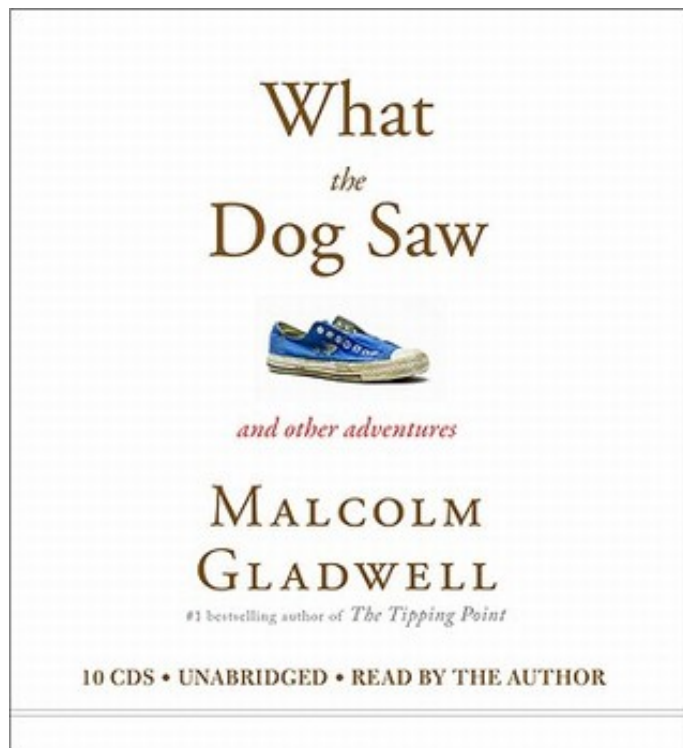

Malcolm Gladwell

What the Dog Saw: And Other Adventures



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Description

Over the past decade, Malcolm Gladwell has become the most gifted and influential journalist in America. In *The New Yorker*, his writings are such must-reads that the magazine charges advertisers significantly more money for ads that run within his articles. With his #1 bestsellers, *The Tipping Point*, *Blink* and *Outliers*, he has reached millions of readers. And now the very best and most famous of his *New Yorker* pieces are collected in a brilliant and provocative anthology. Among the pieces: his investigation into why there are so many different kinds of mustard but only one kind of ketchup; a surprising assessment of what makes for a safer automobile; a look at how we hire when we can't tell who's right for the job; an examination of machine built to predict hit movies; the reasons why homelessness might be easier to solve than manage; his famous profile of inventor and entrepreneur Ron Popeil; a look at why employers love personality tests; a dissection of Ivy League admissions and who gets in; the saga of the quest to invent the perfect cookie; and a look at hair dye and the hidden history of postwar America.

Insightful reviews

Robert: I didn't buy this book because it is a collection of already published articles, nearly all of which I have read already. But I saw it at the library and decided to read it anyway. What a wonderfully fun experience.

There are quite a few criticism I could make of these articles. Gladwell is a storyteller and sometimes lets telling a good story take precedence over reality. In his case, this usually means making all of the pieces fit together just so, instead of revealing the messy way that the world doesn't always fit together right. I could go on, but the fact is: I really like reading these articles. Some of them are as fun and as fine as great short stories. And sometimes those pieces really do fit together exactly the way he implies.

I loved the opening piece on Ron Popeil, of Ronco infomercial fame. An inventor and a pitchman; I enjoyed seeing his familiar patter through Gladwell's eyes. I liked reading about Nathan Taleb; I've read *The Black Swan* and, again, it was neat to see him through Gladwell's eyes. Likewise Cesar Milan and his dogs. His essay on culture and hair coloring products puts together a story that puts to shame all of those people trying to view the culture through one lens or another...I could go on about plagiarism, homelessness (and pollution), cancer detection (and terrorism) and so on.... But that's enough for me to remember why I liked this book so much.

Ryan: *"One day, I'll find a lively, out-of-context anecdote that superficially explains why Malcolm Gladwell bugs me. Until then? I guess he wins."*

— Merlin Mann

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What The Dog Saw is a series of catchy social-science essays by Malcom Gladwell, best known for his long-form books *The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, and *Outliers*. The book's essays are culled from a decade worth of his writing in *The New Yorker*.

I'm on the fence about Malcolm Gladwell. On one hand, his books are thought-provoking and enjoyable. On the other hand, they dabble excessively in storytelling-presented-as-fact. Compared to his books, these 20-30 page essays further soften Gladwell's soft-science approach by simultaneously making his points less pointed and his subject more broad. The essays occasionally felt sprawling and fact-free, bundling casual observations into a scientific-seeming hypothesis. With that said, there were a handful of essays here which were truly outstanding.

While interesting, I took these essays with a big grain of salt and just enjoyed them for enjoyment's sake. If you're new to Gladwell, I'd start with one of his books instead.

Mark: Malcolm Gladwell has become a "hot" non-fiction writer, although he has obviously been around for a while. His recent books "Blink", "The Tipping Point", and "Outliers" have been hugely successful. I found his latest "What the Dog Saw" in the library. When writers finally hit their stride, some of their earlier work gets re-published. These are short essays he wrote over the last 20 years.

Gladwell's appeal is that he is a charming "geek" (just look at him!) who picks unusual subjects and makes them really interesting. The title essay is about Cesar Millan "the Dog Whisperer". His story is as fascinating as his TV show. Another story is about the history of ketchup and why it is like it is, and how attempts to "change" it have failed. Perhaps the most interesting story is about "late bloomers" - a writer who seemed to appear overnight but actually had been honing his skills for 20 years (like himself, perhaps) - and the painter Cezanne, who did not become a "genius" until his 50's. Gladwell is a fine writer, and you may enjoy him.

ucha: assessment 1#lima alasan untuk lima bintang bagus tidaknya tulisan bukan dinilai dari kekuatan kemampuannya meyakinkan. sukses tidaknya dinilai dari kekuatan kemampuannya untuk membuat Anda terlibat, berpikir, memberi kilasan mengenai isi kepala orang lain - bahkan jika pada akhirnya Anda simpulkan bahwa kepala orang lain itu bukan tempat yang Anda ingin datang. -m.gladwell-Akhirnya petualangan dengan buku ini terselesaikan juga, sejak pengantar hingga cerita terakhir,tulisan2 Gladwell sangat menarik untuk dibaca. Buku ini adalah kumpulan artikel favoritnya yg ditulis sejak 1996 di the recent yorker.1# genius minorBukan Einstein, Churchill atau Mandela tapi orang-orang terobsesi seperti Ron Popeil, John Rock, Nassim Taleb,Cesar Millan dan Shirley Polykoff yang menjadi sumber inspirasi dan bahan tulisan yg menarik bagi Gladwell.Banyak kisah istimewa yang terselubung dalam kehidupan mereka, mulai dari kisah pahit si penemu pil KB, rahasia psikolog anjing, sampai kisah perempuan penulis iklan pewarna rambut.2# analogi tak biasaSalah satu contoh terbaik adalah cerita ketiga di bagian kedua - Masalah gambar, disitu Gladwell membandingkan antara masalah cara membaca foto sinar-x pada tes mamografi dan masalah yg dihadapi Angkatan Udara AS ketika melihat foto-foto udara yg diambil oleh pesawat tempur mereka ketika mencari senjata pemusnah massa di Irak.3# kritik tajamTidak sedikit tulisan Gladwell yg mengkritik beberapa pihak dengan kisah kisah yag disajikannya. Dalam kisah Murray Sejuta Dollar,Gladwell mengkritisi kebijakan tunawisma yang ada di New York, juga kritikan terhadap penyusun profil kriminal FBI John Douglas lewat kisah seru dan perbedaan analisa dari kelompok psikolog

Liverpool.4# riset dan kaya akan data Dengan foundation jurnalismenya, sangat terlihat bahwa Gladwell menyiapkan sungguh riset dan facts sebelum menyajikan tulisan, bahkan untuk hal-hal yg mungkin dianggap remeh oleh orang. Ketika akan menulis tentang bedanya tercekik (choke) dan panik, dia menyewa seorang pilot untuk menerbangkannya dalam pesawat yg sama, cuaca yg sama, dan terbang dengan menukik dan memuntir, seperti yg dialami JFK Jr sebelum mengalami kecelakaan pesawat. 5# menulis itu asyik Menurutnya menulis adalah pekerjaan yang serius dan berat, tapi juga sekaligus sesuatu yang asyik. Kita dapat merasakan semangat dan passionnya sangat kentara disetiap tulisannya. Satu kali tulisannya pernah dijiplak oleh orang lain, artikelnya yg berjudul "Damaged" dicatut oleh Bryony Lavery untuk drama panggung. Tapi bagaimana Gladwell menanggapi semakin menyakinkan akan passionnya terhadap pekerjaan "menulis"nya Saya sungguh menikmati tiap tulisannya, sesekali coba menonton di youtube untuk melihat langsung Cesar Millan dan application puppy Whisperer link-nya, juga the best choking in tennis tentang ultimate Wimbledon pertandingan Novotna vs Graf link-nya untuk ikut mendalami apa yang ingin disampaikan Gladwell. Dua tulisan tentang Enron juga memberi kilasan pada saya yg tidak tahu persis apa yg sebenarnya yg terjadi peristiwa besar di pasar saham AS waktu itu. Begitulah Gladwell, meski banyak pula perdebatan atas buku ini, salah satunya lewat Pinker (lihat di hyperlink Pinker evaluate dan balasan Gladwell hyperlink Gladwell remark tapi buku ini membuat saya ingin membaca buku2nya yang lain. My new favorite Journalist .. (with very giant J, notes through bang ronny :)

Tania Lukinyuk: I finally-finally comprehensive it! yet now not since it is dull - it's choice of articles by means of Gladwell, so it doesn't pass down like one unmarried book. All articles truly display inquisitive brain and speedy wit of Gladwell, yet no longer them all are of equivalent curiosity and thrill. a few articles believe like they're concocted out of skinny air, a few are too simple and unexcited. yet i used to be excited about the tales of colorant revolution within the US, price of expertise and specifics of human perceptions at activity interviews.

Andrew: it is a booklet of formerly released essays. a few have been definitely extra attention-grabbing than others, and lots of of the essays have been thought-provoking, even if such a lot were not fairly convincing. regardless of his writing being a little formulaic, he does an excellent task of retaining your curiosity - and if not, you could simply bypass to the following essay. I loved the essays approximately homelessness, choking/panicking, inventory choice trading, felony profiling, and task interviews. i did not get his bankruptcy on predicting luck of NFL quarterbacks. He claims that "Ryan Leaf used to be the Chase Daniel of 1998". there is relatively no comparability - one was once drafted #2, the opposite wasn't drafted at all. He additionally cites a examine paper that says that there is no connection among how excessive a quarterback is drafted and the way good he performs within the pros. that may not even on the subject of being accurate, and several other humans have written approximately how the paper he mentioned distorts the information so one can make their point. And it truly is humorous that rather than "eigenvalues", he calls them "igon values". i assume this is going to teach that typically writers do not comprehend their matters approximately in addition to they might such as you to believe.

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