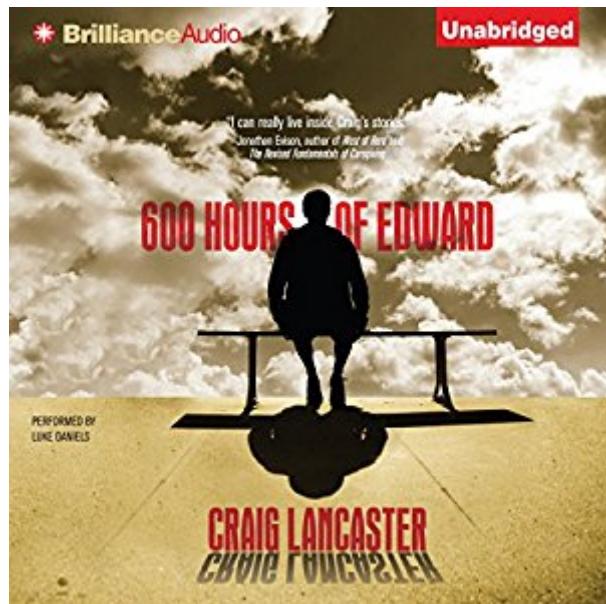


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# 600 Hours Of Edward



## **Synopsis**

A 39-year-old with Asperger's syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder, Edward Stanton lives alone on a rigid schedule in the Montana town where he grew up. His carefully constructed routine includes tracking his most common waking time (7:38 a.m.), refusing to start his therapy sessions even a minute before the appointed hour (10:00 a.m.), and watching one episode of the 1960s cop show *Dragnet* each night (10:00 p.m.). But when a single mother and her nine-year-old son move in across the street, Edward's timetable comes undone. Over the course of a momentous 600 hours, he opens up to his new neighbors and confronts old grievances with his estranged parents. Exposed to both the joys and heartaches of friendship, Edward must ultimately decide whether to embrace the world outside his door or retreat to his solitary ways. Heartfelt and hilarious, this moving novel will appeal to fans of Daniel Keyes' classic *Flowers for Algernon* and to any reader who loves an underdog.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have never read a book like this. I picked it up because my friend loved it and raved about it, so I added it to my list. When I read the description, I thought, hmm, not my usual genre, but let's give it a go. I started reading it on the treadmill at the gym, because I had finished a previous book, and this was downloaded on my iPad. I honestly thought I was going to trip and fall! I started out with a big smile on my face, and I couldn't stop it, like my cheeks hurt from smiling as I was reading his diary entries. To quote Edward - Holy Shit! As the story developed, I could not put this down! I don't

know what genre this is, to classify it because it's a story.. As the title states, it's 600 hours - 25 days in Edwards life, it's the day to day accounts on this man's life. It may sound boring, but he does have Asperger's and OCD, so every day, he repeats his activities, but it's the anecdotes - his comments, his thoughts that make this story so great. So much so, for me I want more than 600 hours of Edward!! As soon as I finished this, I purchased the 2nd and 3rd book. It's not a cliffhanger ending, this is book is very much a stand alone, never was the need to follow up - but I'm so glad the author did. It was published in 2012 from what I gather, so I'm late to the party, as far as it been a 'current' book - but it's great! I can't wait to get more Edward...

I have two hours left on this audio book, and what a delightful surprise this book is! I got it on one of Audible's sales, and I'm glad I did. Can't wait to read the sequel to it immediately after. I'll write a longer, more detailed review when I finish, but it is a good good book, that I highly recommend!! just LOVED LOVED LOVED this book and I loved Edward! Edward was 39 years old, had Asperger's Syndrome and extreme OCD. He lived alone in a house his father bought for him. He does not work anymore (with his condition he hasn't been able to for awhile). He pretty much doesn't interact with anyone except his parents occasionally when he goes over for dinner. His father mainly communicates with Edward through letters from his lawyer, rather than just talking to him. Edward writes daily "letters of complaint" that he never sends - about almost EVERYTHING and to everyone and to anyone that he finds fault with. He keeps a daily log of the weather and other items. He does not like conjecture, only facts. He loves vocabulary words and I really connected with him on that level, ha ha. When a single mother, Donna Middleton, and her 9 year old son, Kyle, move in across the street Edward's life is changed as they worm themselves into his life and become his friend. I loved seeing Edward's growth throughout the story. The writing is delightful and I just couldn't wait to listen to the book every day. It is definitely in my top ten books read in 2017! I immediately downloaded the 2nd book in the series the day I finished this book and started listening. The narrator is perfect for the book, kudos to him!! HIGHLY recommend this book!

Hate - Omg the repetition! I really had to force myself to keep reading in the beginning. I was so close to giving up on this book because it really got on my nerves. I understand why it was written that way (OCD) but it was just more than I could take. Then I fell in love with Edward and his comments really made me laugh. I felt so badly about the way his dad treated him and I wanted to be his friend. So by then, I was hooked. Towards the end, the detailed descriptions of the Dragnet episodes were just too much once again. I kept thinking they might add something to the plot so I

forced myself to read them. Finally, I had to start skipping them to save my sanity. I was disappointed in the non-ending. What I wanted to find out most was left out and put into his next book about Edward. I absolutely hate when authors do that - I feel cheated out of an ending that the author KNOWS people want to know about a certain situation. I guess the author thinks it's going to make you buy his next book but with me, it just assures that I will never buy another one of his books because he cares more about making money than completing the story. I invested a lot of hours into this book and I feel that I deserved to find out the answer to a huge question he left unexplained.

Only a very talented writer can pull off a story about a functionally autistic man, told in the first person; with chapters that were uniformly outlined. If the predictable days of such a person can be the subject of a beautifully-written story, then probably even the ordinary lives of ordinary people would also make for a good read. There's the catch there, though: ordinary. Edward was special, in all his predictability. There are just a few like him, and that's what make his story interesting. The book is funny most of the time, but full of heart, too. I especially like the letter that Edward's father wrote to him. Edward reading it and contemplating about it was emotional as emotional could get. Before I even wrote this review, I had gone ahead and ordered the next Edward book. I am now a fan and follower of Craig Lancaster.

A couple of my son's friends have Aspergers syndrome. Oh my God - Edward could be any one of them! Craig Lancaster hit the nail on the head on this one. I repeatedly saw my son's friends' behavior coming from Edward. Kind, caring, hard working, conscientious young men simply trying to get along in life. But they need a little help from their 'circle of support'. The title represents a little over 3 weeks of Edward's life where we see his need for consistency, stability, and repetition disrupted by conflict with his father, misunderstandings with a neighbor, and debates with his psychologist. Each day is spiced with humor and simplicity. I commend Mr. Lancaster in that he only uses the term Aspergers once throughout the whole book. His book emphasizes Edward's character, behaviors and lifestyle and not his diagnosis. We recognize early on that Edward is different, but don't know why until we are well into the story. I recommend this book especially if you can relate to the different people in this world. I've read it twice - so far!

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