

Bed of Procrustes - Nassim Nicholas Taleb

The bed of procrustes is a philosophical book created by N.N. Taleb in an aphoristic style. Some of these aphorisms include:

What Fools Call wasting time is most often the best investment. This is analogous to the aphorism by George Soros: "buy when there is blood in the streets"

- A man without a heroic bent starts dying at the age of thirty. Lack of principles leads to a lifeless life.

- The difference between slaves in Rome and Ottoman days and today's employees is that slaves did not need to flatter their boss. Many individuals are unknowingly modern day slaves.

- You are rich if and only if money you refuse tastes better than the money you accept. True wealth comes from choice rather than wealth.

Modernity we create youth without heroism, age without wisdom, and life without grandeur.

You can tell how uninteresting a person is by asking him whom he finds interesting.

Procrastination is the soul rebelling against

Preoccupation with efficiency is the main obstacle to a poetic elegant robust and heroic life.

Those who do not think that employment is systematic slavery are either blind or employed

They are born, put in a box; They go home to live in a box; they study by ticking boxes; they go to what is called "work" in a box, where they sit in their cubicle box; they drive to the grocery in a box to buy food in the box.

A good master allows you to have the last word without even starting a conversation.

Overall this book gives a good overview of a multitude of ~~sayings~~ books which Nassim Nicholas Taleb has written, it showcases the ~~plotted~~ underlying ideas in a philosophical aphoristic way. This is a novel approach to such a book, as it gives the reader more to think about and allow them to come up with their own meanings ~~analogous~~ to the experience of going to an art exhibit allowing for deep philosophical thought when reading the book