

Before I Die



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Synopsis

After losing someone she loved, artist Candy Chang painted the side of an abandoned house in her New Orleans neighborhood with chalkboard paint and stenciled the sentence, "Before I die I want to ____." Within a day of the wall's completion, it was covered in colorful chalk dreams as neighbors stopped and reflected on their lives. Since then, more than four hundred Before I Die walls have been created by people all over the world. This beautiful hardcover book is an inspiring celebration of these walls and the stories behind them. Filled with hope, fear, humor, and heartbreak, Before I Die presents an intimate portrait of the dreams within our communities and a chance to ponder life's ultimate question.

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Customer Reviews

You've probably heard advice "live your life to the fullest" or "follow your dreams". The problem is we're so busy in our everyday lives that we focus on day to day tasks instead of what we really want from life."Before I Die" started as a community project, that made people stop and think about things that are really important. Different people finished the sentence Before I die I want to... Some of these dreams are beautiful, some are quite vague (like "change my life"), some are funny. All of

them make you think about your dreams, about things that are important to you. And if you're a little like me you probably think that you'll have time to do them all, or some of them at least. The book really forces you to stop for a moment and answer the question: what do I want to do before I die? and maybe: Why don't i do it now? Right away? Really love the book and I have a feeling I'll be coming back to it often.

Before I Die is a lovely book which explores the goals, dreams and desires of citizens around the globe. Candy Chang installed walls which say "Before I die I want to..." all around the world. She then took pictures of the walls, chronicling shared human aspirations. With photos and excerpts, this book is both inspiring and thought provoking. Entries like before I die I want to "bring peace of mind to my mom," "visit the Taj Mahal," "have a great love of my life," and "base jump off the Empire State building" are both motivating and endearing. Other entries such as before I die I want to "win the biggest trophy in the whole wide world," "taste all the fruit there is," and "drive an ice cream truck" are humorous and sweet. There is even a chapter on remixes (for example, before I graduate, I want to...). This is a perfect Christmas gift which is sure to start discussions and get people thinking about their innermost goals and dreams. I truly enjoyed this - I just wanted more of it.

Do NOT get this book in kindle form. The font is impossible to read, and you have to click on every single paragraph to make it larger. It is a pain to read. This book needs to be purchased in hard copy only.

The thoughts are shallow, deep, and everything in between, just as humans are... not too many real surprises but warm and touching in many ways. Well worth the cost to journey into the hearts of other humans.

Go get it! Our little wall in Cebu, Philippines is featured in this book. This is an excellent way of pushing ones passion further, by making it a tool to inspire others. I was surely inspired and lead the creation of the wall in Cebu. What a gift!

By Sally Howard, November 16, 2013, Selma, Alabama
BEFORE I DIE by Candy Chang is the ULTIMATE coffee table book! It was written to chronicle the spread of a simple project she began as a labor of love - a testament to life which was born of her grief on the loss of her mother-figure. It

tells the story of how one small project begun in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA is sweeping the worldâ and it is sweeping the world because it encourages us to think at an intensely personal level about the incredible gift of LIFE. Let it randomly fall open to any page, and on that page is found thought-provoking inspiration, maybe laughter or maybe tears. Each person who reads it will find something that speaks to the individual soul.BEFORE I DIE belongs in every hotel room, every waiting room, every lobby â perhaps it even belongs alongside the scriptures of every faithâ ..because it addresses the one thing most human beings never do, and that is to actively and purposefully think about what we really want to accomplish while we are here. It asks us to ponder our lives, to look inward, to aspire to something more than existence. It asks us to leave this world a better place because we were in it.It invites us to dance with life!

Loved the book. Her inspiration and dedication for the book was incredibly real and honest by her superior deliverment. The further you get in the book the more you feel involved and the feeling of being apart of such a nice and beautiful message. Makes me want to join something as awesome :) Great but and conversation starter :)Second pic two last pics in collage wasn't from book. I took while eating dinner in Montreal :)

This is a book about an absolutely GREAT project that everyone needs to hear (and think) about. What's on YOUR 'Bucket List'?

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