

Chapter 12 *The Park is Open Until 8 p.m.*

4. How did Pausch approach his diagnosis?
7. What was the “Whipple operation” that Pausch endured?
10. Why was he fascinated by the bad news Dr. Wolff had given him?
13. What is Pausch’s wish for every medical student considering oncology?
15. How did Pausch feel about the news?

Chapter 13 *The Man in the Convertible*

1. Who was the man in the convertible, and what was he doing?
2. What did the image remind Robbee Kosak, Carnegie Mellon’s President for Advancement, of?
3. Why did Robbee’s email mean so much to Pausch?

Chapter 14 *The Dutch Uncle*

6. How did Pausch’s friend Scott Sherman perceive his behavior when he was at Brown University?
7. Why didn’t Pausch notice that his behavior was offensive to others?
8. What advice did Prof. Van Dam, a computer science professor, say to Pausch about the latter’s behavior?
9. What is the meaning of “a Dutch uncle?”
10. What was ironic about this phrase?
12. How did Pausch perceive his flaws?

Chapter 15 *Pouring Soda in the Backseat*

2. What advice did Pausch’s sister Laura give her kids when they took a ride in her brother’s new Volkswagen?

4. What did they think about their uncle then?
5. Why was Pausch glad he had already “christened” his car?
6. What two rules did he have for his niece and nephew when they rode in his car?
7. Uncle Randy was an unconventional uncle. What did he do to show he was different from most uncles?
8. What special favor did Pausch ask of his niece and nephew when they were adults?

Chapter 16 — *Romancing the Brick Wall*

1. Why did Pausch think there are brick walls?
6. Why was Pausch reluctant to settle down? Why was Jai?
10. When Pausch offered Jai a ring and got her to move to Pittsburgh, her attitude changed toward him. What did she say to him? How did he feel?
12. What advice did Pausch’s parents offer him?

Chapter 17 — *Not All Fairy Tales End Smoothly*

4. What advice did the balloonist give the couple if the balloon hit the ground?
5. What did the couple learn from their experience?

Chapter 18 – **Pages 85-87** – *Lucy, I’m Home*

2. What was Pausch’s reaction when Jai mentioned the disaster that had occurred?
4. What did this disaster symbolize to Pausch?

Chapter 19 — *A New Year’s Story*

5. Why did Pausch’s father think the job at the hospital was humorous?

7. What two things did the doctor tell Pausch and Jai about the birth of their first child?
9. What did Pausch and Jai think when they went to the hospital and saw Dylan's bassinette gone?
11. What would have been the worst case scenario?
12. What did the new parents learn from this experience?

Chapter 20 –*In Fifty Years, It Never Came Up*

1. What did Pausch find in his father's belongings after his death?
2. What kind of mystery did Pausch's dad give to his children?
4. What lesson did Pausch learn from this experience?

Chapter 21 – Pages 97-102 – *Jai*

1. What is one thing that Jai learned from Randy?
2. What happened when Pausch wanted to take his family to visit his relatives during Christmas?
4. What is one way that Jai handled negative things that her husband did?
5. Why was the last New Year's Eve so emotional for Pausch?
8. What was the "magical moment" of the Christmas Eve with Pausch's wife and children?
9. What is one piece of useful information that Jai read from a website from a wife whose husband was dying with pancreatic cancer?
12. What was one of his New Year's resolutions?

Chapter 22 –*The Truth Can Set You Free*

1. What happened when Pausch was approached by a police man?
3. What was the cop's dilemma when it came to Pausch?
4. What did Pausch do to convince the officer not to give him a ticket?
5. What was Pausch's reaction?