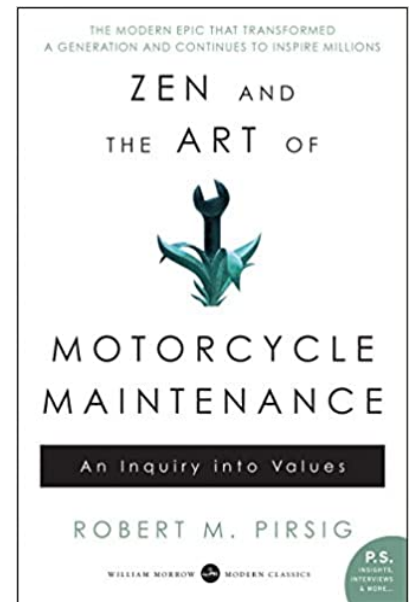


Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance Book Summary (PDF) by Robert Pirsig

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Why This Book Matters:

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance shows readers the differences between the classical and romantic brain, and how both sides can come together to create a deeper understanding of life itself.

The Big Takeaways:

- 1. One of the most popular Western ideals is the brain's ability to reason.**
 1. If The idea of motorcycle maintenance is methodical and exact, similar to that of rational thinking, often referred to as "classical."
- 2. At the opposite end of the spectrum is the creative mind.**
 1. This side of the brain is more in-tune with

emotion, often referred to as the “romantic.”

3. Behind every possibility is a number of other possibilities.

1. The narrator remembers his madness along his journey; something he realized was an endless number of solutions to the same problem.

4. Quality combines the classical and the romantic.

1. Modern-day society is often viewed as lacking deeper insight of the world due to their obsession with rational thinking. Quality is the idea that a balance between these two methods of thinking can exist and benefit humans.

5. Quality is not an easy solution.

1. Both struggle and relief are the outcomes of striving for a life of quality.

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