

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

Mitch Albom

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The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom is a fiction novel about an elderly man, Eddie, who risks his life to save the life of a young girl from a cart whose cable was loose from a ride in the amusement park. After dying he finds himself alone, as energetic as a young child with all of his misery and pain vanished. He meets five people in Heaven, people he was close to and people he had never even knew before. These people help him realize his importance and his purpose on Earth. He meets with these people that had once directly or indirectly made either an impact on him or vice versa. Through these conversations with this individuals, this once-unhappy widowed man starts to appreciate the work and life he had. In this book, death is seen as a new beginning and not an ending. Albom's book thus expresses to the readers that death should be embraced, not something to be fearing upon because life's too short and precious to be wasting it on fearing the future.

I loved the entire concept behind *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*! I enjoyed Albom's whole new perspective on life and its purpose because it really makes everyone wonder about what they are doing in life and contemplate, to whichever degree, what their purpose in life is. The fact that you meet five people in Heaven after death who had a great impact on your life or vice versa, reassures all readers that their journey has not ended, but has barely even started. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* proves the substantial but undervalued statement that

everyone is special in their way. However simple and cheesy this statement may seem, it is unbelievably and remarkably true which is established over and over again in this marvelous and exquisite novel. This book is most appropriate for ages 15 and up.

This book should be given as a gift because it is a book to preserve and read over and over again as the years progress. The one thing that must be appreciated about this book, if not anything else, is how Alбом instills a sense in the reader after the completion of this novel that life is truly much more than currently present to the naked eye.

Book Recommendations

Tuesday's With Morrie by Mitch Alбом

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent.