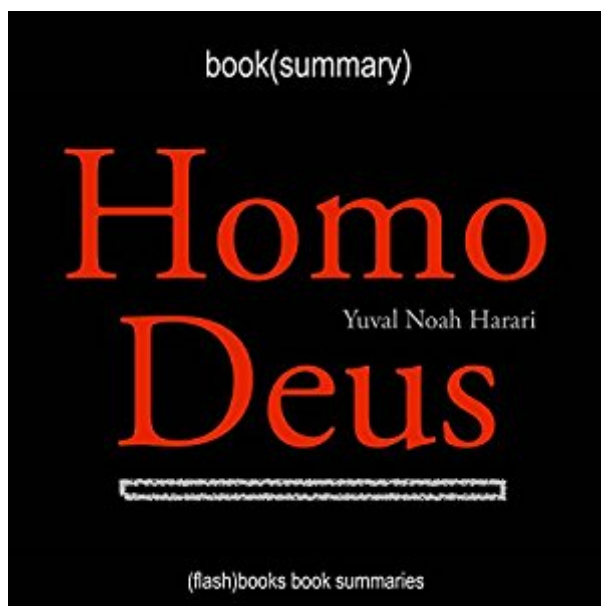


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Summary Of Homo Deus By Yuval Noah Harari



Synopsis

Please note: this is a book summary of Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow and not the original book. Original book description: Yuval Noah Harari, author of the critically-acclaimed New York Times best-seller and international phenomenon Sapiens, returns with an equally original, compelling, and provocative book, turning his focus toward humanity's future, and our quest to upgrade humans into gods. Over the past century, humankind has managed to do the impossible and rein in famine, plague, and war. This may seem hard to accept, but, as Harari explains in his trademark style - thorough, yet riveting - famine, plague and war have been transformed from incomprehensible and uncontrollable forces of nature into manageable challenges. For the first time ever, more people die from eating too much than from eating too little; more people die from old age than from infectious diseases; and more people commit suicide than are killed by soldiers, terrorists and criminals put together. The average American is a thousand times more likely to die from binging at McDonalds than from being blown up by Al Qaeda. What then will replace famine, plague, and war at the top of the human agenda? As the self-made gods of planet earth, what destinies will we set ourselves, and which quests will we undertake? Homo Deus explores the projects, dreams and nightmares that will shape the 21st century - from overcoming death to creating artificial life. It asks the fundamental questions: Where do we go from here? And how will we protect this fragile world from our own destructive powers? This is the next stage of evolution. This is Homo Deus. With the same insight and clarity that made Sapiens an international hit and a New York Times best-seller, Harari maps out our future.

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The future of humanity is anything but clear - we've dealt with hunger, plagues, and war, and now need new challenges. Immortality, complete control over moods and happiness might become far more plausible in coming decades - especially since the pace of technology and increasing prevalence of immersive data systems like Google are changing the way we relate with the world. In 2014, over 2.1 billion were overweight, vs. 850 million suffering from malnutrition. Mas famines only occur today because of political reasons, not natural. War has become the exception, not the norm. Today, 800,000 commit suicide each year, less than 620,000 die due to human violence (includes 120,000 from war). Harari predicts the next big breakthroughs for humanity will come from achieving constant happiness and immortality. The antidote to meaningless existence comes from humanism. Instead of celebrating the powers of a distant god, humanism is an appreciation of human power and worships their accomplishments. Instead of looking to holy scriptures for advice for worldly problems, humanism looks first to human emotion and experience. Science is increasingly showing that electrochemical brain processes that dictate behavior like murder or compassion are either random or deterministic - but not free. The idea of humans having freedom becomes as meaningless as the belief in a soul. Harari sees a future in which humans are replaced with data systems and robots, and the pursuit of increased lifespans. Techno-humanism (medicine focuses on upgrading minds and bodies) will lead to different classes of people, split by their levels of upgraded abilities. Data will play an increasing role in modern life, and the role of homo sapiens is likely to diminish in importance. Bonus Quote: "Terrorists are like a fly that tries to destroy a china shop. The fly is so weak it cannot budge even a single teacup. So it finds a bull, gets inside its ear and starts buzzing. The bull goes wild with fear and anger, and destroys the china shop. This is what happened in the Middle East in the last decade. Islamic fundamentalists could never have toppled Saddam Hussein by themselves. Instead they enraged the USA by the 9/11 attacks, and the USA destroyed the Middle Eastern china shop for them. Now they flourish in the wreckage.'

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I enjoyed this book and like anything we like in this world, opinions and reasoning are in the eye of the beholder.

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