



Book Review

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Title : My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions

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Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India, was one of the greatest admired figures in the country. He was widely regarded as the ‘Missile Man of India’ for his marvelous contribution to India’s missile and space initiatives. He was not only a great scientist but a humble and caring person too. The millions of individual draw motivation from his life for his wisdom, simplicity, and profound love of the country.

My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions offers readers a vision into the personal situations that shaped Dr Kalam’s character. This book is more personal than his famous novels *Wings of fire* and *Ignited minds*. It is a collection of short stories and thoughts at distinct phases of his life, emphasizing the lessons he learnt on his journey. It is a series of brief yet influential episodes starting with Kalam’s boyhood in Rameswaram, a small village in Tamil Nadu. These episodes tell readers about his challenges, friends, and family who helped him sail the journey. He talked about helping his father in making boats and distributing newspapers before school. He has grown up in a home with strong moral and spiritual beliefs. From these experiences he learned the significance of discipline, tenacity, of work. What moves one most in the book is Kalam’s thankfulness to his professors and mentors. He often talks about the people that encouraged him to dream greater than his circumstances and to work towards

lofty ambitions. They helped him become the leader and scientist he was to become.

The language of the book is simple and easy to follow, making it suitable for young readers, especially students. The book is organized into twelve short chapters, and each chapter reads like a fable, ending with an implicit moral. Kalam does not use heavy scientific terms or complicated sentences. Instead, he tells his life story in a clear and friendly manner. Readers find the book not only enjoyable but also connected. Even those who are not used to reading autobiographies or non-fiction will find this book interesting. It is available in multiple Indian languages. The cover Page features a portrait of Kalam with his signature smile. The design of the book reflects Kalam’s simplicity and grace. Throughout the book, Kalam focuses on the importance of dreaming big and working hard. He believed that dreams are not just what we see when we sleep, but those that keep us awake and push us to do something meaningful in life. His message is inspirational and practical at the same time and reminds us that success is the product of persistent effort and perseverance.

The book is incredibly encouraging however some readers may want to read more about Kalam’s scientific achievements or his term as President of India. The author focused on individual experience and life lessons rather than technical advances or political events. It is

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a meditation rather than history, a meditation on the values that inspired an incredible existence.

My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions is a thrilling, inspiring, and thought-provoking book. It is much more than the chronicle of an extraordinary person. It teaches the reader various personality traits that can be applied to their own lives. Dr. Kalam's

individual experiences tell us that the biggest obstacles can be overcome with honesty, determination, and trust. This book is necessary to read for students, recent graduates, and young professionals who need a dose of motivation for achieving their aspirations with confidence and purpose.