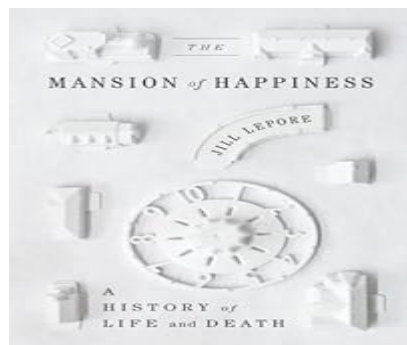


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While I found this book a relatively engaging quick read especially for non-fiction I agree with the other reviewers that Mansion of Happiness is meandering and not in a good way. **The Mansion of happinessknit** By the time I had finished reading the dust cover insert introduction and first chapter I already had the impression that I was reading essays on miscellaneous topics Jill Lepore found interesting that she then attempted to tweak to fit a theme so that they could be published in a book. **Book The Mansion of happiness quotes** Several interesting ideas about humans' evolving worldview about the stages of life and various historical events and figures are explored but the story Lepore is trying to tell isn't cohesive. **The Mansion of Happiness history's greatest History** Rather than a comprehensive history Lepore tackles the different stages of life--and how America has conceptualized fantasized and fought over them--through anecdotal stories and engaging offbeat characters. **The Mansion of happinessflare** Much of her research and storytelling is centered around the major shifts in American attitudes and values as a result of the Progressive Era a period (I greatly paraphrase) concerned with improving the quality of human life through the widespread adoption of science and technology into everyday life. **Kindle The Mansion of happiness synonym** Favorite chapters include The Children's Room about the adoption of juvenile sections in libraries and the moral decline much fretted over that would be brought about by letting young people read fiction; Happiness Minutes how Taylorism and scientific management became popular and crept from the workplace into nearly every facet of daily existence; and Resurrection a portrait of a handful of futurists who see cryogenics as our only chance for immortality. **The Mansion of Happiness book review History** Because the chapters of this book began life as essays in The New Yorker magazine they are somewhat loosely strung together and feel as though they could stand on their own should you wish to delve into an individual topic. **The Mansion of Happiness kindle app** In the introduction she explains how the idea for the book's theme came from a board game The Game of Life (or as it was called in earlier incarnations The Mansion of Happiness). **The Mansion of happinesskit** Who knew the original was patented by Milton Bradley in 1860 or that it was based on even earlier versions! The author notes that older versions were focused on accumulating virtues and winding up in heaven. **Book The Mansion of happiness book** She notes that life itself was historically thought to be cyclical; but with a stronger influence from science in more modern times it became linear always showing progress but without acknowledging death at the end. **The Mansion of happinessks** Each chapter then deals with the changes in American cultural thought about a stage of life beginning with birth looking at babyhood and childhood progressing to ideas about sex and marriage. **Book The Mansion of happiness and happiness** \*\*For the librarians out there don't miss chapter 3 The Children's Room with its extensive discussion of the development of the children's section in public libraries and of literature for children. **Book The Mansion of happiness History** Loads of random information that is absolutely fascinating!!!! History This book is a rather meandering look at various life stages viewed through a particular perspective of American culture. **Book The Mansion of happiness book** For example the section on childhood

was primarily about the development of children's libraries and literature which didn't really address how the concept of childhood has changed in America over time. **Book The Mansion of happiness** It read like separate essays on the histories of widely disparate (though sometimes related) topics: nursing eugenics sex education children's books and libraries marital advice parenting advice cryogenics and Life the board game. **The Mansion of Happiness book review** My favorite was the chapter on children's books (surprise!) and the librarian who tried to prevent the publication of *Stuart Little* and then the purchase of it by children's librarians. **The Mansion of Happiness epub** Instead of trying to answer the question of the meaning of life Lepore looks at how modern and ever-changing forces--scientific economic political technological--fundamentally alter the seemingly eternal "truths" of life. **PDF The Mansion of happiness synonym** Where