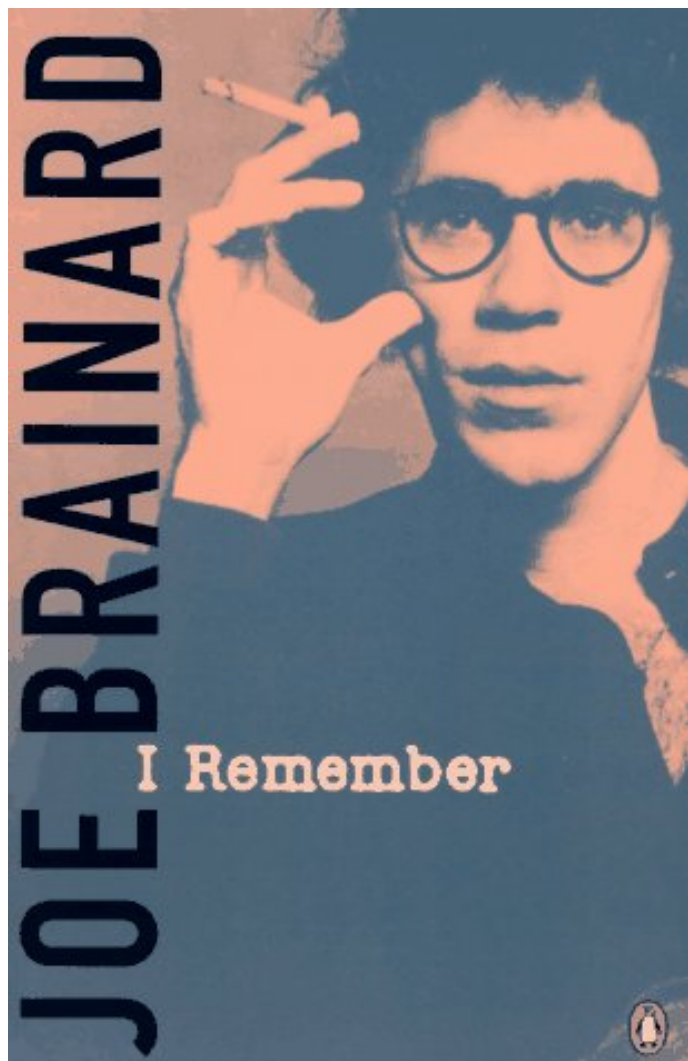

Joe Brainard

I Remember



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Description

In a book which uniquely captures 1950's America, Brainard constructs the story of his life through a series of brief entries, each beginning with the words "I remember", and continues with observations about family, film stars, lust, and the astonishing New York culture into which he moved to from Tulsa at the age of 18.

Insightful reviews

Sam: A brief memorial to St. Joe, New York School painter and collector of autobiographical marginalia. This collection of short, randomly associated thoughts which all begin with "I remember..." is a breezy book which nonetheless rewards close attention. Seemingly banal observations "I remember butter and sugar sandwiches" rub elbows with sexual awakenings (a particularly lurid episode involving a film room in the Met) and moments of vivid, intense pain (the way rock music can sound so free and loose that it reminds you how little you feel free and loose yourself). Each episode is only a few lines long, and by exhibiting each memory free of context, without any gesture towards linear narrative, and completely without subjective hierarchy, Brainard's method comes across as guilelessly radical - even though he does away with narrative structure, *I Remember* is compulsively readable, emotionally engaging, and weirdly enveloping; I found myself dredging up memorable moments from my own life and free-associating wildly, and it is only through great self-control that I didn't put those thoughts down on paper (lucky for you). Flirts with triteness at times, but only in the service of explicating life's actual triteness, which Brainard seems to view with loving forgiveness. Moments of intense anxiety come and go, and are mostly remembered afterwards, when the sunny glow wears off: portraits of small-town weirdos who die lonely deaths, homosexual isolation in Middle America, a gnawing sense of emptiness and existential longing. Not bad for a small book with no clear aesthetic agenda.

Makes being gay in NYC in the 60's/70's seem like so much fun it almost hurts.

Troy: [This review](#) pretty much sums up the book for me. The magic in this work is in its ability to bounce between the mundane/trivial corporeal AND the heartrending massive events that change the structure of who-we-are. And that's part of the point. Some stupid TV show is as much a make-up of our being as our first sexual encounter. ... Well, maybe not as important, but something that makes us who we are.

And reading this explodes a kaleidoscope of remembrances from my own past, often things I don't really want to recall. As someone who has always been forward looking; as someone who always scorns nostalgia; as someone who wants to forget the past; this was a nice slap in the face. A remembrance that wistful memory is not always trite; that intense memories are not always painful; and that memory as such is not something to throw away.

Octavio Villalpando: ¡Vaya! La crítica coincide en afirmar que la maravillosa simpleza de este libro hace que sea incomprensible que no se le hubiera ocurrido antes a nadie. Y también dicen que es una joya...

...tienen razón. Nunca antes una serie de enunciados tan simples, formaron un contenido tan rico e matices y tan hipnótico a la vez como este "Me acuerdo", algún día diremos: me acuerdo de haber leído un libro llamado "me acuerdo", Me acuerdo que me gustó muchísimo. Y me acuerdo que me hizo preguntarme donde diablos habían quedado todos mis recuerdos!

Diane: If an individual understands Billy Joel's "We did not commence the Fire", this is often very similar. Joe Brainard places jointly a large compilation of personal, social, cultural, and fiscal stories around the span of over a hundred pages. although i used to be born in 1986 and can't relate to every thing within the book, this doesn't cease it from being amazing. It provides a illustration of not just better order memory, yet also, probably extra importantly, humanity. This book, although now not greatly known, has been used time and again in colleges or even in mental classes for college students and consumers alike to arrive again into their stories and keep in mind not just the easy things, however the complicated as well. It levels from what clean reduce grass smells like on a Sunday morning to private reports that Joe, as a tender homosexual man, skilled discovering himself in an international unkind to such lifestyles choices. The publication is powerful, moving, effortless to read, has a feeling of familiarity, and will converse around the generations.

Jessica: because of David E and others on goodreads, I too am now partial to Joe Brainard and his significant 1975 memoir, lately reissued by way of Granary Books. Yes, it really is nearly as good as they informed me it will be. It consists of a cumulative emotional power. Brainard had this glorious mix of acute observation, innocence, humor. His thoughts are either intensely own and approximately universal. a few random passages: I bear in mind an algebra instructor who very generously handed me. His identify used to be Mr Byrd. i believe he really understood that algebra, for me, used to be absolutely out of the question, so he pretty well overlooked me. (In a pleasant way). He died the following 12 months of cancer. I take note globes. Roll-down maps. And rubber-tipped wood stick pointers. (128) I consider a small best drawer packed with nylons, and my mother, in a rush, searching for that matched. I consider discovering issues in that drawer I wasn't imagined to see, smothered in nylons. (131).

Molly: a type of anaphoric zhuitsu. "I bear in mind whilst a fart invades a room, attempting to seem like i did not do it, even if, indeed, I didn't. I have in mind the way in which a baby's hand has of folding itself round your finger, as if forever. I have in mind different methods humans have of now not consuming their toast crust." pg 164

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