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The Unexpected Wisdom
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Martin Shkreli became infamous in 2015 after raising the price for the drug Daraprim, used to treat toxoplasmosis and cystoisosporiasis, from \$13.50 per pill, to \$750 per pill.

In wake of his newly found notoriety, Martin would hang out online with his legion of followers and fans, usually livestreaming his life daily - as well as teaching an occasional investment class - on YouTube, Blab, and other various streaming websites.

The contents of this book are transcriptions of Shkreli's very own words pulled from archived copies of his livestreams. Inside you'll find many interesting stories, profound truths, and ideas on a wide variety of topics from religion to drug prices and everything in between.

Hopefully this book will dispel some of the many misconceptions about the so-called Pharma Bro, as well as helping the reading understand the man behind one of the biggest media storms of the 21st century.



Intelligence Doesn't Equal Success

People have a very poor concept of what it takes to succeed in the world. It's not just intelligence; you have work ethic and other such things which are tangible. Knowledge is different from intellect. There is also effort, state of mind, perseverance, someone's consistency and emotions. There are so many things that go into it.

Success is just one abstraction of intelligence, it's not the only abstraction. Creativity is also extremely important. There are a lot of people much smarter than me, but none of them are more creative than me. There are very few people who will work harder.

I wouldn't say I'm threatened by anybody more intelligent than me. I enjoy meeting smart people, I seek them out.



On Alcohol

It's not fun for me to drink, because when I go out and drink a lot, I get sick to my stomach and vomit. Like most people, I don't notice, I guess, that I'm getting that drunk and nobody fucking stops me.

Anyway, whenever I'm drinking, I've got my guard up about not drinking too much. I don't want to throw up, it's a fucking painful experience. It's gross, painful, takes forever.

You know, one time I was at a club, and I drank so much that I was going to throw up in the fucking club. It fucking sucks. It's not fun to get that drunk. It's a delayed effect!



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