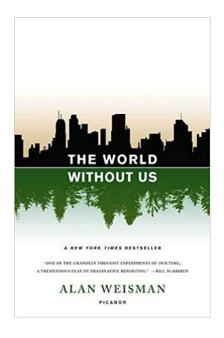
# The World Without Us Book Summary (PDF) by Alan Weisman

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# Why This Book Matters:

The World Without Us discusses how the world would change if humanity suddenly disappeared, and how nature would regain its strength. However, the remnants of humans could leave irreversible damage.

# The Big Takeaways:

- 1. Plastic will remain in nature eternally because it does not break down in the environment.
  - If Erosion will break down plastic into smaller and smaller pieces, but they will never completely biodegrade.
- 2. Unwanted nuclear energy will put the planet in danger because humans will not be here to control it.
  - While nuclear plants would not necessarily explode, they would turn into radioactive material and wreak havoc on the surrounding area.

- 3. It will take centuries for nature to regrow across the globe.
  - 1. Although humans have wholly altered the world, nature would eventually grow back to its natural
- 4. Domesticated animals will cease to exist, while predators will continue to climb the food chain.
  - Domesticated animals rely almost completely on humans for their survival, and without humans, they would not be able to survive.
- 5. Endangered species will have a chance to recover their populations and will no longer face extinction.
  - 1. Hunting will no longer exist, their habitats will be naturally protected, and they will recover.

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