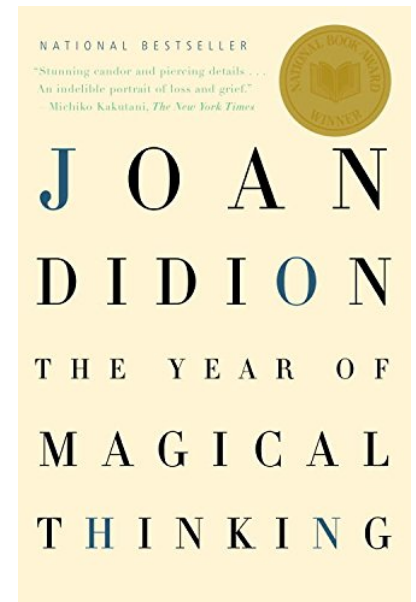


# The Year of Magical Thinking Book Summary (PDF) by Joan Didion

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## Why This Book Matters:

The Year of Magical Thinking is a memoir detailing the effects of grief and loss on Joan Didion's personal life.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Joan experienced loss in a way that was normal yet felt strange.**
  1. If Her daughter had been hospitalized with pneumonia, and her husband suffered cardiac arrest.
2. **Although her husband had just died, Joan found a way to recover her agency.**
  1. She considered getting both her husband and daughter in the same hospital.
3. **The memories Joan carried of her husband and their**

**marriage played a significant role in her grief.**

1. She tried to carry out the memories on her own but was not always successful.

**4. Joan eventually entered denial about the death of her husband, John.**

1. She started considering the “What if’s?” and found herself unable to accept his death.

**5. Sometimes life does not have happy endings for our loved ones, but we must keep moving forward.**

1. The only way to move on is to let go.

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