

*The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life* by Alex Trebek

Since 1984 Alex Trebek has joined families across American on a nightly basis as the beloved host of *Jeopardy!* In 2019, while on the air, Trebek made the announcement he had stage IV pancreatic cancer. He was overwhelmed with the outpouring of love he received from fans in the way of emails, cards and letters. The encouragement and compassion expressed to him motivated Trebek to put his thoughts in book form to share with the many listeners that had shared their lives with him.

*The Answer is...* was released on July 21, 2020. Trebek uses the book to share snippets from his past, things he felt inspired to share. Trebek writes he was never motivated to write an autobiography in spite of being approached by numerous editors with the idea. But as cancer invaded his privacy, the desire to share ideas, goals and memories became more important to him. Sharing his entire story was not the goal; sharing what's important to him and the pieces of life Trebek felt made him into the person he was is the story he wrote instead.

"Snippets" is a great way to describe the chapters of this book. I felt Trebek was willing to offer his view on an incident, or a story piece from his past. He doesn't dwell too often on the lesson behind what happened, but instead provides his memories. You'll get a look at his parents, his family, travels, charities and of course, the show that made him famous. While he didn't want this to be considered his life biography, I enjoyed learning more about the man who stood behind the microphone. Sadly, Trebek passed away on November 8, 2020.