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### **Conversation Starters - Being Mortal by Atul Gawande**

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This book examines the phenomenon of physician-authors. Focusing on the books that contemporary doctors write--the stories that they tell--with contributors critically engaging their work. A selection of original chapters from leading scholars in medical and health humanities analyze the literary output of

doctors, including Oliver Sacks, Danielle Ofri, Atul Gawande, Louise Aronson, Siddhartha Mukherjee, and Abraham Verghese. Discussing issues of moral meaning in the works of contemporary doctor-writers, from memoir to poetry, this collection reflects some of the diversity of medicine today. A key reference for all students and scholars of medical and health humanities, the book will be especially useful for those interested in the relationship between literature and practising medicine.

[Atul Gawande's Being Mortal](#) Hodder & Stoughton

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a book summary of Being Mortal by Atul Gawande and is not the original book. In the book, Gawande

is able to build a narrative through the collection of experiences that leads to the conclusion that as we perceive ourselves as closer to death, our thoughts on mortality transform our goals and values to that of simpler things. Through a collection of insights, statistics and stories, Gawande argues on how we should focus less on prolonging life and more on how we can make it more meaningful. This book summarizes the original in detail, to help people effectively understand, articulate and imbibe the original work by Gawande. This book is not meant to replace the original book but to serve as a companion to it.

[The Tennis Partner](#) Metropolitan Books

Summary of Being Mortal Gawande starts by explaining that doctors in general are never trained to tend to the emotional needs of the patient. The only things that he learned was to identify, diagnose, treat and cure diseases that plagued modern medicine. He was trained to understand the complex science behind the human body, not the mind. He did not realize just how relevant emotions are in real life until he started practicing medicine and treating the dying. There is one case in particular that has a lasting impact on Gawande and changed his world forever. During his stay as a junior surgical resident, Gawande treated a patient by the name of Joseph Lazaroff for cancer. Science had not yet found a cure for his condition, so, not surprisingly, radiation treatment failed. There was only one last option left, and it was to perform surgery on Mr. Lazaroff. While surgery was the only real option left, the doctors were aware there was slim chance of success. In the best case scenario, the surgery would be able to extend his life for a few months, a life confined to a hospital bed. While surgery was an option, it was

very high risk. There was a good chance that Mr. Lazaroff would not survive the surgery and on top of that, post-surgery complications were severe. The doctors presented the options to Mr. Lazaroff, and he chose the surgery thinking that it was his best solution. The surgery was performed and two weeks later, Mr. Lazaroff passed away due to complications from the surgery. Looking back at this story, Gawande expresses that there was a failure of the doctors to fully comprehend the reality of Mr. Lazaroff's situation, as well as their own abilities. According to Gawande, the surgery was destined to fail before it even began. The doctors chose not to fully confront this reality of a failure, and hoped blindly for a miracle. The doctors were not able to fully communicate their concerns with the surgery to the patient. Gawande states that the real problem was not the doctors involved, the real problem lay with the professional medical institutions that granted their licenses. They were never taught to provide emotional support for a dying patient. They were never even taught to face the reality of a dying person. Gawande states that doctors are not to blame for cases like this, instead the modern medical system of schooling is. Medical schools do not prepare graduates with the training necessary for the realities of a patient's death. Gawande's book is an examination of how an honest and conscious look at the realities and experiences of the dying can serve to benefit them. Sometimes there is no treatment, remedy, or surgery that can save a life. It is during these times that modern medicine has no answer, and continues put lives in a greater risk than necessary, when they need to face reality and provide the best possible solution. Here is a Preview of What You Will Get: - A Full Book Summary - An Analysis - Fun

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**Summary Atul Gawande's Being Mortal** Macmillan Higher Education

A contemporary exploration of death and dying by a young Duke Fellow who investigates the hows, whys, wheres, and whens of modern death and their cultural significance.

Summary of Being Mortal Penguin

In *Being Mortal*, Gawande examines his experiences as a surgeon, as he confronts the realities of ageing and dying in his patients and in his family, as well as the limits of what he can do. And he emerges with story that crosses the globe and history, exploring questions that range from the curious to the profound: What happens to people's teeth as they get old? Did human beings really commit senicide, the sacrifice of the elderly? Why do the aged so dread nursing homes and hospitals? How should someone give another person the dreadful news that they will die? This is a story told only as Atul Gawande can - penetrating people's lives and also the systems that have evolved to govern our mortality. Those systems, he observes, routinely fail to serve - or even acknowledge - people's needs and priorities beyond mere survival. And the consequences are devastating lives, families, and even whole economies. But, as he reveals, it doesn't have to be this way. Atul Gawande has delivered an engrossing tale of science, history and remarkable characters in the vein of Oliver Sacks.

