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## The introvert advantage review

A fellow introverted author friend suggested I read this book and I'm glad she did. I had no idea that 75% of the population is extroverted. We introverts are living in an extroverted world! Extroverts get energy by being around people, while introverts are drained of energy in those same circumstances. Introverts need to recharge their batteries with solitude. This book not only explains the different hard-wiring between innies and outies, but also gives strategies for innies to cope in an extroverted world. Like many self-help books, this one has a lot of repetition, so it only took a couple of hours to read. Well worth it. The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World by Marti Olsen Laney My rating: 4 of 5 stars Amazon page A number of books have come out about introversion in recent years. Most of these books seek to dispel common myths about being introverted, such as: a.) Introverts can and should change teams to the extroverted "light side" as soon as possible. b.) There's something psychologically wrong (re: neurotic or even psychotic) with being introverted. c.) "Introverted" is synonymous with: 1.) Shy (i.e. having social anxiety disorder) 2.) Schizoid 3.) Anti-social 4.) Self-centered (in the pejorative sense—a more neutral meaning could be said to be true by definition.) Since reading Mr. Jung's book about personality types, I have often wondered what use or point these types of classifications can really have. Mr. Jung, himself, cautions that though thinking about personality types can be enlightening, we should never make the mistake of thinking that we are talking about something real. It is the dichotomy present in stereotypes in general: they can sometimes be helpful, but they can also lead to dreadful errors in judgement about particular individuals. Ms. Laney's book is a perfect example of this dichotomy in action. Before I continue, I should mention that in every personality test I have taken, I have come up a strong introvert. Anyway, in Ms. Laney's book I read many things about myself that were eerily accurate, and that I didn't know were even connected to my personality type. For example, I really dislike being interrupted when I'm thinking about something. I had no idea that this was connected to introversion at all, I just thought it was a quirk of my personality. Yet, Ms. Laney points out that a lot of introverts feel this way. Other reviewers have mentioned the wealth of "a-ha" moments like this present in the book. Having said that, there are several other facets of Ms. Laney's descriptions of introverts that I was the exact opposite of. Some of them are very slight, but others are more important. For example, Ms. Laney bases her whole explanation of introverts around the idea that introverts draw energy from within, and that external stimulation, whether it be conversation with friends or the infamous "smoky Las Vegas casino," drains this energy and causes introverts to, eventually, reach a kind of crisis point where they have to recharge immediately. In my own experience, this is fundamentally untrue. I love smoky Las Vegas casinos, with all their noise and action, and as long as I like the people I'm talking to, I would prefer to stay up and talk to them all night. And when I have stayed up and talked to people all night, I do not find myself drained the next day, but rather refreshed (albeit very hungover). Even the idea that I draw energy from within is fundamentally incorrect. Long before I read this book, I spent a considerable amount of time thinking about what inspires and recharges me. My realization about this was that I am inspired by conversation with people I like, and by good art, whether it be books or movies or music or paintings or whatever. All of these things, you will notice, are external to me, not internal. Furthermore, the more extreme the impression the external thing makes upon me, the more the art or the conversation intrudes into my internal world, the more I like it. So, in reading this book, I was constantly confused by what advice or understanding I could take from it. Everything in it was true, except the things that were false. And some of the false things were fundamental to the entire theory being argued. Because of this, it was impossible to believe the argument of the book as a whole, or to take seriously most of the advice given in it. Speaking of advice, I want to give some to anyone who is considering following the advice Ms. Laney gives regarding human interaction: don't follow it. Or at least, consider it carefully before you put it into action. I don't know what it is about therapists, but in every book I've read they appear to be hopelessly naive about human interactions. Asking other people to make allowances for you doesn't actually help you all get along better, it just annoys the hell out of the other people. I also don't think that, in general, Mickey Mouse watches or pencils with silly erasers are good conversation starters; to me they just come off as kind of dorky pleas for attention. And by all means don't tell your introvert children to do the things she advises unless you actually want them to be social pariahs. If you can't already talk, I thought the advice given by Ms. Laney was extremely annoying. So much so, in fact, that I was forced to throw the book across the room several times while reading. I don't know if it's our culture or what, but everyone seems to want to encourage everyone else to be so, well, weak. Yes, it's true that introverts are sometimes uncomfortable in situations that are pleasant for other people. But despite Ms. Laney's claim that introverts are just as good as everyone else, the impression one gets from her description is that introverts are these lily-livered people who skulk around in fear all the time, having to make allowances for even the simplest human interactions, unable to drive to the grocery store without a purse full of earmuffs, nuts, and