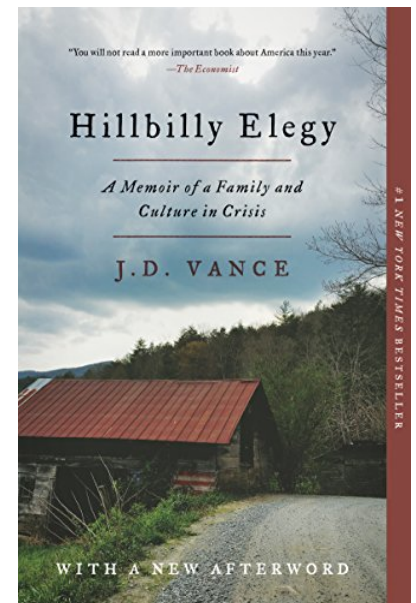


# Hillbilly Elegy Book Summary (PDF) by J.D. Vance

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## Why This Book Matters:

Hillbilly Elegy highlights the troubles and eventual triumph of a man who pushed himself out of poverty-stricken Middletown, Ohio.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **J.D. Vance was raised in a part of America that was overwhelmed with poverty.**
  1. If Being poor was not a new occurrence for Vance in his family, for it seemed like poverty was passed down as a family keepsake.
2. **Vance never had it easy, even from the beginning.**
  1. Though Vance's mother tried to put him on the right path early on by showing him the importance of education, J.D.'s hard life at home was a huge distraction.
3. **Vance moved place to place a teen, the only permanent**

**thing in his life being his grandfather.**

1. Papaw invested in J.D.'s future, which made his death that much harder on Vance.
4. **After Vance's mother was admitted to psychiatric care, J.D.'s grandmother helped put J.D.'s life on the right path.**
  1. A stable home was found at Mamaw's, giving J.D. the example he needed to work in the military.
5. **The military gave Vance the confidence he needed to take charge of his civilian life.**
  1. After the military, J.D. took the steps he needed to secure a professional future for himself.

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