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By far the best book I have read in a long long time.

One can simply begin from any page,for each note makes so much sense that we get lost in them , sometimes chuckling & often amazed .

Here are MY learnings from

" A Book of Simple Living" by Ruskin Bond.

A Book of Simple Living

Brief Notes from the Hills

'A lyrical and spare work...Anyone as yet
unacquainted with Bond's enduring grace
could well start here.'—Scrollin



RUSKIN BOND

#Life is simple despite all its hardships and complexities .
For the purpose of life is to live

Now, how we choose to live our life makes it simple or complicated.

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Do we chase #happiness by climbing infinite mountains in the quest for fame & wealth or do we savour the goodness in the little things that often come our way but go unnoticed and unappreciated by us ?
For ultimately , " It is the little things that matter the most " .

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#Forgiveness is the key to a good night's sleep . We clutter our minds when we cannot forgive.

We may be wronged many a times but one must learn to forgive even without receiving any apology .

For then the day's deeds are truly done .

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#Nature is the best teacher and companion .
She gives us everything , expecting nothing in return .
But she is a force to reckon with when meddled with ...
Be like nature - generous and kind always but don't let others take you for granted .

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Life isn't a bed of roses and yet quite often , we do have roses out of season ...
It's just that we fail to acknowledge them .
So let's start by practising #gratitude every single day . We have so much to be thankful for !!

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There is bliss in not knowing everything !
It's good to have a #mystery at times to savour in solitude..
Let us not try to figure out everything in life .
Let us simply be ...

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#Slow is good .
Slow down time & again to appreciate everything around you.
Enjoy #mindfulness and even a bad day shall become good !!

Listening to the birds chirping , the cooing of an infant , the aroma of wet soil , the scent of a lime
Create memories!!

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#Meditation or #Contemplation ?

A healthy mix of both ought to do the trick .

Nothing can be forced afterall ...

Whatever comes naturally should be followed ...

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Be less materialistic and life becomes so much simpler !!

#Money is a necessity but the key is to have as much as needed ,or maybe a little more to share with the less privileged.

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Life isn't a #timetable to be adhered to .

Live the moments - good or bad , enjoy it while it lasts ...

For later, only the #memories shall remain and they too shall fade over time.

Let them not linger .

Let them be fleeting

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My personal favourite*

" The pleasure of #travel is in the journey ,not so much in reaching one's destination" .

Enjoy the journey . Laugh your heart out . Get lost ! Get exasperated ! Be in awe , scream out in joy ... It is all a part of the journey ! Cherish it !

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"It is courage ,not luck ,that takes us through to the end of the road" .

Now #courage could mean anything ! As simple as being honest , to standing up alone , to lying for the greater good ,to knowing our imperfections...

Courage is subjective and rightly so .

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We may lose something precious but gain twice as much in return in different ways , only if we choose to look at it positively.

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Learn to make #peace with your #losses .

The sooner, the better.

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" Aim at the sun and you may not reach it , but your arrow will fly far higher than if you had aimed at an object on a level with yourself " .

If something really matters to you, give it all you have got .

Now #success isn't in our hands.

But the #efforts certainly are !!

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#Fame is temporary . Don't hang onto it . Learn to let go and simply make it your past .

Welcome it . Embrace it gracefully for we have had our moment .

Now it is time for someone else to have their's

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#Friendship can emerge in the strangest of circumstances , in the queerest of places ,with the most unimaginable living beings

All provided , we take a chance !

All it takes is #willingness and a smiling face certainly does work up a charm...

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#Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication ! Be it in living or writing !!

Being simple helps us being understood better, for our aim ultimately is to connect .

Being understood triumphs sounding smart using a host of complicated words.

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#Acceptance in relationships is the key .

Each one of us is unique . We can't expect people to change themselves because we wish so .

Adjustments , yes . .

The key is take both the good and the ugly , the same way .

For we cannot take the love but spurn the lover .

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#Humour is our best friend during our worst times !

We must learn to laugh our troubles away and also at ourselves !!

One must not take life too seriously .

I mean as @position_trader says , we aren't that all that special , for life to single us out!!! ■

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Another brilliant note !

Avoid mirrors as far as possible and instead look at the contours of the creations of the world! There is so much to learn & gasp out aloud !

Our beauty is all temporary and frankly of no use to anyone !
For handsome is as handsome does. :)

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#Dreams have no expiry date ! Don't give the excuse of age or non availability of time .

If we really wish to pursue something we shall make time for it !

Never quit on your dreams for until death comes , all is life !!