

# Talking to Strangers Book Summary (PDF) by Malcolm Gladwell

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Talking  
to  
Strangers



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## Why This Book Matters:

Talking to Strangers explains how we judge strangers and hold on to our beliefs of these people despite the little knowledge we have of them.

## The Big Takeaways:

- 1. We are not as capable as we think we are when it comes to making judgments of others.**
  1. If We believe that we can predict the life of a stranger easily, but that's not the case.
- 2. We do not notice when people are tricking us from the get-go.**
  1. Our default is to believe people are telling the truth.
- 3. Someone's physical being cannot tell you their entire**

### **life's history.**

1. We cannot take everything at face value, for not everyone shows their emotion.
4. **When a stranger is jaded, we will automatically make the wrong assumptions.**
  1. Body language does not always tell the whole truth. Some liars will come off as honest people, while some honest people will come off as liars.
5. **Adding alcohol to the mix furthers our misjudgments.**
  1. Alcohol switches our focus from the long-term to the short, clouding our personality and throwing our judgment off.

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