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Atomic Habits

by James Clear

"You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems."

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Atomic Habits - Summary

James Clear's Atomic Habits outlines how small, consistent changes create remarkable long-term results. By focusing on systems instead of goals and leveraging the 4 Laws of Behavior Change, you can build better habits that stick. This guide is designed to help you apply those laws and track your progress.

Top 5 Takeaways

- 1. Focus on identity-based habits: who you want to become.
- 2. Use the 4 Laws of Behavior Change: Make it Obvious, Attractive, Easy, and Satisfying.
- 3. Design your environment to support your habits.
- 4. Track your habits for reinforcement and accountability.
- 5. Small habits compound consistency beats intensity.

Habit Design Worksheet

- Who do I want to become? (identity)	
- What habit reinforces that identity?	
- How can I make the habit obvious (cue)?	
- How can I make it attractive and easy?	
- What reward or satisfaction will follow?	

Implementation Tips

- Use habit stacking: "After I [current habit], I will [new habit]."
- Add visual cues in your environment (e.g., running shoes by the door).

- Track your habit daily don't break the chain.
- Start small and celebrate consistency, not intensity.
- Set reminders on your phone or calendar for habit cues.

30-Day Habit Tracker

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