



The Year of Magical Thinking

By Joan Didion



The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion

From one of America's iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion. Joan Didion explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage--and a life, in good times and bad--that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.

 [Download The Year of Magical Thinking ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Year of Magical Thinking ...pdf](#)

The Year of Magical Thinking

By Joan Didion

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion

From one of America's iconic writers, a stunning book of electric honesty and passion. Joan Didion explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage--and a life, in good times and bad--that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #2421 in Books
- Brand: Vintage
- Published on: 2007-02-13
- Released on: 2007-02-13
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.00" h x .60" w x 5.30" l, .50 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 227 pages

 [Download The Year of Magical Thinking ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Year of Magical Thinking ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

After her husband's fatal heart attack, which came at a time when their daughter Quintana was in intensive care for complications after pneumonia, Didion was labeled "a pretty cool customer" by a social worker because she seemed to be handling these shocks so calmly. Caruso's reading certainly reflects this aspect of Didion's reaction—sometimes her clear, elegant voice seems downright cold, making the listener wish for a little more emotion. The slightly eerie sounds of bells and cello that swell in at occasional breaks in the narration help in this respect, but mostly the audiobook is as straightforward a production as Didion wanted her life to be in that horrible year. Throughout those months, Didion immersed herself in the literature of grief and quotes frequently from poets and writers who helped her come to terms with her pain. Caruso does a good job with these passages, lingering on and highlighting certain phrases that Didion returns to time and again, shifting their meaning slightly as she progresses. Despite trying to write in an almost clinically detached way, Didion's sorrow and anger do break through at times in the book. Unfortunately, Caruso's cool reserve never cracks, so this audio ends up making less of an impact than the National Book Award-winning print edition.

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [The New Yorker](#)

Didion's husband, the writer John Gregory Dunne, died of a heart attack, just after they had returned from the hospital where their only child, Quintana, was lying in a coma. This book is a memoir of Dunne's death, Quintana's illness, and Didion's efforts to make sense of a time when nothing made sense. "She's a pretty cool customer," one hospital worker says of her, and, certainly, coolness was always part of the addictive appeal of Didion's writing. The other part was the dark side of cool, the hyper-nervous awareness of the tendency of things to go bad. In 2004, Didion had her own disasters to deal with, and she did not, she feels, deal with them coolly, or even sanely. This book is about getting a grip and getting on; it's also a tribute to an extraordinary marriage.

Copyright © 2005 *The New Yorker*

From [Bookmarks Magazine](#)

The Year of Magical Thinking is a searing portrayal of personal grief, a vividly documented case study in mourning rather than the kind of modern exercise in self-therapy that, however well-intentioned, is laced with narcissism. As a writer Didion has often demonstrated a keen eye for the loose threads that, when tugged, unravel human lives and institutions. Critics were deeply moved as Didion turns her lens inward to examine her own emotional disintegration, free of clichés and tidy, little life lessons. It is the book's raw honesty and Didion's meticulous reporting and research that allow her memoir to transcend the merely personal and become a universal road map of loss.

Copyright © 2004 *Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc.*

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Melody Grissom:

This book untitled *The Year of Magical Thinking* to be one of several books which best seller in this year, that's because when you read this e-book you can get a lot of benefit into it. You will easily to buy that book

in the book retail outlet or you can order it through online. The publisher in this book sells the e-book too. It makes you easier to read this book, as you can read this book in your Cell phone. So there is no reason to you to past this e-book from your list.

Teresa Spillman:

Precisely why? Because this The Year of Magical Thinking is an unordinary book that the inside of the publication waiting for you to snap that but latter it will surprise you with the secret it inside. Reading this book next to it was fantastic author who else write the book in such incredible way makes the content inside of easier to understand, entertaining way but still convey the meaning entirely. So , it is good for you because of not hesitating having this any longer or you going to regret it. This excellent book will give you a lot of advantages than the other book have such as help improving your proficiency and your critical thinking approach. So , still want to postpone having that book? If I had been you I will go to the e-book store hurriedly.

Elizabeth Morris:

The Year of Magical Thinking can be one of your beginning books that are good idea. We recommend that straight away because this e-book has good vocabulary which could increase your knowledge in terminology, easy to understand, bit entertaining however delivering the information. The copy writer giving his/her effort to set every word into enjoyment arrangement in writing The Year of Magical Thinking nevertheless doesn't forget the main point, giving the reader the hottest and based confirm resource facts that maybe you can be certainly one of it. This great information can easily drawn you into brand new stage of crucial pondering.

Emily Boyd:

Is it you who having spare time in that case spend it whole day by simply watching television programs or just resting on the bed? Do you need something totally new? This The Year of Magical Thinking can be the reply, oh how comes? A fresh book you know. You are consequently out of date, spending your extra time by reading in this brand new era is common not a nerd activity. So what these publications have than the others?

Download and Read Online The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion #X8ZV1UN62QA

Read The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion for online ebook

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion books to read online.

Online The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion ebook PDF download

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion Doc

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion Mobipocket

The Year of Magical Thinking By Joan Didion EPub