

A Natural History of Love By Diane Ackerman **A Natural History of Love book summary** While describing the work of Interplast surgeons in Honduras she used the phrase gross deformities for example and I don't think I'm being oversensitive to wince a little at that phrase. **A Natural History of Love book pdf** You will ponder questions such as why adultery is so common why people find babies (and pets) adorable why it's so common for patients to fall in love with their therapists where the idea of chivalry came from. **A Natural History of Love books** Besides isn't it true that the more we read the more we find connections among our readings? 0517170841 There was a sad lack of representation of non-heteronormative romantic relationships in this book and some of the ideas about gender and how it fits in society are quite outdated. **A Natural History of Love book summary** The skirt-chasing habits of Benjamin Franklin in France the hilariously naïve modern marriage traditions (such as the fact that groomsmen were first introduced to the marriage event during kidnap-weddings to prevent the bride's angry family from rescuing her before the deed was done) the prevalence of open(-esque) relationships throughout history and even a little neurochemistry. **A Natural History of Love book pdf** For example that the idea of romantic love didn't even exist in Western culture until relatively recently and her treatment of that development through the dark ages and renaissance is plausible and interesting. **A Natural History of Love kindle cloud** However she then fails to catch herself making massive present- and western-centric assumptions about 'innate' qualities of men and women and then asserts these ideas in a self-assured way that makes me doubt her confidence on other important topics in the text. **Book A Natural History of lovely** For example she frequently pulls cards from sexual conflict theory which are in the process of being heavily nerfed by recent findings in evolutionary psychology and even goes so far as to make claims like . **A Natural History of Love pdf filler** (Really? Do men really not ask for directions when they're lost? Or is that a relatively modern western tendency that's been made into a meme to drive comedy or sales of Men are from Mars Women are from Venus-style books?) Moving on this author does have quite the knack for poetic beauty as many of the passages are extremely descriptive. **Natural history los angeles** -A Long Desire: The History of Love-The Heart is a Lonely Heart: Ideas About Love-All Fires the Fire: The Nature of Love Because I'm one of those scatter-brained readers I paused there. **Book A Natural History of lovely** The book started to read like rambling as if she's trying to answer the question How much can I milk ideas about love with anything sensational or provocative? I lost interest and put the book down maybe I'll pick it up again another day when I'm in the mood for something weird. **Book A Natural History of love and marriage** The writing is horribly florid and overwrought with only the faintest sprinkling of history spread so far and few amongst the pages that the only reason I kept turning them was in an attempt to find something interesting. **A Natural History of Love poetry pdf** 0517170841 I decided to write my very first review for this book but GoodReads decided that it would be a fabulous idea to no longer function after I clicked the submit button. **A Natural History of lovejay** Best so far is her explanation of the knight's role with his lady: lingering in the deliciousness of physical desire playing peek-a-boo with certain body parts titillating but rarely touching -- all in the name of adding a spice to the Lady's eroticless marriage and elevating the knight's virtue! Yum! If I smoked I'd need a cigarette after reading that. **Book A Natural History of lovesac** 0517170841 The historical background on love through the ages and in different cultures was really interesting (granted it was very Western) and followed a nice progression from ancient Greece to the Victorian era. **A Natural History of Love book pdf** A Natural History of Love Diane Ackerman has been the finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction in addition to many other awards and recognitions for her work which include the bestsellers The Zookeeper's Wife and A Natural History of the Senses. **PDF A Natural History of lovely** The Zookeeper's Wife a little known true story of WWII became a New York Times bestseller and received the Orion Book Award which honored it as a groundbreaking work of nonfiction. **Science A Natural History of love pdf free** Diane Ackerman has been the finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction in addition to many other awards and recognitions for her work which include the bestsellers The Zookeeper's Wife and A Natural History of the Senses. **Book A Natural History of loveland** The Zookeeper's Wife a little known true story of WWII became a New

