

REVIEWED

Between Now and When

By Richard House, M.D.

A review by Mark Darrow

Between Now and When is a gripping personal narrative. It takes the reader on a well-crafted roller coaster ride that parallels the author's extraordinary spiritual experiences following his near death. Dr. House (no relation to the TV character who, come to think of it, would be hard to be related to since he's not real) explains complex metaphysical insights in a simple, elegant way, and these never get in the way of the story itself. It's an inspiring tale of personal transformation – from self-centered drunk to altruistic spiritual warrior.

As he travels around the world from California to Hawaii to Australia to India to London to South Carolina, the author's journey remains unpredictable and harrowing. At times, it's hard to believe he could've survived it. But throughout his life, Dr. House has been guided by a voice -- a power greater than himself.

The writing is taut and suspenseful. While true, Now and When often reads like a fantastic, genrebending novel. At times it illuminates the author's rich, unique inner world. On the next page, we're immersed in an exotic locale, populated by unlikely characters.

Whether or not the reader accepts the author's claims of his abilities or status, the book works as a thought-provoking explanation of what esoteric mechanisms might be operating behind the scenes to maintain the physical world.

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