

Title, Author, Genre, Copyright date

Educated by Tara Westover. The book is a non-fiction memoir. The book was first published in 2018. (Feb. 18, 2018)

What made you choose to read this book?

I chose to read Educated over The Other Wes Moore because I read a message Levi had sent saying The Other Wes Moore was boring and that Educated was a better story.

How/Where did you find the book?

I obtained a digital copy of the book from the Sno-Isle Libraries website.

Who is the audience for this book?

I think that Tara Westover directed this book toward teachers, students, and parents to communicate the importance of education in her life.

Brief overview of the book

Tara is born and raised in the mountains in Idaho. Her father distrusts the government, so she never attends public school. Her family is also very strictly Mormon. Her father believes the end of the world will come, and the family makes preparations for it. Eventually, Tara decides to go to college due to her older brother Tyler's influence.

Discussion of relevant details pertaining to the book.

The book's chapters were chronologically organized into short stories about Tara's life. There were several plot twists throughout the book, including car crashes, Shawn's injuries, Gene's burn, and Audrey's betrayal. I couldn't relate any of my own life's significant experiences to the book's content; the problems in my life are completely different from Tara's. Also, several chapters had footnotes indicating that there were different interpretations of what had occurred, which added a more "real" sense to the book's story.

What was a particularly powerful part of the book?

A particularly powerful part of the book, to me, was Audrey's betrayal. I felt really frustrated at her betrayal, especially because it caused Tara to lose her connection to her family and made her doubt herself.

After you finished the book, what do you think/wonder/want to know more about?

After reading the book, I felt that the ending wasn't as complete, or maybe as positive, as I wanted it to be. I wanted to know more about the family and whether or not their relationship was mended by now.