tissues soaked in soothing aromatherapy oils. I don't think this is true, nor do I think it's very flattering. Other people have mentioned giving this book to their extrovert friends so that they can understand them better. I would be horrified if anyone I knew thought of me this way. So, to sum up, if you think you're an introvert, you might want to read this book for the a-ha moments, of which there are many. Don't, however, expect it to be a life-changing explanation of who you are or how you should act. ...more The Introvert Advantage: How Quiet People Can Thrive in an Extrovert World is written by psychologist Marti Olsen Laney, who is herself an introvert. She observes that we live in a culture that values extroversion, and cites Dr. David Myers, who identified extroversion as a prerequisite trait for happiness in his book The Pursuit of Happiness. So, what is an introvert to do? Being very much an introvert myself, I was curious to find out what the book had to say. The book begins by describing some of the differences between introverts and extroverts. The major difference being that introverts draw energy from the internal world, while extroverts are externally energized. Introversion is sometimes confused with social anxiety, being a highly sensitive person, or schizoid personality traits, but the author outlines how these are all distinct. The author observes that introverts tend to be concerned about how others are impacted by their actions, and may feel guilty that they have mistreated others when in fact they haven't. They may also tend to think that the things they find bothersome, such as interruptions, are bothersome to everyone. The book also covers some of the biological differences that may exist between introverts and extroverts, including differences in blood flow patterns in the brain and neurotransmitter activation. The parasympathetic nervous system (responsible for resting and digesting-type activities) appears to be more dominant in introverts. The second section of the book considers how introverts can adapt in an extroverted world. Suggestions are given for navigating relationships, parenting, socializing, and the work environment. For those who aren't sure if they are introverted or not, this section may be helpful, as it characterizes typical introverted reactions in these types of situations. I found some of the points made in the chapter on work quite interesting. The author says that extroverts need to be told in detail what introverts are doing at work because otherwise they might not think anything is happening. This surprised me, but perhaps it's because, as an introvert, I've simply been missing the boat. The author also suggested that an introvert's openness to others' opinions may be misconstrued as a lack of conviction in their own beliefs. Interesting. Other things didn't ring true for me personally, such as a dread of deadlines. The final section was on "coping with introversion." The author suggested a 3-P's approach, involving personal pacing, setting priorities, and setting parameters/boundaries. She characterized introverts as slower-paced and slow-moving, requiring careful pacing to conserve energy. I don't find that to be a very accurate description of my own particular brand of introversion. The author suggested that nurturing was important for an introvert's delicate nature, and recommended a variety of self-care strategies including scheduling regular rest breaks, increased light exposure, aromatherapy, and exercise. While I'm all for self-care, being an introvert doesn't necessarily make me a delicate flower. Finally, the author presented strategies for "extroverting", i.e. behaving in a more extroverted manner. While the book is pro-introvert, a lot of attention is paid to making oneself extrovert-acceptable. Granted, the title gives fair warning of this, but it felt a bit off to me. There's a fine lining between adapting to minimize personal distress and changing to be more acceptable to extroverts. While the author validates the experience of introverts and their strengths, such as the ability to reflect, she also seemed to characterize introverts as fragile, slow, low energy, and not functioning particularly well in the world at large. It seems unlikely that this was the intent, and perhaps my reaction stems from my own decision quite a while ago that I was going to allow myself to be a proud introvert and not "play at" extroversion to suit others' expectations. Suggesting that introverts are low energy seems to contradict the author's earlier assertion that introverts simply find energy in different ways than extroverts. One thing I was quite uncomfortable with was the idea of packing an introvert survival kit, consisting of what sounded like a suitcase-full of items including earplugs, snacks, water, a music player, a note card with an affirmation, a cotton ball with a soothing scent, medication for motion sickness, a parasol/umbrella, sunscreen, hand cream, lip balm, a battery-operated fan, a small spray bottle, a large-brimmed hat, sunglasses, a sweater/blanket, self-heating pocket packs, and earmuffs. To me, this verged on insulting; being an introvert doesn't mean I can't handle being outside of the house. I carry lip balm around with me, but it has nothing whatsoever to do with my introversion. If anything, this suitcase-load would be more appropriate for when I'm depressed, except then I wouldn't have the energy to carry it all. I think this book could be worth a read for anyone who's introverted and uncomfortable about it or introvert-questioning, so to speak. It offers some practical tips for fitting in with a largely extroverted world. Overall, I found it didn't really pull me in, and I ended up skimming through some sections. I was glad I picked up a copy from the library rather than buying it. The Introvert Advantage is available on Amazon (affiliate link). You can find my other reviews on the MH@H book review index or on Goodreads.





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