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**Book Review**

**Tuesday’s with Morrie**

**by Mitchell David Albom**

Majority of us, if not all, have had an elderly relative who was brimming with experience and resonated with our problems even when dearer parents couldn’t figure it out. Someone who has dealt with highs and lows of life. Someone who’s always there for you, not as a guardian or an instructor, but as a friend. That someone is what Professor Morrie Schwartz was to Mitch Albom, the Author.

Morrie was Mitch’s Sociology instructor in university. Came the graduation, and the Author promised his mentor that he shall remain in touch with him, which he broke and got indulged in a hectic and looping work life as a sports writer. He buried himself in achievements and became short-sighted, as if money was the only thing on his mind. In one way or another, we, the readers, have become materialistic and our thirst for money is near impossible to satiate. This book, however, can significantly alter one’s perspective of the world.

It was no sooner than twenty years after graduating from university that Mitch came across his professor, while watching a TV show, on a wheelchair and in his last months. He rediscovered his, as the author liked to call him, “Coach”. He got lucky. He knew that he had been given a second chance, a chance to make amends, a change to take lessons again, albeit, not of the same sort.

Morrie once again took the role of a mentor in Mitch’s life. However, this time around, he’d not be teaching Sociology, he’d be teaching life. All the experience accumulated throughout Morrie’s life; he’d be passing that on. In Mitch’s university days, he always had Sociology classes on Tuesday, so, naturally, it became an important and exquisite day in both of their lives, much that they even arranged their “Life” classes on Tuesday.

As I go further in this memoir, I came to realize that it is about time. How to expend the time we have right now, and how not to regret it in our later years. Morrie’s lessons, targets all age groups, whether you’re a teen, an adult or an elder, it can give some worthwhile and constructive pointers. To laugh, to cry, to forgive, to not take the things you possess as for granted, to rectify broken relations, to be thankful, to not consider death as a disease but rather as part of life, as part of nature, that is nought but a tip of what this book has to offer.

I really enjoyed reading this book, even if philosophy isn’t your cup of tea, going through it will get you in a rollercoaster of melancholy and delightfullness. It presents to you the key essence of life in an absorbing and heart-wrenching way. Althought, it has much to impart, it’s presented in an ample manner, without being meticulous or comprehensive. The book itself is neither extended nor shortened, it has just the right number of chapters while enclosing valuable lessons for a lifetime.