

Book Review

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Leslie, I. (2014). *Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends on It*. New York: Basic Books. 190 pp. \$26.99

Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends On It is ideal for those who are having questions about why humans are always asking questions. Citing research and studies, the author, Ian Leslie, sought to address how humans are born curious, as well as to explain what curiosity is.

The author divides his ideas into three main parts. The first part is *How Curiosity Works*, where he introduces the concept of curiosity. In this part, the author mentioned how babies and children are curious and asked questions all the time. He mentioned that being curious means we have information gaps and by asking questions, we are trying to find answers for that gap.

In the second part, *The Curiosity Divide*, the author presents the value of the power of asking questions and the importance of knowing. It tells of how knowledge can be gained by feeding our curiosity. When one is curious, they begin asking questions and the answers to these questions become knowledge. Lastly, *Staying Curious*, is where the author includes seven ways for readers to stay curious. For this part, the author includes stories of famous people who have been curious throughout their life. All in all, this book is highly recommended for those who believe that learning never stops, and for those who are curious about their own curiosity.