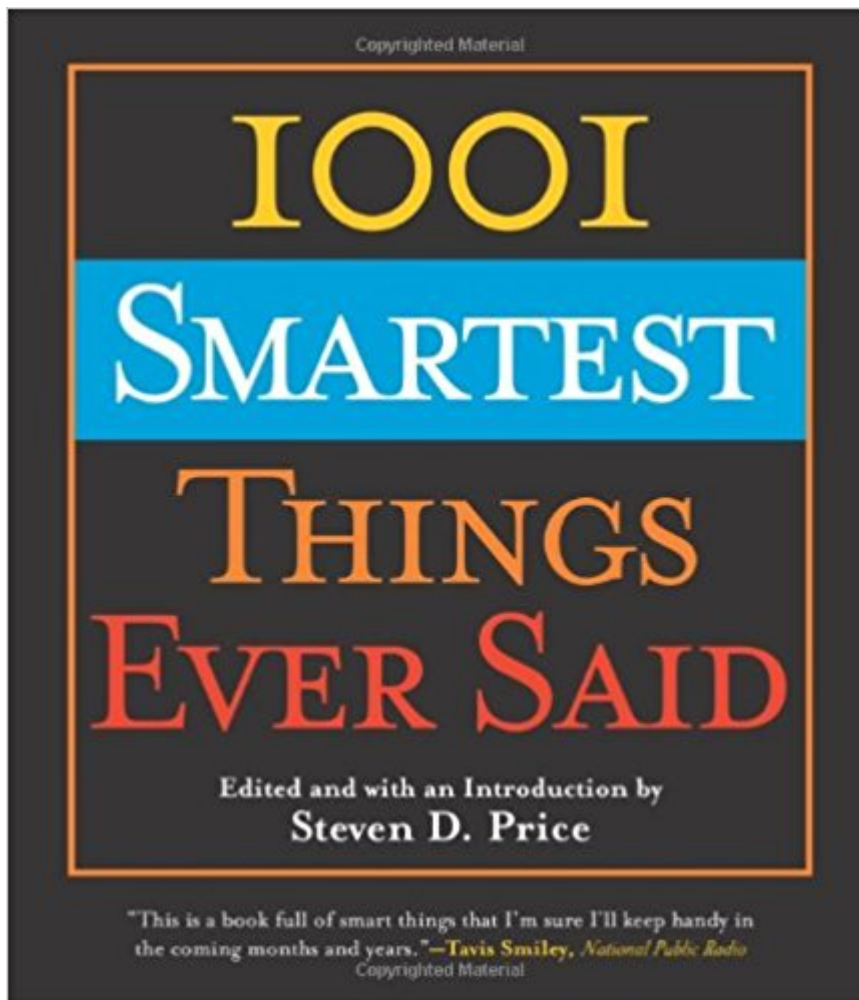




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Synopsis

A compendium of human wisdom culled from the world's most celebrated--and anonymous--minds, from Confucius and Shakespeare to Maya Angelou and Woody Allen.

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Customer Reviews

"This is a book full of smart things that I'm sure I'll keep handy in the coming months and years."--Tavis Smiley, National Public Radio

In this witty collection you will find quotations grouped in categories that reflect the range of human existence, hopes, and achievement:
Love and Friendship "The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing."-Blaise Pascal
Success and Ways to Achieve It "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."-Sir Winston Churchill
The Life of the Mind "Don't talk unless you can improve the silence."-Jorge Luis Borges
Politics and Politicians, Government and Statesmen "Nothing in life is certain except death and taxes."-Benjamin Franklin
Proverbial Wisdom "Joy shared is twice the joy. Sorrow shared is half the sorrow."-Swedish proverb

No matter what page I turn to there is a lesson to be learned for becoming a better person. Doesn't have to be read in any sort of order; short quotes for easy mental penetration, remembering and applying. Highly recommend for anyone wanting to improve their life. J. Cousins

If you generally enjoy books of quotes on various subjects this one certainly has some good ones. That being said, there was something dry and dull about the presentation of the book as well, and some of the quotes were rather ho-hum, neither delighting nor inspiring, but instead just a wisp away from common sense or practical observations. It may be that the word "Smartest" in the title was its undoing for me. "Smart" is fine, but not always entertaining or provocative.. Perhaps I was hoping for more wit and whimsy, and less pragmatic wisdom. Whatever the case, I found the book unmemorable, even a bit of a slog, yet it may just have been the mood I was in when read it; I do tend to like a good bit of humor in my quotes, but I didn't find a lot of that here. It felt more like eating brussels sprouts when i was hoping for some quotable nachos in the mix. To each his own: I passed it on to a relative who seemed to enjoy it just fine, as she loves books of quotations.

A great read, a lot of inspiration from people of all walks of life. I enjoy reading a few of them before I start the day.

This has a few quotes per page which seems to be a waste of paper. I have a book called "Zingers" and it's awesome; it lists well over 25 different topics that you can look under for little sayings. I was hoping for a similar book with this but there are not enough topics with this and it's just a few quotes per page. To me, for the cost of this book, it would have been just as good or better than the Zingers book that I have. I thought it would be a nice supplement to that as the Zingers doesn't really have quotes from people necessarily so I wanted this to add some variety to what I have and it did do that, it's just not easy to find a quote about something specific like it is in my Zingers book. In my Zingers, if I want to look up something that is about wisdom for example, it directs me to the pages on wisdom, which are all together neatly organized. With this one, it's much harder to find. Maybe it's a good book if you just want to sit down and read through it, but it's really not good for reference material and that is what I would expect from a book like this.

I read through pages and pages of great quotes from all across the board - authors, philosophers, musicians, public figures, historical figures. These quotes come from everywhere, and are a great collection of some true wisdom gleaned from thousands of years of human experience. I kept returning to my favorites for inspiration whenever it was needed. Much of the same wisdom was repeated by different people from different time periods and walks of life. This, for me, was an affirmation that there really must be something to it. This book is a booster and a page-turner. I'll continue to return to it when I need affirmation in all aspects of my life.

I am enjoying this compendium of witty, wise and wry quotes. I have even used some with my group therapy group to help them look at life in different ways and wrestle with the meaning of others observations. Well worth anyone's time!

Someone said that speech is logic and emotions that builds bridges and makes people want to walk across them. This is a wonderful book full of wisdom, inspiration, humor and wit. It is well organized and has an introduction that is equally witty as well as informative. If you speak on various occasions or write or teach or just enjoy language and syntax, this book is for you.

Good book, lots of good quotations. Especially good for people who are writing books you can find some mom very snappy quotations

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