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Book Title: Breakfast of Champions Book Author: Kurt Vonnegut

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Another satirical piece written by Kurt Vonnegut, *Breakfast of Champions* mainly follows science fiction writer Kilgore Trout and well-off car dealer Dwayne Hoover as their lives inevitably collide. A mostly unknown author of wildly imaginative books, Trout decides to accept an invitation to an arts festival in Midland City, home of Dwayne Hoover. As the writer proceeds to hitchhike to his destination, Hoover himself deals with worsening mental issues. Throughout the novel, Vonnegut brings attention to the lives of various other characters, all of whom impact the storyline in some way. Ultimately, after the two unlikely men meet at a time when Hoover is particularly unstable, he completely loses his rationality after reading one of Trout's works.

Filled with seemingly non-noteworthy details about each character's lives, I found the specific events of the book difficult to remember in the long run. Despite this, I feel that the author's choice to write in such a rambling-like fashion is one of the appeals of *Breakfast of Champions*. I especially enjoyed Kilgore Trout's character, with his unnatural awareness and unique perspective on life due to his countless experiences in life. After finishing this piece of literature, I believe that my own judgment of the world has changed slightly.

I would recommend this book, although mainly to a relatively more mature audience. With the premise of the novel highlighting deep statements about life and references to adult content, I believe *Breakfast of Champions* is most suitable for teenagers and older audiences. As such, this mind bending and philosophical book reminds me of Vonnegut's other works, such as *Cat's Cradle*.