

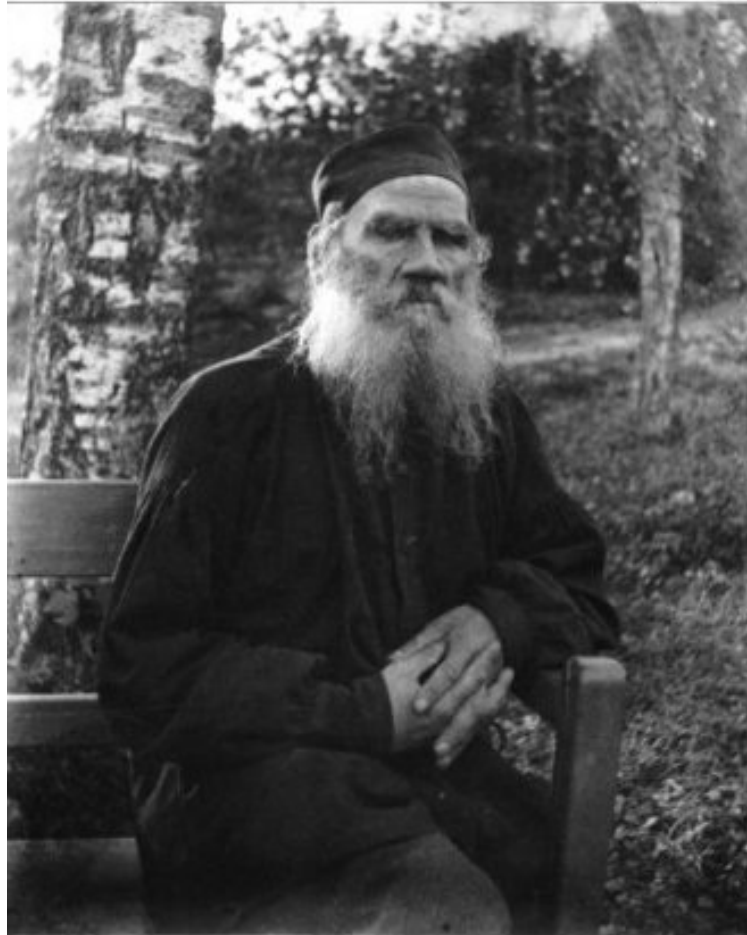
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life. As he lay dying, the only pleasantries he could recall is from his distant childhood when his path was clear and his vision unclouded by ambition. Modern society is indeed a fierce experimentation ground for Social Darwinism: only the stronger survive, and the stronger pays the ultimate price with their soul in order to sustain the forever momentum of the conformist world. Death is no longer an end, it is the beginning, it is the resurrection Ivan Ilych could not achieve during his lifetime when he was dazzled by the illusions of life. But what of that life? He never lived as a person, instead, along with other toiling automatons striving to shed individuality in order to paint a great picture of unity, Ivan Ilych glided across time to reach the end without having once set foot on his path. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. excelente tematica Von Luis Mendez la novela es corta y tiene una tematica excitante y a veces escalofriante, la perspectiva de la muerte cercana a una edad temprana. el autor estuvo durante los últimos años de su vida casi paralizado de temor por la muerte y la vejez, tanto es así que murió como si estuviese huyendo de ella. esta pequeña novela refleja sus miedos y angustias, ya que presenta a un hombre sano que contrae una enfermedad y que sabe que su fin está cerca y no se resigna a morir como debemos morir todos los seres humanos, con dignidad .... LUIS MENDEZ luismendez@codetel.net.do 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. If only I could give it more stars Von Silvia Death of Ivan Ilich is one of the greatest things ever written! It follows the life story of Ivan Ilich but specifically his dying. This story is a lesson for life, for everybody that reads it, because it demonstrates how a person can make all the socially acceptable choices yet all the wrong ones, personally. Ivan Ilich did everything that was expected of him, and what he expected of himself, yet, he never knew that he never really lived, that he was never happy. That is to say he never knew it, until it was too late, until he was about to die. This story, for me at least, is not about death as it is about life. It's about doing all the right things yet finding out you are all alone in the world. Nobody really loves you and you don't love anyone. You ("IVAN") never liked your job and never had any real friends and the last time you were really happy was when you were four years old. The worse thing is that you can't do anything about it, now! Tolstoy manages to take the reader and lead him through Ivan's life until his last breath, until you feel, you almost die with him. It is an incredible experience that will make you stop and think about life and what you want to make of it before it's too late.

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