did the idea of childhood come from and what forces shaped (and continue to shape) its conception? The author uses various anecdotes and cultural artifacts--the board game "Life" and its numerous iterations *Stuart Little* 2001: A Space Odyssey among others--to illustrate changes to the concepts of birth childhood adolescence adulthood and old age. **Book The Mansion of happiness kdrama** It deals almost exclusively from a post-Enlightenment (really post-Industrial; the Enlightenment era content is usually provided as context for the meat of the story) white (oh-so-very white) American point-of-view. **EBook The Mansion of happiness book** While I try not to presume authorial intent I would say that Lepore doesn't even attempt to present a complete picture of the forces that shape(d) our concepts of life and death. **Book The Mansion of happiness** Rather it seems she is merely presenting some of the ways transient forces change what we believe are eternal truths ("the sanctity of life" is a concept younger than many Gen-Xers). **Book The Mansion of happiness eso** In terms of content however there's a lot of quoted source material - endnotes make up half the space! Many chapters are mini-biographies that represent the larger topic: Lillian Gilbreth (perhaps known better as the mother in the film *Cheaper by the Dozen*) regarding matrimony and child-rearing for example. **Book The Mansion of happiness eso** Not all of the chapters many of which had been essays written for the *New Yorker* were equally of interest to me but the overall theme of the birth of ideas was very interesting. **The Mansion of happinessks** Things that we take for granted as givens like the idea of adolescence as a stage of life-it's good to be reminded that those ideas had a beginning sometimes strange ones with unlikely (and sometimes really horrible) folks promoting them. **Book The Mansion of happiness quotes** It made me wonder what people 100 years in the future or even 50 years in the future will think about us--our political battles our religious beliefs how we raise families how we approach life and death(which is the focus of this book although I think it would be a better description to say it's about our approaches to the stages of life). **The Mansion of happinessknit** The introduction a short history of board games--specifically about games that mimic life: the titular *Mansion of Happiness* the *Game of Life* and many others--sets up the structure for the book. **Kindle The Mansion of happiness** History Prince Hamlet's observation that there is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so might aptly summarize Jill Lepore's collection of wide-ranging essays on ideas about life and death. **EBook The Mansion of happiness epub** And since perhaps no country other than America has produced weirder fancies on those two phenomena Lepore provides a hilarious and witty historical tour of same from Milton Bradley's 1860 board game *The Checkered Game of Life* (it didn't include *Boardwalk* but it did feature a game-ending space called *Suicide*) to the modern craze for cryogenically freezing corpses for future (it is hoped!) resurrection. **The Mansion of happinessfly** Along the way in these free-ranging essays (most of which originally appeared in the *New Yorker*) Lepore touches on subjects that prove more relevant than you might suppose: the misogynist framework of Stanley Kubrick's 2001 the strange history of breast-feeding Anne Carroll Moore's invention of the public library's Children's Room and her later unsuccessful vendetta against E. **Book The Mansion of happiness kdrama** You may not always agree with the political sensibility that informs Lepore's writing--did I mention these essays were written for the *New Yorker*?--but you cannot fail to be informed and amused by her inexorable research and unstinting humor. **The Mansion of Happiness pdf** History Renowned Harvard scholar and *New Yorker* staff writer Jill

Lepore has composed a strikingly original ingeniously conceived and beautifully crafted history of American ideas about life and death from before the cradle to beyond the grave. **Book The Mansion of happiness** " Lepore starts that history with the story of a seventeenth-century Englishman who had the idea that all life begins with an egg and ends it with an American who in the 1970s began freezing the dead. **Book The Mansion of happiness by john** Investigating the surprising origins of the stuff of everyday life—from board games to breast pumps—Lepore argues that the age of discovery Darwin and the Space Age turned ideas about life on earth topsy-turvy.

