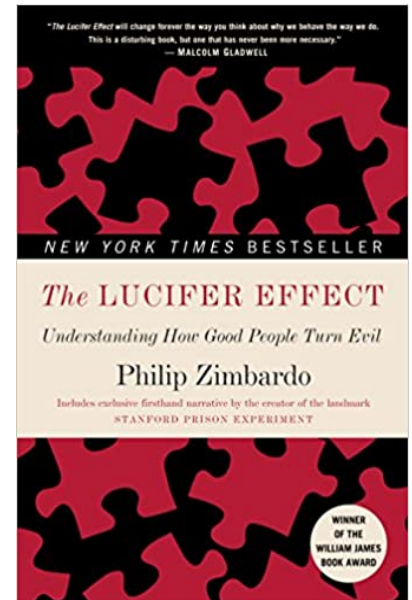


The Lucifer Effect Book Summary (PDF) by Philip Zimbardo

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Why This Book Matters:

The Lucifer Effect explains how every person is capable of doing evil things.

The Big Takeaways:

1. **Everyone is capable of doing evil things.**
 1. If we look at our past, we would see ourselves do some “bad” things outside of our norm.
2. **We don't have a singular personality.**
 1. Our personalities are capable of switching to the one that helps us out most during that given time.
3. **An experiment at Stanford showed that people are capable of evil, even when that's not their normal behavior.**
 1. The Stanford prison experiment gave men randomly-assigned roles in a mock prison which proved that

people's personalities can change for the worse.

4. One of the most common factors of evil actions is a willingness to comply.

1. The authority figure in any situation can easily influence the people around them.

5. People will act out more if they aren't responsible for the things they do.

1. Without consequences, evil actions would be more prevalent.

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