

Hail Mary for Peanut: Alexander Nehamas on Philosophy and Yearning

In his book, *Hail Mary for Peanut*, Alexander Nehamas argues that philosophy is not about the pursuit of truth, but rather about the pursuit of wisdom. Nehamas begins by examining the concept of wisdom, which he defines as the ability to live a good life. He then argues that philosophy can help us achieve wisdom by providing us with a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us.



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Lending	: Enabled



Nehamas's book is a provocative and thought-provoking exploration of the nature of philosophy and its relationship to the good life. Nehamas argues that philosophy is not a spectator sport, but rather an active engagement with the world. He writes, "Philosophy is not about understanding the world, but about changing it." Nehamas's book is a call to arms for those who want to live a more examined life.

The Nature of Wisdom

Nehamas begins his book by examining the concept of wisdom. He argues that wisdom is not simply knowledge, but rather a kind of practical knowledge that can be used to live a good life. Nehamas identifies three key elements of wisdom:

1. Understanding oneself
2. Understanding the world around us
3. The ability to make good choices

Nehamas argues that philosophy can help us achieve wisdom by providing us with a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Philosophy can help us to identify our own strengths and weaknesses, and to develop a better understanding of the world around us. This understanding can help us to make better choices and to live a more fulfilling life.

Philosophy and the Good Life

Nehamas argues that philosophy is not just an academic pursuit, but rather a way of life. He writes, "Philosophy is not something that you do in a classroom or a library. It is something that you do in the world." Nehamas believes that philosophy can help us to live a better life by providing us with a better understanding of ourselves and the world around us. This understanding can help us to make better choices and to live a more fulfilling life.

Nehamas's book is a passionate and eloquent defense of the value of philosophy. He argues that philosophy is not just a luxury, but rather a

necessity for those who want to live a good life. Nehamas's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the nature of philosophy and its relationship to the good life.

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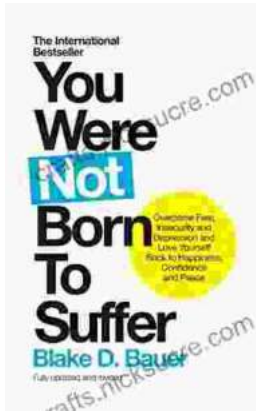


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