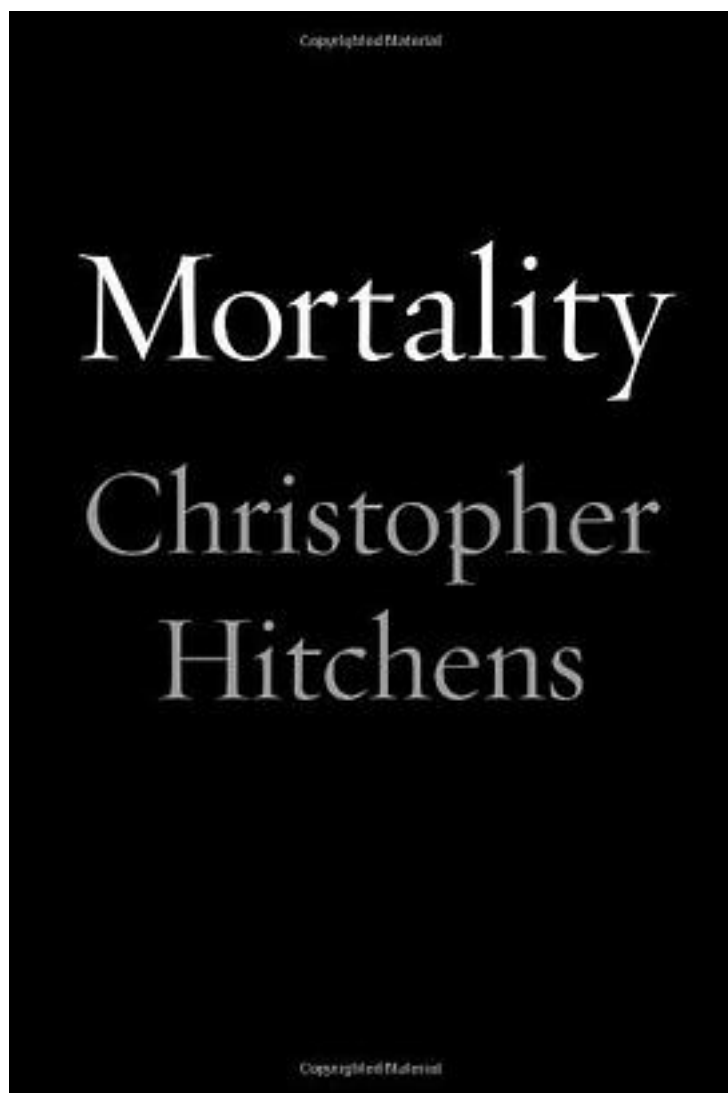


# Mortality



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On June 8, 2010, while on a book tour for his bestselling memoir, *Hitch-22*, Christopher Hitchens was stricken in his New York hotel room with excruciating pain in his chest and thorax. As he would later write in the first of a series of award-winning columns for *Vanity Fair*, he suddenly found himself being deported "from the country of the well across the stark frontier that marks off the land of malady." Over the next eighteen months, until his death in Houston on December 15, 2011, he wrote constantly and brilliantly on politics and culture, astonishing readers with his capacity for superior work even in extremis.

Throughout the course of his ordeal battling esophageal cancer, Hitchens adamantly and bravely refused the solace of religion, preferring to confront death with both eyes open. In this riveting account of his affliction, Hitchens poignantly describes the torments of illness, discusses its taboos, and explores how disease transforms experience and changes our relationship to the world around us. By turns personal and philosophical, Hitchens embraces the full panoply of human emotions as cancer invades his body and compels him to grapple with the enigma of death.

*MORTALITY* is the exemplary story of one man's refusal to cower in the face of the unknown, as well as a searching look at the human predicament. Crisp and vivid, veined throughout with penetrating intelligence, Hitchens's testament is a courageous and lucid work of literature, an affirmation of the dignity and worth of man.

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## 评论

印象最深的是他对尼采那句 “What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger” 的另类阐释

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Myself, I love the imagery of struggle, but sometimes wish I'm suffering for better causes. | Why me? Why not?

离开美国时教授送我这本探讨死亡的书留念！不知道该不该感动于对我哲思的信心。。

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2012年在BART上，一个超有气质的女生在看这本书，书名和封面实在太striking，所以回到Harvard

Sq的第一件事就是去Coop买了一本。之后这本书陪我跨过了大陆，跨过了大洋，每年都会拿出来读一次。All hail to Christopher, 你的世界里不需要天堂

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此书证明喉癌可以是自找的。。

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Still being oneself might be the best way to die? "Will I really not live to see my children married? ...To read – if indeed not to write – the obituaries of elderly villains like Henry Kissinger and Joseph Ratzinger?"|"what do I want back? In the most beautiful apposition of two of the simplest words in our language: the freedom of speech."

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Prayer-a petition that the laws of nature be suspended in favour of the petitioner himself confessedly unworthy/the unreasonable urge to have a monopoly on a veto over what's sayable/when badgered on his deathbed and urged to renounce the devil, Voltaire murmured this was no time to be making enemies/Brave?Save it for a fight you cant run away from

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智慧是有的，但是太碎片了，毕竟身体状况不允许了。

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#奇怪的读书笔记#在他精力还足够的时候，他不断地写，“我就是身体”。灵魂作为一种错觉可能是最难以摆脱的，死亡并不可怕，因为无法体验它。

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dissolve, a man engulfed by death. vertiginous. fragmentary jottings, an overflow of nietzschean vitality — can't hide the dreariness. horrified, flipped through a page, it's the last page, and find Hitchens no more. No More. "Brave? Hah! Save it for a fight you can't run away from."

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