



So Much for That: A Novel

By Lionel Shriver

Download now

Read Online ➔

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver

Shep Knacker has long saved for “The Afterlife”: an idyllic retreat to the Third World where his nest egg can last forever. Traffic jams on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway will be replaced with “talking, thinking, seeing, and being”—and enough sleep. When he sells his business for a cool million dollars, his dream finally seems within reach. Yet his wife Glynis has concocted endless excuses why it’s never the right time to go. Weary of working as a peon for the jerk who bought his company, Shep announces he’s leaving for a Tanzanian island, with or without her.

Just returned from a doctor’s appointment, Glynis has some news of her own: Shep can’t go anywhere because she desperately needs his health insurance. But their policy only partially covers the staggering bills for her treatments, and Shep’s nest egg for The Afterlife soon cracks under the strain.

So Much for That follows the profound transformation of a marriage, and Shriver delivers a compelling novel that presses the question: how much is one life worth?

📄 [Download So Much for That: A Novel ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online So Much for That: A Novel ...pdf](#)

So Much for That: A Novel

By Lionel Shriver

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver

Shep Knacker has long saved for “The Afterlife”: an idyllic retreat to the Third World where his nest egg can last forever. Traffic jams on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway will be replaced with “talking, thinking, seeing, and being”—and enough sleep. When he sells his business for a cool million dollars, his dream finally seems within reach. Yet his wife Glynis has concocted endless excuses why it’s never the right time to go. Weary of working as a peon for the jerk who bought his company, Shep announces he’s leaving for a Tanzanian island, with or without her.

Just returned from a doctor’s appointment, Glynis has some news of her own: Shep can’t go anywhere because she desperately needs his health insurance. But their policy only partially covers the staggering bills for her treatments, and Shep’s nest egg for The Afterlife soon cracks under the strain.

So Much for That follows the profound transformation of a marriage, and Shriver delivers a compelling novel that presses the question: how much is one life worth?

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #920103 in Books
- Published on: 2010-03-09
- Released on: 2010-03-09
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x 1.37" w x 6.00" l, 1.10 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 448 pages

 [Download So Much for That: A Novel ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online So Much for That: A Novel ...pdf](#)

Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

A risk taker with a protean imagination, Shriver (*The Post-Birthday World*) has produced another dazzling, provocative novel, a witty and timely exploration of the failure of our health-care system. Shep Knacker's long-cherished plan to use the million dollars from the sale of his handyman business to retire to a tropical island receives a gut-wrenching blow when his wife, Glynis, is diagnosed with a rare cancer. Transformed into a full-time caregiver, the good-natured Shep is buoyed during the illness of self-centered, vindictive, and obnoxiously demanding Glynis by his working mate and best friend, Jackson Burdina, whose teenage daughter, Flicka, also has a terminal disease. Ironically, Glynis tenaciously clings to life, while Flicka, with whom she bonds, wants to end hers. Jackson, meanwhile, acutely conscious that he's going broke, rails pungently against government regulations and the insurance industry. A mouthpiece for the plight of middle-class workers, Jackson's diatribes about contemporary society—the medical, educational and banking systems, exorbitant taxation, political chicanery—ring painfully true. As Shep's Merrill-Lynch account dwindles and further medical calamities arise, Shriver twists the plot to raise suspense until the heart-lifting denouement. (Mar.)

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From [Bookmarks Magazine](#)

Some critics were initially turned off at the thought of reading Shriver's latest offering because, really, how interesting can a novel about health care be? Rather than being pedantic or depressing, however, *So Much for That* is a thoughtful and powerful look at the effect our health policies have on middle-class Americans. It also raises the unsettling question about the worth, both financial and emotional, of a human life. While several critics thought the secondary storyline involving Shep's buddy Jackson was contrived and others felt that Shriver offered too much information on health care, most agreed that Shep and Glynis's story was "visceral and deeply affecting" (New York Times).

From [Booklist](#)

In Shriver's latest and exceptionally timely novel, she probes not so delicately into the workings of a marriage, while at the same time exposing the many deficiencies in the American health-care system. Shep Knacker, 48, is finally ready to escape from tax planning and traffic jams to what he for years has called *The Afterlife*. He and his wife, Glynis, have taken annual "research" trips to exotic locales like Goa, Laos, and Morocco, Shep diligently compiling notebooks bursting with home prices, crime rates, weather, and—for Zach, their teenage son—Internet access. As Shep announces to Glynis that the time has come to start enjoying their leisure time while they still can, she calmly reports she's just been diagnosed with mesothelioma, a rare and extremely virulent cancer. Shep calmly shreds their airplane tickets, and over the next year watches his Merrill Lynch account drop to nothing, *The Afterlife* nest egg spent on chemo, hospitalizations, and out-of-network specialists. Shriver perceptively dissects every facet of Glynis' illness, from Zach's withdrawal to friends who never visit or call, immersing the reader in how this family deals with terminal disease, and its rippling effects. --Deborah Donovan

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Betty Castaneda:

Book is written, printed, or created for everything. You can know everything you want by a e-book. Book has a different type. As it is known to us that book is important thing to bring us around the world. Beside that you can your reading skill was fluently. A book So Much for That: A Novel will make you to always be smarter. You can feel much more confidence if you can know about every thing. But some of you think which open or reading any book make you bored. It's not make you fun. Why they might be thought like that? Have you searching for best book or appropriate book with you?

Mitchell Boone:

Reading a reserve tends to be new life style in this era globalization. With reading through you can get a lot of information that will give you benefit in your life. Along with book everyone in this world may share their idea. Ebooks can also inspire a lot of people. A lot of author can inspire their particular reader with their story or perhaps their experience. Not only the storyplot that share in the guides. But also they write about advantage about something that you need illustration. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach your sons or daughters, there are many kinds of book which exist now. The authors nowadays always try to improve their expertise in writing, they also doing some investigation before they write to their book. One of them is this So Much for That: A Novel.

Kristina Keene:

You may spend your free time you just read this book this publication. This So Much for That: A Novel is simple to create you can read it in the park your car, in the beach, train along with soon. If you did not get much space to bring typically the printed book, you can buy typically the e-book. It is make you simpler to read it. You can save the actual book in your smart phone. Consequently there are a lot of benefits that you will get when you buy this book.

Daniel Bryant:

In this era which is the greater particular person or who has ability in doing something more are more important than other. Do you want to become among it? It is just simple method to have that. What you must do is just spending your time almost no but quite enough to experience a look at some books. One of several books in the top checklist in your reading list is usually So Much for That: A Novel. This book which is qualified as The Hungry Hillside can get you closer in becoming precious person. By looking up and review this book you can get many advantages.

Download and Read Online So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver #50S4MFYAX38

Read So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver for online ebook

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver books to read online.

Online So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver ebook PDF download

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver Doc

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver Mobipocket

So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver EPub

50S4MFYAX38: So Much for That: A Novel By Lionel Shriver