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can go back and marry Soren Kierkegaard. I enjoyed this book because it shows the quirkiness of his personality, his in-your-face honesty and self-awareness. He possesses depth that only a man of faith could have. IMO. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Customer. Thank you! 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. An excellent introduction to the life and thought of Kierkegaard. By Shalom Freedman. This Diary is an excellent introduction to the life and thought of Kierkegaard. Selections are made from Kierkegaard's ten-thousand page diary and placed in a rough chronological order. Interspersed are separate sections devoted to his Writing his view of Christianity and Christendom. Kierkegaard in the great share of his books used indirect methods of communication, in part because he did not want to preach to the reader. He rather wanted the reader to by thinking for himself come to the right conclusion. In his diaries Kierkegaard was able to express his feelings and opinions more directly. He also in them wrote down his major ideas and worked them out. The Journals are the great mine from which he takes the materials for the books. This Diary opens with a section on his Moods in Life. It has sections on his Childhood and his relation to his Father, on his reading of Paul Moller. The Corsair Affair also has a section of its own. The great turning point of Kierkegaard's life was his breaking of his engagement with Regine Olsen, of which he later said "Had I had faith I would have married Regine". Its relation to his 'thorn in the flesh' is one of the most speculated upon questions in regard to a philosopher's life. Kierkegaard was not only a writer of immense spiritual depth but also one of great irony and hidden humor. These Diaries do give a sense of the real Kierkegaard. They are accompanied by excellent explanatory notes.

Soren Kierkegaard, who was born in Denmark and died there at the age of forty-two, is regarded by many as the father of existentialist thinking. During his lifetime the Hegelian theologian he reacted against the Hegelian theologians in Denmark, denounced organized religion and held that the act of choice by an individual was all-important. The Diary covers the important elements in Kierkegaard's life, including his childhood, his relations with his father, the influence of other writers on him, his broken engagement (which had a far-reaching effect on the rest of his life), and his celebrated quarrel with the Church. Kierkegaard's writings are important because he is almost the first European writer to take a modern, analytical, psychological approach to religion. Proust, Joyce, and Aldous Huxley were only a few of the modern writers influenced by the Dane; and Jean-Paul Sartre's philosophy of existentialism is based on his thinking.