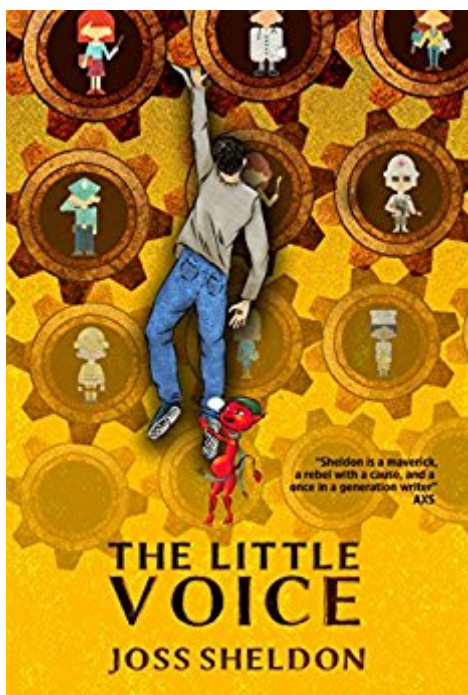


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Customer Reviews

The story begins with a little boy named Yew who, at the age of six, begins to listen to the "egot" inside of him that tells him to do bad things like act out in class and break school rules. The egot tells him he'll be free and be happy and Yew is free and happy until one day when he's punished for his behavior by the school and his parents. The egot continues to urge Yew to do bad things but Yew, for the most part, refuses and the egot gets smaller and weaker. Over time, Yew becomes a "good boy" and follows the rules whether he agrees with them or not, not because he wants to but to avoid negative reinforcement. He continues to grow up, fit in, get a job, and become an adult because that's what he's supposed to do. Until he doesn't any longer. And, that's where the story really gets interesting and makes you think. I received a book but was not required to review it. As a psychology major in college, this story fascinated me, not only because it's well-written and interesting, but because it mirrors our lives so completely. I found myself nodding along with what Yew was thinking and remembering days that I made the choices he made, and it gave me a firmer understanding of why. I think that the only way we can really, truly be happy is by paying attention to the lesson he learned at the end. Since I want you to read this because it's the only way you'll really understand it, I'm not going to tell you what that lesson was, but I will leave you with this quote from Lao Tzu: At the centre of your being you have the answer; you know who you are and you know what you want.

This book is one that I normally don't review. I read a variety of things of course, but my reviews mainly stem on science fiction and fantasy- my favorite genres. Needless to say, this was not in that genre. This was a literary piece filled with psychological and philosophical notions. The writing style is different than I'm used to reading. I believe it's second person prose. However, the author did this on purpose and it worked. Yew is the main character of this story who when he turns six, starts listening to the "egot" inside of him. This was an interesting play on

words and if you are familiar with psychological theory you will understand where the inspiration for this comes from. Throughout his life, Yew then obeys rules and the ego becomes smaller and smaller until he eventually forgets it. Then one day in adulthood, after a chance meeting with someone from his past, he finally "snaps." At times this book can seem a bit over-saturated with case studies in psychology but it does help to move the story along. It can actually help a person who may not be familiar with the concepts used throughout the book so it works if you have no background knowledge but paradoxically, you need some background knowledge to fully appreciate what you are reading. Anyway, this book combines both psychological concepts and eastern philosophy via Lao Tzu. So in a way, it's academic brain candy but written in a way almost everyone would understand. I wouldn't be surprised if this book was eventually used in a high school classroom or rather, a university classroom. Needless to say, this was a page turner and certainly something to keep your eye on. What the author presents in his book certainly makes you think and he leaves it up to you to interpret the end of the story for yourself. It's a good book. And definitely, one that should be read by all.

Thank you Joss Sheldon for *The Little Voice*. This was a thought provoking story about a character named Yew Shodkin- starts off a boy, then a teenager and eventually a grown man that just wants to be free from what society wants him to be. Yew Shodkin just wants to live off the land surrounded by nature, free. If I could ask Yew a few questions they would be as follows: If you have children would you go back to a job you hate in order to provide for your family? Would you teach your children *The Wisdom of Lao Tzu* or the Bible, maybe both? Would you continue living in the woods off the land and hope your children don't resent you when they grow up, for not allowing them to have a childhood like other children in school? Sometimes conformity is not always easy and we may not like it or want it. At times our circumstances may push us into a certain way of life; either because lack of money, education, where we were born. Getting educated may not help remove us from our environment but it can help a person stand up for what is right and to Respond Intelligently to unintelligent treatment - Lao Tzu (Spoilers) No, we cannot all have our homes in the woods but we can create our own silent forest within our own environment. This book was inspirational in a sense that Yew begins to see things differently to break out of what was holding his desire to be free. He came to appreciate, people, family nature a place he belonged a place he valued. Sadly, it seems Yew was failing to value himself.

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