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The Dice Man by Luke Rhinehart
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About the Book

The cult classic that can still change your life...
Let the dice decide!

The rules are all around you. The rules that stop you seducing your neighbour downstairs, that stop you hitting your boss, that stop you leaving your family and leaving the country. The rules that stop you living.

The dice don't do rules; the dice do life.

In this partly autobiographical novel, Luke Rhinehart is a psychiatrist, a husband and a father. His life is locked down by routine and order – until he picks up the dice. The dice govern his every decision and each throw takes him further into a world of risk, discovery and freedom. As the cult of the dice grows around him the old order fades: chance becomes his religion, the dice his god.

If you haven't lived the life of the dice, you haven't lived at all. Let the dice decide. And roll with it.

Discussion Questions

Starting points:

In the book, Luke offers many explanations for why people should turn to the dice. How convincing did you find him? Do you think he is insane, or do you think he is a sort of anti-hero? Is there any difference?

Use the dice to determine how and which of the following to discuss (or add your own):

- § The idea of 'fate' in the book
- § The portrayal of women
- § The portrayal of psychiatrists and therapy
- § The idea of the 'establishment'

Why do you think people were so drawn to the idea of dice-living?

About the Author

Since *The Dice Man*, Luke Rhinehart has written four other acclaimed novels: *Matari*, *Long Voyage Back*, *Adventures of Wim* and the long-awaited sequel to *The Dice Man*, *The Search for the Dice Man*. His latest work is *The Book of the Die*. Luke Rhinehart lives in the United States.

Other books by Luke Rhinehart:

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