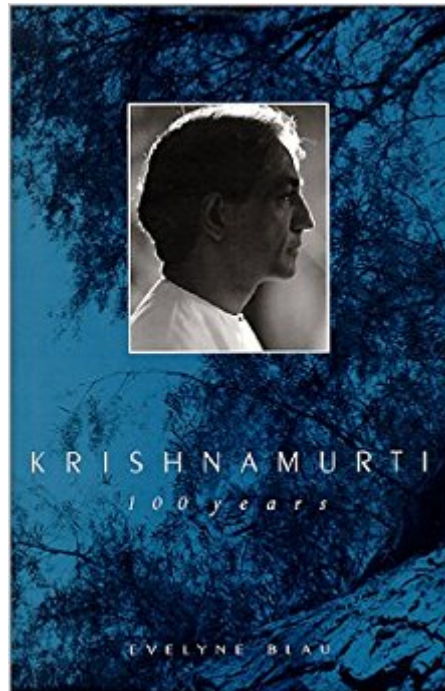




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Synopsis

First published on the centennial of his birth in 1995, this is the story of Krishnamurti, told through his earliest letters and diaries to his last works. The 125 photographs bring into focus the man, the people he knew and the times in which he lived. Included are personal recollections from others who knew this remarkable man.

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Customer Reviews

A reverential tribute to Indian religious teacher Jiddu Krishnamurti (1895-1986), this handsomely produced volume splices an informal biographical narrative, 100 duotone photographs, excerpts from his letters, teachings, diaries and poems and recollections by friends and disciples. Born in southern India, whisked away to England in 1912 by Theosophical Society leader Annie Besant, Krishnamurti was promoted as a messiah-to-be, a role he renounced in 1929 by breaking with the Society. A pacifist, California guru and friend of Aldous Huxley in the 1930s, he returned to India in 1947, later traveled widely, established schools and, in the 1960s, became a guiding light to New Age seekers. Krishnamurti's teachings on consciousness, self-transformation, love, relatedness and spiritual freedom have influenced many, as reflected here in the reminiscences of Huxley, Henry Miller, Joseph Campbell, Leopold Stokowski, dramatist Anita Loos, physicist David Bohm, psychiatrist Benjamin Weinniger, ceramist Beatrice Wood and others. Blau, a trustee of the Krishnamurti Foundation, also edited his book *Meditations*. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I first came across this book in a library and borrowed it, and the impression I got, sustained for 3 years to make me actually buy it. As Krishnaji would say, the only way of understanding and discovering your self is through the mirror of relationship, what better way of understanding Krishnaji than through the way he interacted with people from different parts of the world and with different perspectives? That said, Krishnaji still remains a mystery as he rightly should, but nevertheless a delightful mystery.....

This is a great quality edition, with stone hard cover and glossy paper, very tightly bounded. It is also oversize with a satin feel to the cover, filled with photos and reproductions of letters and other documents. A delight to read.

very good book!

The book is a magnificent biography of an enlightened soul of our times. A must know for everyone. It arrived to me in perfect conditions!

An observation by Krishnamurti (1929): 'Truth is a pathless land'. Man cannot come to it through any organization, through any creed, through any dogma, priest or ritual, nor through any philosophical knowledge or psychological technique. He has to find it through the mirror of relationship, through the understanding of the contents of his own mind, through observation, and not through intellectual analysis or introspective dissection. Man has built in himself images as a sense of security--religious, political, personal. These manifest as symbols, ideas, beliefs. The burden of these dominates man's thinking, relationships and his daily life. These are the causes of our problems for they divide man from man in every relationship. "And a parable: "You may remember the story of how the devil and a friend of his were walking down the street, when they saw ahead of them a man stoop down and pick up something from the ground, look at it, and put it away in his pocket. The friend said to the devil, 'What did that man pick up?' 'He picked up a piece of the truth,' said the devil. 'That is a very bad business for you, then,' said his friend. 'Oh, not at all,' the devil replied, 'I am going to help him organize it.' I maintain that truth is a pathless land, and you cannot approach it by any path whatsoever, by any religion, by any sect. That is my point of view, and I adhere to that absolutely and unconditionally. Truth, being limitless, unconditioned, unapproachable by any path whatsoever, cannot be organized; nor should any organization be formed to lead or

coerce people along a particular path."

This story of Krishnamurti's life is the most fascinating and complete biography I have ever read. It certainly helps that the book begins with intriguing accounts of Krishnamurti's unusual childhood, in which he was "found" by the Theosophical Society. ... "Leadbetter suddenly noticed one of the boys, outwardly a rather skinny looking little boy with a shaved front to his head and a pigtail. He was about thirteen (actually fourteen but appeared much younger), and had a little brother with him. He saw that around this boy was an aura of such brightness and glory as he said no one else in Adyar had, and that was so outstanding to him that he at once made friends with the two brothers." Thus begins a most unusual relationship between the very young Krishnamurti and the Theosophical Society (Annie Besant was appointed guardian of Krishnamurti and his beloved younger brother one year later, in 1910. There were many advantages and disadvantages to the transformed life Krishnamurti led, and this book covers all the most interesting facets of Krishnamurti's life with beautiful photographs, hand-written journal entries, and interviews with Krishnamurti and other great thinkers of his time. This is the story of a man devoted to giving spiritual teachings -- a man who inspired many (including Bruce Lee, Van Morrison, Henry Miller, Deepak Chopra, and Joseph Campbell) with his tremendous wisdom and clarity. Many of Krishnamurti's thoughts and quotes are included, such as, "In yourself lies the whole world, and if you know how to look and learn, then the door is there and the key is in your hand. Nobody on earth can give you either that key or the door to open except yourself." I highly recommend this book, both for its exquisite attention to the details and big picture of Krishnamurti's life, and for the inspirational wisdom it imparts to the reader.

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