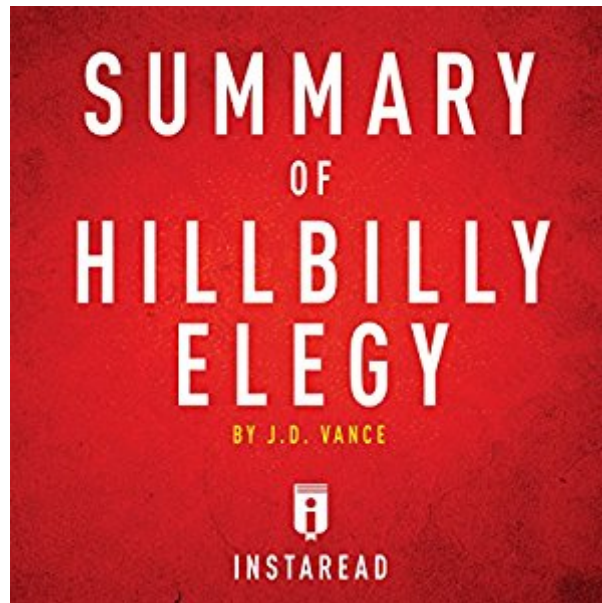




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chord with me since I too grew up in the shadows of the Appalachians. JD's account of the cultural issues faced by the working class of America was not only eye-opening but resonated deep with me. I loved this review so much I had to read the actual book. This summary outlines the characters, their relationships, the plot, and the themes. I was given a copy of this book to review.

This is an overview of the actual book *Hillbilly Elegy*. Kind of like an abbreviated *Cliff's Notes* for the FULL copy. It provides a potential reader enough information regarding the original's content to determine if we want to invest the money and time to actually purchase and read the entire printed copy or E-version. This is a current modern variation of the "Haratio Alger Stories" ... demonstrating, firsthand, some of the personal qualities and effort it requires for a "poor white person" to become successful in our modern era. At .99 cents, this overview provides a good service and is one of the chief reasons I have personally found *Instaread* to be a valuable tool.

Overall, I liked *Hillbilly Elegy* and would like to read other books by the author., J. D. Vance. My major complaint, I wasn't clear about his conclusion. It appeared to be that the environment of the area described was troubled and backward -alcohol dependency, opiates anti-education- but if you have the right guidance and values, you can make it. This in itself is a worthwhile conclusion but in view of the significance this area played in the recent presidential election, it begged for a broader, expanded conclusion. Maybe I missed some significant aspects of the book, so I'm going to read it again.

What did I learn from reading this? Nothing that I was not already aware of. How was the writing? Not very good.

not really into fiction

Well written. I will definitely read the book. The summary enabled me to see that everyone (no matter your political beliefs) can benefit from understanding the author's life story and the reality of life in rural America.

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