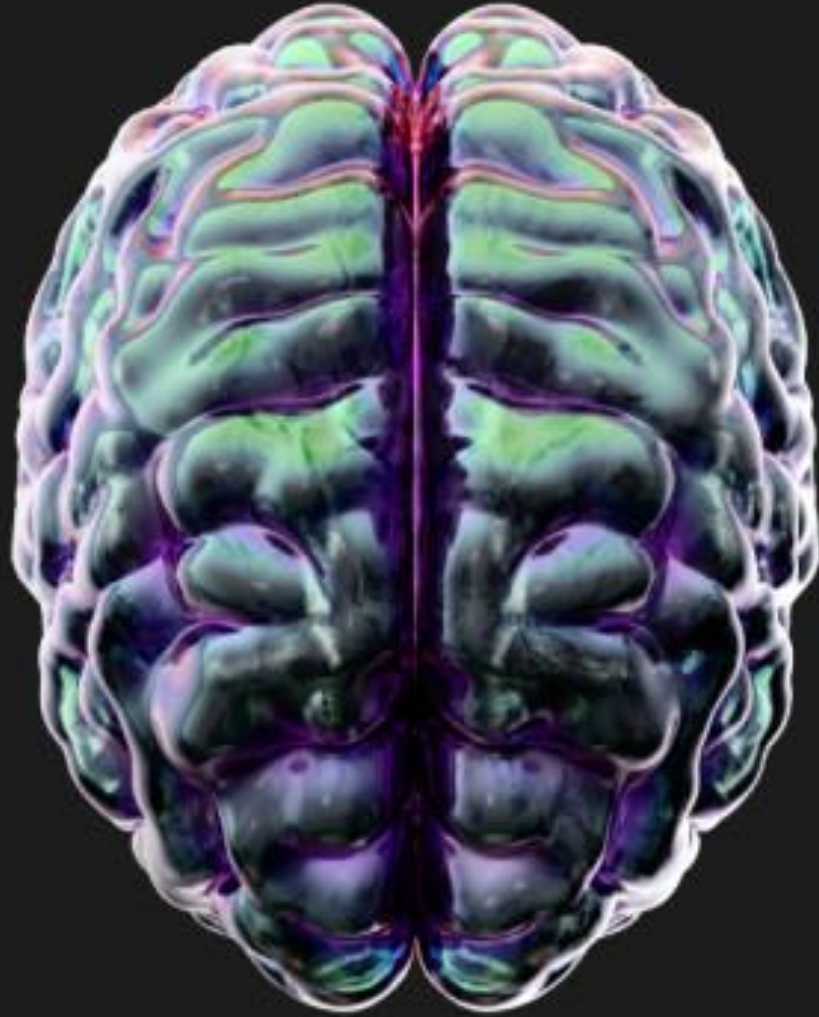


Whirligig - Paul Fleischman

Bumper Sticker

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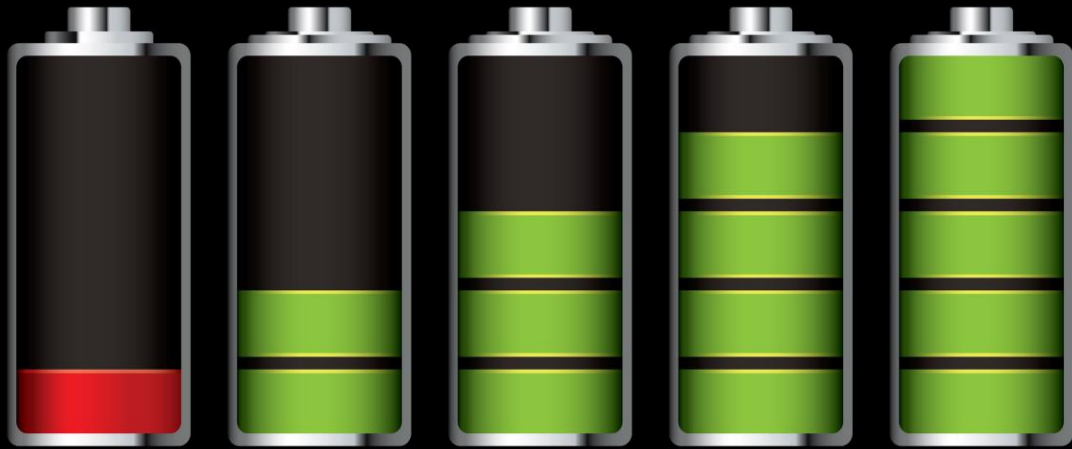
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This quote I chose is relatable to Brent Bishop, because something bad happened and he did not give up. He wanted to die that night of the party and Lea wanted to live. The world that we live in is terrible but also amazing as it can throw curve balls, make us work harder, and give us more chances for the better.

After Brent killed Lea, he did his best to keep her spirit alive. He also understood what it is like to live again. He not only started living for Lea he lived for himself, but he was also given another chance and it took him a while, but he eventually took advantage.

One cannot see their own future, but they can work and use the opportunities they are given to shape their future. With this, it relates to the quote in terms of choosing what one becomes. That even in bad situations there is always a way to work hard for a better outcome.

Near the end of the book Brent says, "The guilt hadn't magically vanished overnight" page 131-132. He was talking about how he did a terrible thing that he won't forget about, but he will try his best to live life to his fullest, to not sit around and be sad. Instead, he would get outside, meet new people and make many more whirligigs.



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This second quote I chose is about Flaco, the Miami street sweeper. He has a wife and a son, they lived with his wife’s parents. All day the TV would be blasting, all he would hear is people arguing. He just wanted the arguing to stop, he wanted peace, to be alone, and far away from land.

Flaco loved his wife Constancia but he also needed time for himself. He did not have a perfect life, he had struggles and hard times, but he also needed time to himself to recharge.

He gave me a new perspective on things. Yes, it is important to spend time with friends and family, but sometimes it is also important to take time to yourself and be alone sometimes.

“No one was there. A little breeze off the water. Very quiet. Very nice.” Page 61



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This quote is about the grandma in San Diego, California. This quote relates to her because she was in the Holocaust. She went through concentration camps in Auschwitz, and it must have been one of the hardest things a person can go through, but she made something out of it.

When the grandma talked to Jenny, she talked about how people died so that they could be laughing and living their life. She said people are good, I think in some way she meant that people do bad things but sometimes they might be having a hard time, so they take it out on others, so be nice to everyone. After the holocaust she didn’t let it affect her future, she tried her best to live her best life. She went through something horrific, yet she did her best to still be happy. “But I can tell you that all those that died want that we should have a life with laughing.” Page 114