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Book Review

Title Cloud Atlas

Author David Mitchell

I give this book 5 stars!



5 stars – *Whoaza! Ridiculous! Crazy! I could not put this book down!*

4 stars – *Gotta love it! I really liked it.*

3 stars – *So good! I really liked it.*

2 stars – *Yeah Ok but, I didn't really like this book much at all.*

1 star – *Are you kidding me? I definitely would not recommend this one to my friends!*

Write a brief review of this book to "sell" it to others.

Keep the spoiler alert in mind!

If you are someone who reads a book for an exciting plot, this book is for you, and if you are someone who reads for beautiful, vivid writing, this book is for you also - and if you are someone (a very frustrated someone, I'd imagine) who only reads books with fantastic plot AND flowing, poem-like writing, then you are in luck. Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell is a breathtaking symphony of spectacular writing, dreamy imagery, and nail-biting, suspenseful plot, served on a leafy branch of completely unique, abstract concepts that leaving you pondering until the wee hours of the morning. Set in all different time-periods throughout history, Mitchell writes of the ripple of our presence in the universe and the continuum of time, the perpetuating of souls across history, through humans, and the parallels of character throughout time. Mitchell's writing is breathtakingly vivid, and leaves little to be desired. Page after page, paragraph after paragraph, Cloud Atlas is teeming with philosophy that, once digested fully, will never quite leave your conscience, and will change the way you view the world - and the quite possible future - forever. Mitchell grasps the reader by the hand, pulling you into the journal of a young man at sea in the 1800s, in a story that concerns racism, slavery, abolition, and the sentiments of the era, and yanks you out of each story part way through and into the next, each story growing closer to our century, and beyond. Don't worry about closure, though, as once Mitchell pulls you to the story set the farthest in the future, he returns you to the second half of these stories, so one can have closure while being able to identify the newfound significance of these stories, and the common thread that ties them all together with not a quite obvious stitch, but a carefully, cleanly sewn one. Mitchell's writing is like nothing ever seen before, every page turned is a scene so packed with vivid imagery you have to slow your normal reading pace to fully digest his every word. Cloud Atlas is an incredibly thought-provoking, fully immersive, life-changing novel that spouts new philosophies on every page, one in which readers will discover hidden genius after inevitably rereading it many times, and will keep readers pondering long after they have read the last page.