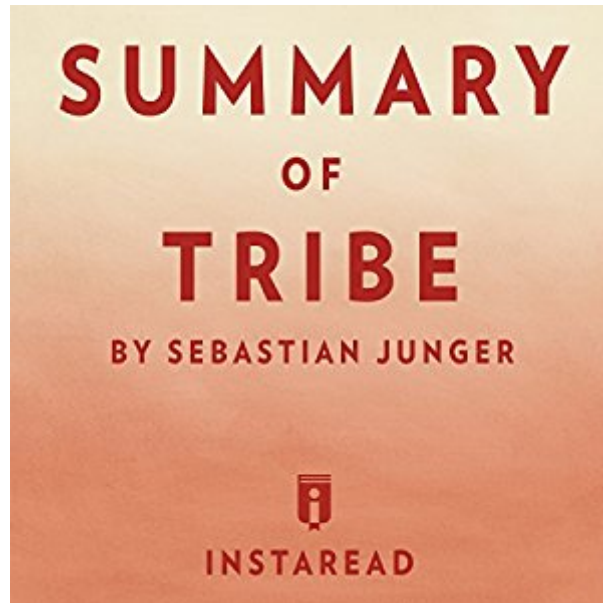


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The premise here is that tribal culture is superior because in it people cooperate and collaborate. People have chosen to live in a tribal community that has fewer modern amenities, rather than a more disconnected, more modern society. Early settlers sometimes opted to live with native tribes, even after having been captured by them, because that way of life was so appealing. Societies can switch between structures, and in wartime, or times of crisis, otherwise non-tribal societies can take

on the characteristics of a tribal society for the duration. People become less "me focused" and more "us focused". Generally men feel the need to exhibit courage, to rise to the challenge, and women exhibit increased empathy and drive to provide greater moral support. During such times, despite the clear stress of the situation, rates of depression and suicide actually drop. Soldiers transitioning back to civilian life find a tribe structure more conducive to ease of transition. Soldiers can experience PTSD even if they did not see combat directly, and recovery is hindered if someone feels alienated, isolated, or lacking in purpose. In Israel, where most people have experience serving in the military, recovery is far quicker and easier than in the US, where only a small percentage of the population share the same experience. Veterans need to feel understood by their neighbours and countrymen, and need to feel their efforts were not in vain. For such a slim tome it does much to explain the appeal of tribal society, and more to explain the plight of soldiers returning home and re-adjusting.

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