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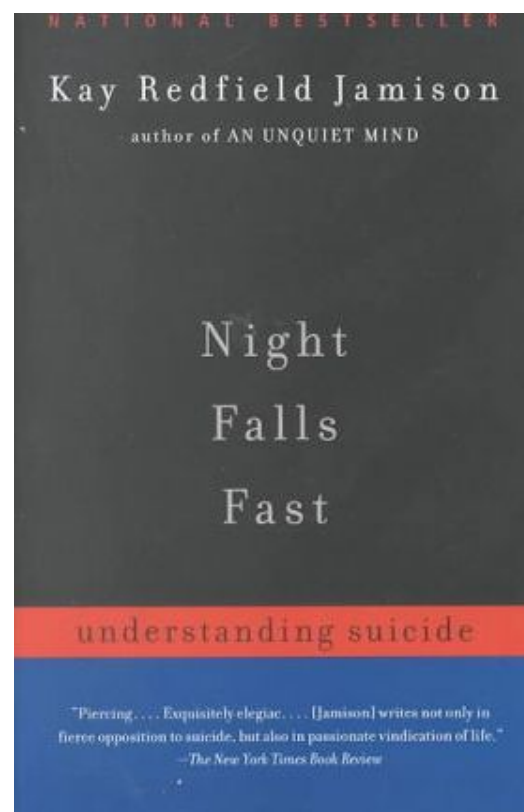
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About Kay Redfield Jamison

KAY REDFIELD JAMISON is a professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine as well as an honorary professor of English at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. She is the author of the national best sellers *An Unquiet Mind*, *Night Falls Fast*, and *Touched with Fire*. She is coauthor of the standard medical text on manic-depressive illness and author or coauthor of more than one hundred scientific papers about mood disorders, creativity, and psychopharmacology. Dr. Jamison, the recipient of numerous national and international scientific awards, is a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellow.

Review quote

"Jamison writes with authority, clarity and clinical reserve--. Powerful as her

medicine is, her poetic accounting of this dark death is more affecting still."--Baltimore Sun "Jamison brings us face to face with the suicidal mind in a manner so intense and penetrating that, paradoxically, the immersion in despair she offers is a source of great pleasure."--The Washington Post Book World "This powerful book will change people's lives--and, doubtless, save a few."--Newsday "A profound and impassioned book--it will stand as the authoritative study of suicide for many years."--William Styron, author of *Darkness Visible* "[Jamison] writes not only in fierce opposition to suicide, but also in passionate vindication of life."--The New York Times Book Review