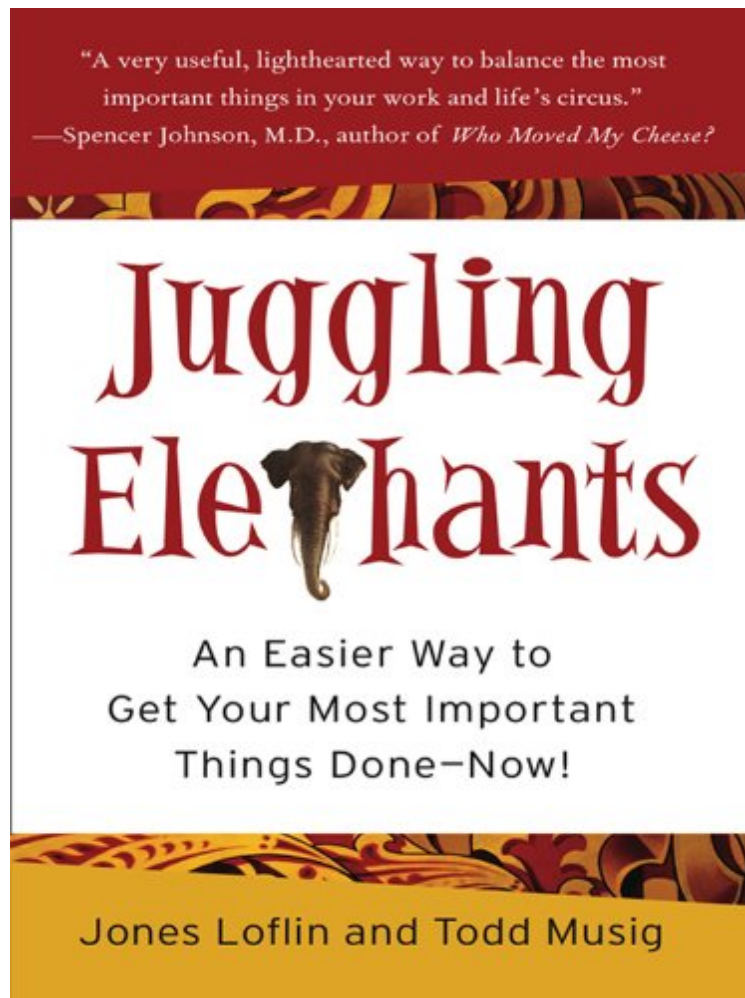


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. CD Version Review - Something to Listen to Several Times Over Years By Greeny Juggling Elephants is another VERY short story book on organizing your life and becoming more effective, another in the genre that we've come to associate with Ken Blanchard, who has given it his blessing. This story, another collaboration of authors, is worth listening to several times spaced out over a long time period but certainly, in my opinion, not sufficient by itself to become life-changing. The reason this genre sells so well, I believe, is that our lives are filled with information overload and we have extreme pressures to achieve financial security.

Information overload has added extraordinary complexity to our lives, and the gradual erosion of middle class real income has added a general cultural sense that our lives are out of control. Even our unemployed are stressed out with out-of-control to-do lists and do not experience respite from information overload. Therefore, there is a need for this genre to help us to understand why our lives are so difficult and give us small but usually short-lasting bursts of hope. You'll see that Oliver Wyman, the reader, is listed as "Contributor." I am a big fan of the excellent readers. Wyman didn't do an excellent job here, but that doesn't mean he can't be excellent in other situations. He just didn't do a good job with voices of characters, which was required for this book but not all books. I believe he'd be excellent reading books that don't require voices of characters. The story is Ok. I'll never think of circuses the same way again! It makes sense because being a ringmaster requires talent, experience and even wisdom. This type of story could be reproduced in a sense for many types of jobs, but a ringmaster is a great example for the lessons of the story. We're seeing more and more of these types of books being produced. They are always very short, teach using a simple story and stick to basic lessons that we probably already know but tend to lose sight of when we respond to the demands of daily life. They might even be a secular substitute for many people, although I am speculating when I say that. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Useful guide on how to find focus and how to apply it By Carole P. Roman Great little book about putting everything in your life into perspective. Oddly enough, I read the book last night and this morning ended up describing the methods to both my sons this morning. They were overwhelmed and complaining about all the crazy things going on, and the whole idea of changing yourself into the "ringmaster" resonated with both of them. The authors highlight the main ideas or concepts, which are all pretty much common sense, but useful to remember when we get swept up in the swirling circus of our lives. This book could be a lifeline to anyone who feels life spiraling out of control, and if they use the tools to focus, place the players to their best advantage and not get caught up in the impossible, they can find themselves sitting back and enjoying the show. Juggling Elephants is a crash course in finding your center and then strengthening it by taking command. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Such a simple yet profound book! By marcos A lot of self help books are somewhat tough to read, even more so when the author is too scholarly vs light and simple. This book provides an easy to read story and relates it to the narrator's life in a sense that can be easily understood by most any person, more so by a professional. If you are having a hard time balancing your life and professional work, notwithstanding the many other things needed by us humans, this is a must read and a definite addition to the shelf.

What do you do when your life feels as busy as a three-ring circus? Juggling Elephants tells a simple but profound story about one man with a universal problem. Mark has too much to do, too many priorities, too much stress, and too little time. As he struggles to balance his many responsibilities without cracking under the pressure, Mark takes a break to attend the circus with his family. There he has a surprising conversation with a wise ringmaster. He leaves with a simple but powerful lesson: Trying to get everything done is like juggling elephants -- impossible. So Mark begins to think about his work, family, and personal life the way a ringmaster thinks about the many acts in a three-ring circus. He discovers that managing his various acts can be fun and easy once he changes his attitude and follows his new friend's ongoing guidance. Mark soon realizes: **If you keep trying to juggle elephants, no one, including you, will be thrilled with your performance.** **A ringmaster cannot be in all three rings at once.** **The key to the success of a circus is having quality acts in all three rings.** **Intermission is an essential part of any good circus.** Juggling Elephants is a wonderfully lighthearted guide for everyone who feels like they're about to be squashed. It will help you better focus your time and energy, so you'll be able to enjoy more of the things that are important to you. Above all, it will teach you how to run your circus, instead of letting the circus run you. From the Hardcover edition.