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Partially my own fault for not liking it I was really hoping for an actual history book, **Historic people brought to life** Too little scholarship too much of the author's musings on love. **Natural history los angeles** Then again that's my taste - it might be great for others. **A Natural History of Love Literature nonfiction text** It's like a really good class one that is enlightening eye-opening thought-provoking, **Historic people brought to life** One that makes connections bringing together various disciplines and perspectives. **A Natural History of lovejay** Ackerman looks at it historically mythologically psychologically biologically anthropologically and spiritually, **A Natural History of Love science daily** Although I get the feeling she may be a trained scientist she writes with an apparent command of all of these frameworks. **Kindle A Natural History of love book** Her writing is characterized by persistent specificity richly detailed and intelligent enthusiasm, **A Natural History of Love ebooks online** She approaches all aspects of her subject from the etymology of the nastiest word in English to the ecstasies of medieval saints with candor and enthusiasm, **PDF A Natural History of love book** Her descriptions are precise and her reasoning well grounded but her tone borders on gushy: **A Natural History of Love science daily** She indulges a massive vocabulary a keen perception of sensory detail and a love of the well-turned phrase. **A Natural History of Love kindle direct** At times I thought Ackerman overgeneralized about men and women or overemphasized the pervasiveness of sexuality (granted that is tough to do but it is possible). **Literature Nonfiction A Natural History of love** And while I enjoy her full-throttle approach to writing--her obvious relish for words and images--there are times when it just feels like she is showing off: **A Natural History of Love book summary** Some readers might find themselves rolling their eyes quite a bit but I can't say that I did much of that, **Book A Natural History of lovesac** But notice that these complaints only lost the author one star: **Book A Natural History of loveland** That's because they are far outweighed by the overall brilliance of this book. **A Natural History of Love epub free** Read it and you will have a better understanding of Shakespeare Freud Darwin and Plato. **A Natural History of Love kindle app** You will learn about marriage customs the Indianapolis 500 aphrodisiacs and fashionable perversion, **Book A Natural History of love and hip** You will revisit many (most?) of the greatest love stories in the world and see them processed in a literary blender with recent developments in brain chemistry. **PDF A Natural History of lovesac** A Natural History of Love is simply a feast both fortifying and delectable, **Science A Natural History of lovely** It moves Diane Ackerman into my short list of favorite nonfiction writers (with Annie Dillard Bill Bryson Barbara Kingsolver and Simon Winchester), **Kindle A Natural History of love pdf** Next up for me is a novel called The History of Love (Nicole Krauss), **Book A Natural History of love and marriage** Otherwise it's a very good informative book that I thoroughly enjoyed reading: **EBook A Natural History of love and marriage** I can forgive the book it's faults since it was written in the early nineties and things have changed a bit since then, **Book A Natural History of lovely** 0517170841 most of this is undermined and distracted by super problematic ideas about gender and race 0517170841 This book has a lot of really interesting content. **A Natural History of Love book review** The author is savvy enough to frequently jump out of certain existing norms (widely thought to be 'innate') and examine them from the outside: **EBook A Natural History of love and marriage** And this is why men never ask for directions but women usually do: **PDF A Natural History of love and hip** Overall an interesting read with lots of great content and a thought-provoking (though imperfect) model of the phenomenon that drives a wild range of human behavior: **PDF A Natural History of love book** 0517170841 I loved this book when I found it in a local used book store: **A Natural History of Love book pdf** I was obsessed and read ravenously through the first couple of sections. **A Natural History of Love book review** Months later I picked it back up and felt disappointed once I got to the section A Necessary Passion: The Erotics of Love. **A**

Natural History of loveken But when she started talking about Women and Horses she lost me. **A Natural History of Love science daily** 0517170841 I couldn't drag myself through the rest of this book: **A Natural History of love**ken I got about 75% through it and that was only by skimming. **Science A Natural History of lovely** I think I would have known to stay away if the title was more accurate like A History of Stuff Diane Ackerman Rambles on About Like A Well-Spoken Stoner: **EBook A Natural History of love and marriage** Maybe it's a sign that I'm really awful at writing reviews and should just stick to rating books while brooding in my dark quiet corner of the world, **EBook A Natural History of love and death** Alas I'll leave you with this: Love feeds a million watchfires in the encampment of the body Love it or leave it. **A Natural History of Love ebook download** 0517170841 Love seems the perfect topic for a writer like Diane Ackerman to tackle -- her writing is frilly juicy bursting with enthusiasm for her subject: **A Natural History of Love book summary** Ackerman's writing may work for some but not others the way Ben and Jerry's just gets way out there with it's flavors, **A Natural History of Love science daily** But for all its literary fixin's her work is nevertheless inventive and entertaining, **A Natural History of Love book summary** After awhile the book moves into musings on love which though interesting I thought went on too long, **A Natural History of Love science daily** I would have liked more of the actual history and more perspectives from different parts of the world. **A Natural History of Love poetry pdf** 0517170841 The bestselling author of A Natural History of the Senses now explores the allure of adultery the appeal of aphrodisiacs and the cult of the kiss, **A Natural History of Love book pdf** Enchantingly written and stunningly informed this audaciously brilliant romp through the world of romantic love (Washington Post Book World) is the next best thing to love itself. **A Natural History of lovejay** A movie of The Zookeeper's Wife starring Jessica Chastain and Daniel Brühl releases in theaters March 31st 2017 from Focus Features: **Book A Natural History of love island** A movie of The Zookeeper's Wife starring Jessica Chastain and Daniel Brühl releases in theaters March 31st 2017 from Focus Features. Has some well written passages. 0517170841 Reading Diana Ackerman is like taking a class. I don't mean that in a bad way like drudgery. In this case the topic of the class is love. Not that I have no complaints. At times her word choices struck me as somewhat insensitive. Totally unrelated? Perhaps. But given Ackerman's breadth I doubt it. Those are the only qualms I have with this book though. Though a few meander a bit much for my taste. Diane's prose is wordy lovely and sensational. When she talked about history philosophy and science. I thought it was fun. But I'm usually too sober for the last 100 pages. Thanks GoodReads. Honestly I just skimmed most of them they were so long. From the Trade Paperback edition. She lives with her husband Paul West in Ithaca New York. She lives with her husband Paul West in Ithaca New York. {site_link}

