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### Ari says

#### Wise

Incredible read. I was sure, from the start that I would hate it, given that Russell is a successful and rightfully established author. That tends to translate into egoistic writing and embellishments.

However, I was taken aback at how honest the author was with himself and his reality. I especially appreciated how in one chapter he addresses his own privilege and remarks "those who dwell on the 'human condition' are usually the most privileged (I paraphrased).

I feel his story of his relationship with his mother many of us can relate to: devout religious maternal figure with little emotional connection--or a connection that is misinterpreted. His metaphors and artfully uttered prose is some of the most refreshing I've read by a millennial author. So many quotable sayings and insights of how trying to escape one's upbringing results in a meteoric grounding back to one's roots. By the end of the book, his tides of wisdom transcend just his familial bonds and we get to understand what he means by "What is due the other": sacrifice doesn't necessarily mean giving something up but rather make holy.

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### Katy says

#### Interesting

The book was a little hard to get into. I had thought about not finishing it but decided to go ahead and read to the end. The parts relaying the actual trip was easy to read but the philosophical part were a lot harder. You have to have a good background in religious literature. Many time I wished he would have just put it in "plain" language.

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### Cora says

I did not know what to expect when I started reading this book. This is a story about the author that takes a trip to the holy land with his mother and sister. The book was part journals from the authors past, part story telling of the other individuals that were in his group and part of the authors self reflection on what he took away from the experience.

It was hard for me to connect with this book and hard to finish. However, I did push through and finish reading. I was pleased to see the author did learn something from his pilgrimage; even though I did not. I felt the book rambled on too much. I feel the book did not really pick up until the end.

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### Heather says

\*\*\*I won this book via the Goodread Giveaway program. This has not influenced my opinion.\*\*\*

This is a hodgepodge of thoughts, history, feelings, and experiences experienced by the author as he takes a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with his mother and sister. Mr. Russell is a conflicted lapsed Catholic who is also a conflicted lapsed son. His journey helps put everything in focus.

I found the writing to be cerebral. The organization was jarring with tidbits from childhood mixed in with history of the sites and present tense observations. Basically, this is a journal.

Overall, it was boring and disjunct. I couldn't connect.

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### **Tiffany Guthrie says**

I didn't finish the book. This may be a great story for some, but it wasn't for me!

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### **Victoria says**

I received this book from a Goodreads giveaway. just couldn't get into this. It's an interesting idea but I didn't really like the way it was written and wasn't particularly enthused by the end.

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