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In his first phenomenal best-seller, EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, Robert Fulghum reminded readers everywhere of some plain and still-true truths. Now, picking up where he left off, Fulghum turns our eyes to show-and-tell, weddings, his own ten commandments, and more insightful and unique observations on what our world is and was....

## It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It Details

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## **From Reader Review It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It for online ebook**

### **Michael says**

Not quite the magic of "...Kindergarten", but still a delight.

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### **Cherie Palmer says**

When ever I need to laugh and put life back into perspective, I read Fulghum!

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### **Lauren says**

This is an odd little book of half-baked "essays" that read much more like diary entries or the very bare bones of a manuscript with the potential to be very good. As it stands, though, it's not quite there. The oddity has large aspirations, quirky and valid insights, but.... It just doesn't quite reach the rung it strives for on the literary ladder, and it shows very plainly and can be kinda painful to witness. Just as it gets to the good bits, it abruptly drops off. With a little fine-tuning, this had the potential to be great. As it stands, it's not bad, but it's not amazing either.

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### **Elaine Neal says**

First let me just say that I've had this book on my bookshelves for 20+ years. I've always wanted to read it, but somehow I always had another one more pressing. Recently I have been viewing my extensive bookcase with the purpose of culling down the read-then-gift titles. The time had arrived.

What a pleasure it was to read the thoughtful, charming and totally spot on musings of a gifted author. Published in 1988, today it would more likely appear as a blog of insightful thoughts by a talented writer, without profanity of course. With a seemingly unlimited bag of show-and-tell stories Robert Fulghum writes from the perspective of the 51 year old he was then. I suspect that if I had read this 20+ years ago I wouldn't have enjoyed it as much as I did now in my late 50s. Much of the material covers experiences that were not yet part of my own history. I would give it 4.5\* if I could. The 20 year wait was worth it. Now to figure out who to pass this on to, it's a fun and quick read.

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### **Sarah says**

Skeptical at first, but well written, witty, fun, and made me laugh out loud!

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## Mark says

In my mind, Fulghum laid a whopper on us back in kindergarten. Now he takes us to being grownups having responsibilities. His advice on making marriage real is valuable.

Much of the book is rambling patter, unmemorable as a whole. Watch for gems of wisdom held beneath the surface. These aren't always subtle, but sublime and explicit.

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## natalie says

prost? Fulghum no...

u n?j už m? nic nep?ekvapí. n?kdy se u knihy sm?ju tak, že se na m? lidé v autobuse otá?ejí.

chci mít t?etfho d?de?ka - Fulghuma.

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## Jeana says

This is a sweet, hopeful book of little essays. It's the kind of book you can keep in your purse for when you have a moment (and just a moment, as most of the stories are quite short) and pull it out and be renewed. Some of the stories are definitely better than others. But there's a lot of different stuff in here and I think it's the kind of stuff you reflect upon as life goes on. Thank you, my friend Christie, for giving me this book and this part of you. I especially loved the John Pierpont story. Oh and another of my person favorites--the list on page 90 #7 "And give money to all street musicians." This reminds me of something that happened a couple weeks ago after seeing the Nutcracker. I think I need to blog about it now.

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## James Adams says

A collection of short, uplifting essays from the author of All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

You may have noticed that I've been reading a few uplifting, heartstring-tugging, life-affirming books recently, like 700 Sundays and Tuesdays with Morrie. Why? Have I been depressed or something? Yeah, yeah I have. It's been a rough year, including a couple of hospitalizations and a relocation (to small-town Texas, sadly) to move back in with my mom after ten years of independence in Denver. So it's been hard, and I've been trying to read things that make me feel better about the world mixed in with my regularly scheduled programming.

Sorry about the autobiography. The book! Basically a bunch of cute, funny essays about how we are all the same in most ways, accepting that we are not perfect, and how much joy can be found in life. Also, climbing trees, which is awesome.

It's a quick read, and maybe a bit inconsequential, but sometimes you need something light, sweet, and fluffy. I guess that makes this the literary equivalent to cotton candy, but that's okay.

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## Erin says

This is a very hopeful group of essays by the author of "All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten." He shares insights from his life, people he randomly met, lists of things to be thankful for, and amusing stories. He made me laugh and cry and the laugh and cry. I found myself writing down pages that I want to read again, even though it is a library book. I really needed this book this month and I thought it was wonderful.

Have you ever heard of John Pierpont? As Fulghum explains, Pierpont was a failure at every job that he tried. He was too nice to succeed in the business world and he tried to be a poet, but wasn't very good. He fought briefly in the Civil War, but that wasn't for him either and he was 76. His life would seem to be a failure, other than one thing. Pierpont wrote "Jingle Bells" arguably the most famous Christmas song.

I loved the stories about weddings and how everything that could go wrong usually does. His stories are so full of wit and make me laugh out loud.

I loved his chapter on being thankful. I have really been struggling with this concept in the past year and was thankful for the reminder. I loved that he was thankful for the flowers growing in an empty lot and he was thankful for the old woman in a swim suit who loved to splash with children and he was thankful for the small acts of kindness that random people showed to each other.

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## Amanda says

I remember my mom found this book in my room when I was in sixth or seventh grade (I had stolen it from my grandparents house) and FLIPPED OUT. She never did give it back to me or bother to find what it actually was about (much less apologize). She just thought the title was naughty and reflexively banned me from reading it. Ha! I didn't mind much- I had already read it like 20 times.

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## Lesley says

My favorite Fulghum book, especially the essay on weddings. Not to be missed: the hilarious "Mother of the Bride" from hell, the sitcom-esque Catholic-Jewish wedding battle, and the touching story of two in-laws who find late life romance.

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## Marky says

Celá recenze: <http://marky-books.blogspot.be/2016/0...>

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Reakce po do?tení: Zkusila jsem op?t audioknižní podání - hlas mi sice neseď?l, ale hudební doprovod byl skv?lý. Lepší než školka to není, ale geniální rozhod? ano :D

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Hodnocení: 4,5 hv?zdi?ky

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### **Rose says**

Great book and great author. He also wrote "All I need to know I learned in Kindergarten". This book consists of short stories that he takes from his personal life and are often humorous (especially the story about the mother of the bride), sad, or thought provoking. It is a quick read with each chapter only being 1-2 pages.

I found the author to be a deep thinker and jack of all trades and master of none. His bio says he has held over 20 jobs in various capacities.

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### **Binibining `E (of The Ugly Writers) says**

"We are the only creature that both laugh and weep. I think its because we are the only creatures that see the difference between the way things are and the way they might be. Tears bring relief. Laughter brings release."

I enjoyed reading his books. I specially like the story about the handsome brother and the toad brother, i shed tears of joy when i was reading that part.

This book teaches us about lessons in life also hardships, struggles and simple joys.

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