**Physician-Assisted Death** Metropolitan Books

The issue of physician-assisted death is now firmly on the American public agenda. Already legal in five states, it is the

subject of intense public opinion battles across the country. Driven by an increasingly aging population, and a baby boom generation just starting to enter its senior years, the issue is not going to go away anytime soon. In *Physician-Assisted Death*, L.W. Sumner equips readers with everything they need to know to take a reasoned and informed position in this important debate. The book provides needed context for the debate by situating physician-assisted death within the wider framework of end-of-life care and explaining why the movement to legalize it now enjoys such strong public support. It also reviews that movement's successes to date, beginning in Oregon in 1994 and now extending to eleven jurisdictions across three continents. Like abortion, physician-assisted death is ethically controversial and the subject of passionately held opinions. The central chapters of the book review the main arguments utilized by both sides of the controversy: on the one hand, appeals to patient autonomy and the relief of suffering, on the other the claim that taking active steps to hasten death inevitably violates the sanctity of life. The book then explores both the case in favor of legalization and the case against, focusing in the latter instance on the risk of abuse and the possibility of slippery slopes. In this context the experience of jurisdictions that have already taken the step of legalization is carefully reviewed to see what lessons might be extracted from it. It then identifies some further issues that lie beyond the boundaries of the current debate but will have to be faced sometime down the road: euthanasia for patients who are permanently unconscious or have become seriously demented and for severely compromised newborns. The book concludes by considering the various possible routes to legalization, both

political and judicial. Readers will then be prepared to decide for themselves just where they stand when they confront the issue both in their own jurisdiction and in their own lives.

*Summary of Being Mortal* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

A photo-filled history of the world-renowned medical center, based on the award-winning PBS documentary by Ken Burns, Erik Ewers, and Christopher Loren Ewers. On September 30, 1889, W.W. Mayo and his sons Will and Charlie performed the very first operation at a brand-new Catholic hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. It was called Saint Mary's. The hospital was born out of the devastation of a tornado that had struck the town six years earlier, after which Mother Alfred Moes of the Sisters of Saint Francis told the Mayos that she had a vision of building a hospital that would "become world renowned for its medical arts." Based on the film by acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, *The Mayo Clinic: Faith, Hope, Science* chronicles the history of this unique organization, from its roots as an unlikely partnership between a country doctor and a Franciscan order of nuns to its position today as a worldwide model for patient care, research, and education. Featuring more than 400 compelling archival and modern images, as well as the complete script from the film, the book demonstrates how the institution's remarkable history continues to inspire the way medicine is practiced there today. In addition, case studies reveal patients, doctors, and nurses in their most private moments as together they face difficult diagnoses and embark on uncertain treatments. The film and this companion book tell the story of an organization that has managed to stay true to its primary value: The needs of the

patient come first. Together they make an important contribution to the critical discussions about the delivery of health care today in America—and the world.

**The Checklist Manifesto** CreateSpace

This review of *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande provides a chapter by chapter detailed summary followed by an analysis and critique of the strengths and weaknesses of this book. Gawande draws on clinical studies, case histories and stories from his own experiences as a doctor and a son to illuminate the subject of mortality relative to modern medical systems. His treatment of the subject covers a broad range of institutions and individuals that shape the lives of the aged and terminally ill. The central thesis of the book is that the experience of the end of life has been problematized and addressed by medical models that place extending life over quality of life and institutional frameworks that place safety and efficiency over the ability for people to have autonomy over the last part of their lives. Gawande is a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a professor at the Harvard Medical School. He is a writer at *The New Yorker* magazine and author of three *New York Times* bestselling books. Download your copy today! Available on PC, Mac, smart phone, tablet or Kindle device. (c) 2015 All Rights Reserved

**A 20-Minute Summary of Atul Gawande's Being Mortal** Macmillan

PLEASE NOTE: This is a summary and analysis of the book and not the original book. If you'd like to purchase the original book, please paste this link in your browser: <https://amzn.to/2laF7gh> Author and physician Atul Gawande analyzes the diverse and

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**Summary** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
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**Summary of *Being Mortal*** Metropolitan Books

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**Loving My Actual Life** Random House

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#### **Where Does it Hurt?** BookSummaryGr

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*Conversations on Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

'Treats a grim subject with warmth and self-deprecating good humour ... equally enlightening sequel' Daily Mail The sequel to the bestselling *Trust Me, I'm a (Junior) Doctor*. The junior doctor is back, but working on the streets for the Phoenix Outreach Project. Unfortunately, his first year in a hospital hasn't quite prepared him for it ... He's into his second year of medicine, but this time Max is out of the wards and onto the streets, working for the Phoenix Outreach Project. Fuelled by tea and more enthusiasm than experience, he attempts to locate and treat a wide and colourful range of patients that somehow his first year on the wards didn't prepare him for . . . from Molly the 80-year-old drugs mule and God in a Tesco car park, to middle-class mums addicted to appearances and pain killers in equal measure. His friends don't approve of the turn his career is taking, his mother is worried and the public spit at him, but Max is determined to make a difference. Despite warnings that miracles are rare, and that not everyone's life can be turned around, Max is still surprised by those that can be saved. Funny, touching and uplifting, Max goes from innocence to experience via dustbin-shopping-trips without ever losing his humanity.

Summary & Analysis of Being Mortal Rosetta Books

#1 New York Times Bestseller In *Being Mortal*, bestselling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its



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#### The Philosophy of Loyalty Farrar, Straus and Giroux

More and more people are dying in nursing homes and hospitals, often alone and miserable. But there is a better way. Find out about the alternative choices you can make about your medical care to give you more comfort and control at the end of your life. In *Being Mortal* Dr. Atul Gawande's discusses the struggle with mental and physical deterioration that most people experience as the end of their life draws near. We are often persuaded to make health care decisions that will prolong our lives as long as possible, without considering the amount of suffering that we

might experience in the process. Dr. Gawande promotes his idea of a better way, in which we trade off a little bit more time for a much better quality of life until the end. You will learn: ① " How to stop unnecessary suffering in the healthcare system ② " Why assisted living facilities are the best option for more freedom and a better quality of life ③ " How you can take control of the rest of your life with health decisions that will promote the most comfort until the very end.

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