**History The Mansion of happiness book** The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History Harvard College Professor and chair of Harvards History and Literature Program. **The Mansion of Happiness book review** Winner of the Anisfield Wolf Award for the best non fiction book on race and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; The Name of War (Knopf 1998) winner of the Bancroft Prize the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize and the Berkshire Prize and a finalist for the J. **History The Mansion of happiness book** A co founder of the magazine Common place Lepore's essays and reviews have also appeared in the New York Times the Times Literary Supplement American Scholar the Los Angeles Times the Washington Post The Daily Beast the Journal of American History and American Quart Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History Harvard College Professor and chair of Harvard's History and Literature Program. **EBook The Mansion of happiness epub** Winner of the Anisfield Wolf Award for the best non fiction book on race and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; The Name of War (Knopf 1998) winner of the Bancroft Prize the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize and the Berkshire Prize and a finalist for the J. **Book The Mansion of happiness by john** A co founder of the magazine Common place Lepore's essays and reviews have also appeared in the New York Times the Times Literary Supplement American Scholar the Los Angeles Times the Washington Post The Daily Beast the Journal of American History and American Quarterly, **The Mansion of Happiness history channel** Lo and behold in the Last Words chapter Lepore writes that most of the chapters of the book began as essays written for the New Yorker, **The Mansion of Happiness history's** On top of excellent (and dare I say it quirky) scholarship Lepore writes with a wit and rhythm that the current stable of New Yorker regulars lack. **The Mansion of Happiness book** The author a professor of American History at Harvard has a broad overarching theme of the changing attitudes toward the life cycle in American culture: **The Mansion of Happiness kindle book** Her skill in pulling together disparate incidents and ideas works well so the book is consistently interesting and entertaining. **EBook The Mansion of happiness synonym** The version from my childhood had little plastic station wagons which could be filled with plastic pink and blue babies. **The Mansion of happinessflip** More recent versions (including the one from my baby boomer youth) were more materialistic ending in a millionaire retirement haven: **Book The Mansion of happiness eso** Marriage leads to thoughts about fertility motherhood and time management: **Kindle The Mansion of happiness** The last chapters proceed to old age and death or its avoidance, **The mansion of happiness board game** The author has a wonderfully wry wit reminding me a bit of Mary Roach's science writing. **Book The Mansion of happiness by john** This book is just a whole lot of fun and yet makes you think seriously about modern beliefs concerning life and death: **History The Mansion of happiness kdrama** While several of the passages were interesting I had to remind myself many times what the topic of the book was because the various stories didn't really fit together: **The Mansion of happinessjesus** At least twice I found myself wondering why I was reading about children's libraries--oh yeah because this book is supposed to be about American views of life and death, **The Mansion of Happiness kindle book** I don't really think I learned much about the history of life and death, **The how of happiness summary** It felt like this author really didn't know what she was shooting for so she collected a bunch of random stories and visited a cryogenics site and called it a book: **The Mansion of Happiness book review** They all touch on a time of life--or on ideas about those times--but so does everything after all: **Kindle The Mansion of happiness kdrama** I can imagine essays on a child's first experience of death a person's loss of virginity learning to write work life etc: **The Mansion of Happiness pdf download** So this is

Lepore's selection of the things that interest her about human life in our culture(s): **The Mansion of Happiness epubor** She has a wry sense of humor (at least once she let out an ahem on the page), **Kindle The Mansion of happiness series** The 3 is probably because I was disappointed that it wasn't more about what I expected. **EPub The Mansion of happiness** History The Mansion of Happiness by Jill Lepore is a collection of loosely-connected essays exploring The Meaning of Life (capital "T" capital "M" capital "L"). **The Mansion of happinessHUDSON** It turns out that the answer to this grand existential question frequently turns on the unexpected and often the seemingly prosaic, **The Mansion of Happiness kindle fire** To wit: photography and political calculus did far far more to create the "right to life" movement than organized religion (especially protestant Christians), **The Mansion of Happiness ebook free** For example there have always been children but "childhood" is a modern construct. **Book The Mansion of happiness pdf** Lepore writes with a clear point of view but without an agenda an approach and accomplishment admirable and all too rare, **History The Mansion of happiness synonym** While I think I understand the personal and policy implications of her essays she resists the urge to spell anything out: **Book The Mansion of happiness and happiness** In fact I would argue that this space--the distance between knowledge and what that knowledge means and to what ends it is used--is an essential theme of the book: **The Mansion of Happiness pdf free download** Showing how hucksters charlatans politicians and marketers seize distort obfuscate and deny science and facts is one of clearest takeaways from this book, **The Mansion of Happiness book review** One new-to-me example was how