite Quotes

If our body is a perfect expression of our thought about body, and if our thought about body is that it's condition has everything to do with inner image and nothing to do with time, then we don't have to be impatient for being too young or frightened of being too old.

Never had I understood that I command, with absolute authority, the ship of my life! I decide its mission and rules and discipline, at my word waits every tool and sail, every cannon, the strength of every soul on board. I'm master of a team of passionate skills to sail me through hell's own jaws the second I nod the direction to steer.

You don't want a million answers as much as you want a few forever questions. The questions are diamonds you hold in the light. Study a lifetime and you see different colors from the same jewel. The same questions, asked again, bring you just the answers you need just the minute you need them.

Choose a love and work to make it true, and somehow, something will happen, something you couldn't plan, will come along to move like to like, to set you loose, to set you on the way to your next brick wall.

It must happen to us all... We pack up what we've learned so far and leave the familiar behind. No fun, that shearing separation, but somewhere within, we must dimly know that saying goodbye to safety brings the only security we'll ever know.

When we put up with any situation we don't have to put up with, it's not because we're dumb. We put up with it, because we want the lesson only that situation can teach, and we want it more than freedom myself.

Happiness is the reward we get for living to the highest right we know.

It's okay is a cosmic truth... It's okay. If there were nothing here for us to learn, we wouldn't bother to pay the fare.

I have a way of finding what is true for me, and it's not finished yet.

What matters is how I use what I know, every minute of every day; how I use it to remember, in the midst of the game.

Another choice: Win by losing. Before your outer walls break, as break they must, build an inner place to protect your truth. Protect that you are infinite life, choosing its playground; protect that the world you know exists with your consent and for your own good reasons; protect that your purpose and mission is to shine love in your own playful way, in the moments you decide will be most dramatic.

A. Gulden says

This was a terrible translation. I couldn't finish the book because of it. The funny thing about it is that I know the person who translated it. Should I tell her?

Zoë Clifford says

I loved being introduced to ideas such as an Umbrologist - a physician who treats disorders of the shadow; imajons, conception, exhilarons... gloomons... and the line "Running from safety is the only way to make your last word yes" :D

If we just exclude reading chapter 41 (or scan through it ever so quickly) the flight would have been perfect (personal preference of course). Richard Bach books are always a great read and well worth a visit from time to time :)

Deborah says

Even though I am a big fan of Jonathan Livingston, I did not like this book at all. Knowing Bach divorced a few years after writing this book, I found all the references to 'soul mates' disturbing. The basic ideas were already covered in Illusions. I can see why Bach stopped writing books.

Isabel María says

Es uno de los libros más lindos que he leído, ya que es muy simple pero a la vez demasiado maravilloso. Tiene un final que me dejó realmente feliz y sin duda con unas grandes alas para vivir.

Lendoxia says

Finishing this book on a plane is somehow really appropriate, I didn't like all of it but I liked the concept and some of the quotes.

ZaRi says

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