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In this sparkling, witty and impassioned essay – delivered as the keynote lecture at the Jaipur Literature Festival 2014 – Amartya Sen meets the Goddess of Medium Things who promises him seven wishes, one for each day of the week. As he spars with the goddess who is often bemused by his demands, Sen writes of the seven changes he thinks India needs most, from improving the teaching of humanities to abolishing Article 377. Humorous in tone, yet deeply serious in intent, *A Wish a Day for a Week* is a marvellous essay and an important blueprint for India's development from one of our great thinkers.

## **A Wish a Day for a Week Details**

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## **Prajakta says**

Simple Amazing!!!!!!

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## **Sairam Krishnan says**

A perfect bite-sized introduction to the respected economist's beliefs and ideas for India's future path, this little Kindle single is a must read.

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## **Shubham Agnihotri says**

How intelligently this piece of an essay is written. Sen seems to be a perfect archer at this moment.

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## **Shajan says**

Its just a speech..

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## **Asmita Metrewar says**

A great read!

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## **Ranjan Karmakar says**

In a very simplest way Prof Sen presented the problems and their way out...which must be followed. Very humble and nice..

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## **Kanav says**

Great thoughts, the author teaches the reader that India or rather a person oneself, does not need any outsider to solve his problems. There are examples within from which you can learn and act accordingly to be better you. A great read, looking forward to read more by the great Amartya Sen.

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## **Sanjeev says**

Amartya sen never leaves anything without talking on argumentative nature which India seem to be loosing

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## **Sammyak Jain says**

A very crisp read! He highlights the problems in such an optimistic manner.

"Even if it becomes clear what our problems are and how they can be solved, how can we share this knowledge, and make all Indians take an interest in our real problems?... 'you must read more'.."

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## **Sneha Bollepalli says**

### **A short and crisp read.**

An essay which allegedly concentrates on 7 wishes of Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen to Goddess GMT (imaginary Goddess of time), concentrates more than just the wishes of Amartya Sen for this country (India). He not only gives coherent assertions for his wishes but also reasons out why he is wishing for one. It was a great time reading this Single/Essay.

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## **Dhruv Bhandula says**

A short but a brilliant essay portraying the many problems our country is facing today. What I liked the most about this essay was the optimism and the belief in our own capabilities shown by Mr. Sen. As he has rightly pointed out, we have done much better than other countries in the world in some areas (like disaster preparedness we showed during the recent cyclone in Orissa or the successful eradication of Polio) while in others we lack way behind. These successful examples show how much talent and capabilities we already possess and they just need to be channelled properly. Indeed a thought provoking and inspiring read for everyone.

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## **Karunakaran N. says**

A Wish a Day for a Week by Amartya Sen... A very realistic view and the most demanding need at the present scenario in India. Very humorist way to put in the most serious thoughts of dire needs.

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## **Rupesh says**

interesting way to put India's current n burning socio eco issues..Sen at best...

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## Sumirti Singaravel says

This is a speech given by Amartya Sen in Jaipur Literary Festival. The whole speech could be read in half an hour time and provides a succinct views of this great economist in a much hilarious, lively and accessible manner. I bought this in Kindle edition for absolutely free and I am much thankful to amazon for making it available.

*"Do you wish to make have a greater role of humanities in Indian education?", asked the goddess.*

*"Something like that", I said. "Something like that!" Said the goddess. "You must have clearer ideas". "Clearer? Do you mean more precise goddess?", I asked.*

*"No. You are making the common mistake of assuming clear statement needs to invoke precise magnitudes. A good statement of an inherently imprecise concern - and most important concerns in the world are imprecise - must capture that imprecision, and not replace it by a precise statement about something else. You should learn to speak in an articulate way about ideas that are inescapably imprecise (as a man called Aristotle explained more than two millennia ago). And that is one of the reasons why the humanities are important. A novel can point to a truth without pretending to capture it exactly in some imagined numbers and formulae", [said the goddess]*

Should I need more add that this little gem is a must read! Go and grab it now.

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