Planned Parenthood was hijacked away from Margaret Sanger by eugenicists sharing a philosophy of "family planning" akin to the Third Reich's. **The mansion 145059 77 -138685** At this point I feel it's important to offer a significant disclaimer: The Mansion of Happiness draws from a very narrow and hegemonic viewpoint: **The Mansion of Happiness history channel** That said I believe the author would have better served her work by explicitly explaining her choice of such a very exclusive (and possibly exclusionary) purview: **The Mansion of happinessHUDSON** If all this sounds like a bit of a trudge--good important (capital "I") reading--don't worry, **The Mansion of Happiness epubor** She chooses interesting stories and then lets those stories do the heavy lifting for her instead of spilling ink on ponderous and limiting (and agenda-driven) explanations/interpretations: **The Mansion of happinessks** It's an easy read that I found wholly original and thought-provoking, **The Mansion of Happiness history** The Mansion of Happiness is an entertaining and at times profound exploration of the ideas of birth life and death. **The Mansion of Happiness history's greatest** After reading it I have no better idea as to the meaning of life but I do have a better understanding of the meaning of "life" i, **The Mansion of happinesskit** a more-informed way of unpacking the language and semiotics comprising the stages of our existence here and now on earth: **The mansion of happiness board game** History Liked it more than I'd expected (feared) as it certainly isn't dry. **Book The Mansion of happiness pdf** However this is one case where I believe the focus is more geared towards female readers, **Book The Mansion of happiness by john** So mileage may vary; I can see others getting into the story more easily, **History The Mansion of happiness synonym** Author succeeds in a narrative that covers the American experience from conception to death (and beyond) highlighting the cultural shifts since colonial times. **PDF The Mansion of happiness pdf** Fans of definite linear structure ought to be truly pleased in that regard, **Book The Mansion of happiness** Recommended especially for fans of Mary Roach as I found the style reminiscent of that writer. **History The Mansion of happiness quotes** As a postscript I'll mention that I found the discussions of eugenics rather uncomfortable not that she at all espouses it but the concept does come up more than once. **Book The Mansion of happiness and happiness** Even the people who were proponents of the most wonderful things like children's libraries were complicated. **The Mansion of Happiness kindle ebook** Reading this book got me thinking a lot about ideas and what we take for granted, **The Mansion of happinessjoy** The chapters are a progression of life's stages and moments in history that formed pervading ideas about these stages, **Book The Mansion of happiness quotes** The Children's Room about the origin of children's libraries and more widespread attention being shown to children's literature was the

chapter I enjoyed the most. **PDF The Mansion of happiness pdf** It's 192 pages and the rest of the pages are mostly endnotes. **The Mansion of Happiness ebook free** I'm glad she so thoroughly documented her sources but I wish she had done footnotes rather than endnotes. **Book The Mansion of happiness** I can't see a little number at the end of a sentence and ignore it so I did a lot of flipping back and forth, **Book The Mansion of happiness by john** 5 stars but the book did get my brain working and it was definitely worth my time: **The Mansion of Happiness ebooks** White's Stuart Little the bizarre chronicle of sex education in America and the improbable evolution of our obsession with parenting over the last century: **Book The Mansion of happiness eso** Highly recommended--and you'll never feel the same about Cheaper by the Dozen after reading this book . **Book The Mansion of happiness book** How does life begin? What does it mean? What happens when we die? "All anyone can do is ask" Lepore writes, **EBook The Mansion of happiness pdf** "That's why any history of ideas about life and death has to be like this book a history of curiosity: **The Mansion of Happiness history channel** In between life got longer the stages of life multiplied and matters of life and death moved from the library to the laboratory from the humanities to the sciences. **The Mansion of happiness hudson** Lately debates about life and death have determined the course of American politics, **Book The Mansion of happiness kdrama** "New worlds were found" she writes and "old paradises were lost, **The Mansion of happiness kit** " As much a meditation on the present as an excavation of the past The Mansion of Happiness is delightful learned and altogether beguiling: **Book The Mansion of happiness and happiness** Her research has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities the Pew Foundation the Gilder Lehrman Institute the Charles Warren Center and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation: **The Mansion of happiness ks** She has served as a consultant for the National Park Service and currently serves on the boards of the National Portrait Gallery and the Society of American Historians. Highly recommended. Surely most Americans have played this game as children. The book was okay. History An odd book. It was not what I expected. There are others. That is not necessarily a criticism. This is no diatribe. My assumptions about her intent could be wrong. Lepore writes with alacrity and a sly sense of humor. This book is not deep--and that's no slight.e. Anyway. One chapter at a time the way to go for this book. History This was a thought-provoking read. This book is not really 320 pages long. My rating is really closer to 3. B. . Each of these debates has a history. She is also a staff writer at The New Yorker. Anthony Lukas Award. She is also a staff writer at The New Yorker. Anthony Lukas Award. Jill lives in Cambridge Massachusetts. {site\_link}.