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HANDPICKED GOODREADS FROM THE WORLD OF BOOKS AND INTERNET



Quiz Time!!


X & Y are two clumsy fictional detectives who are thought to be related but are not. X introduces himself as "X, without a 'P', as in Venezuela", and Y introduces himself as "Y, with a 'P', as in psychology". Identify X & Y.

(Answer At The End)



GoodReads

Understanding 'Enough' Through Quantum Lens

 *financial philosophy*


This insightful and thought-provoking article delves into the elusive concept of "Enough" and provides a unique perspective by drawing parallels to quantum physics and the many-worlds theory.

To quote the author, "Enough is elusive because when you reach it, you're no longer the person that once desired it."

[[link](#)]



Crafting Efficiency: Unlocking the Power of Pen & Paper


 *productivity*

Tired of digital clutter? After trying various digital to-do apps and seeing my efficiency take a nosedive, I moved to a pen & paper system of managing my day. No more app-hopping, just pure, personalized efficiency. Here I share my process.

[[link](#)]



The 37% Rule To Make Better Decisions


 *mathematics*

"If you want the best odds of getting the best apartment, spend 37% of your apartment hunt (eleven days, if you've given yourself a month for the search) noncommittally exploring options. Leave the checkbook at home; you're just calibrating. But after that point, be prepared to immediately commit—deposit and all—to the very first place you see that beats whatever you've already seen. This is not merely an intuitively satisfying compromise between looking and leaping. It is the provably optimal solution."



[Excerpt from the book [Algorithms To Live By](#)]

Warren Buffet's Ode To Charlie Munger


 *financial philosophy*

Berkshire Hathaway's yearly shareholder letter has been a valuable repository of wisdom throughout the years.

In the latest letter, a standout moment likely to be referenced in the decades to come is the heartfelt tribute Warren Buffet paid to his close companion, Charlie Munger. [[link](#)]



Identity Wars: Decoding the Online Debate Dilemma in Religion and Politics


 *social science*

In this timeless piece, Paul Graham (founder of Y Combinator and Hacker Rank) shares his perspective on why discussions on religion and politics often spiral into unproductive arguments online. He believes that it is the integration of these topics into personal identities that creates a breeding ground for unproductive debates and suggests that reducing the number of labels for yourself can lead to clearer thinking.



A must-read in today's dynamics.
[[link](#)]

Breaking Chains of Nostalgia

 politics

"I am glad you were great in the 14th century, but that was then and this is now. In societies that have more memories than dreams, too many people are spending too much time looking backward. They see dignity and self-worth not by mining the present but chewing on the past... and that is usually not a real past but an imagined and adorned past... they cling to it, rather than imagining a better future and acting on it."
"



[Excerpt from the book The World Is Flat]

Quotable Quotes

☆ "At some point, we ask of the piano-playing dog, not "Are you a dog?", but "Are you any good at playing the piano?"

- Young Sheldon, (tv series)

Young Sheldon tries to impress his German professor by stating how he completed his degree at a young age. His professor then says this line to shut him down. This moment resonated with me deeply. We often dwell on our past achievements and feel entitled to certain things in life. Having set a new bar for ourselves, it's important to redirect our attention toward our current efforts and contributions.

☆ "Sometimes you make the right decision, sometimes you make the decision right"

- Phil McGraw

There are no inherently right decisions till you make them right with hard work and perseverance.

☆ "Motivation is fleeting, and it's easy to rely on because it requires no concentrated effort to get. Motivation comes to you, you don't even have to chase after it. Discipline is reliable; motivation is momentary. The real question isn't how to keep yourself motivated, it's how to train yourself to work without it."

- Anon

Recommendations

14 Stories That Inspired Satyajit Ray

This book brings together 14 short stories penned by eminent writers such as Premchand, Rabindranath Tagore, Rajshekhar Basu, and others, all of which were masterfully turned into captivating movies by Satyajit Ray - a well-known figure among Indian cinema lovers. Each story is accompanied by its film poster, often designed by Ray himself.

For Satyajit Ray fans, this book is a must-have in your collection. Even for those unfamiliar with his work, get it for a delightful literary treat.



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Answer To The Quiz

Thomson and Thompson, fictional characters in The Adventures of Tintin.

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