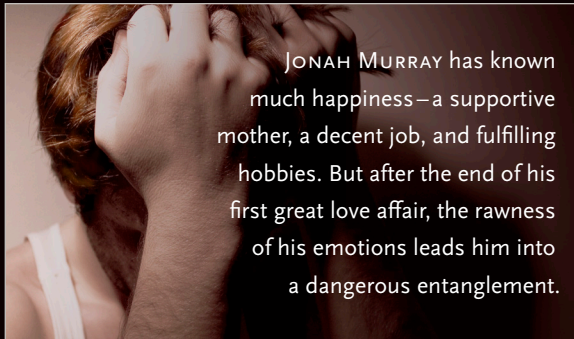


*I feel happy that the emotional and spirit range of the book are big, not little: that is, although you can write amusing witty prose very well, what you are about is in fact Jonah's increasing insistence on getting a philosophy about and then doing a meaningful life.*

– Carol Bly (*Shelter Half; The Passionate, Accurate Story*)



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JONAH MURRAY has known much happiness—a supportive mother, a decent job, and fulfilling hobbies. But after the end of his first great love affair, the rawness of his emotions leads him into a dangerous entanglement.



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