The book is the memoir of the oldest child of Leonard Bernstein. It recounts the unusual family life in a famous, wealthy, dysfunctional family. As a fan of Leonard Bernstein, I was fascinated to learn more about his background and how he became a success. The book really shows how brilliant and innovative he was. It also reveals many of his faults. This shows how difficult it is to grow up with a difficult, genius father and be able to find yourself.