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I read the novel & wanted to review notes for study purposes. I am shocked these made it into Cliffs Notes, that is how poorly written I find this to be, and there are errors, such as referencing Johnny Cross instead of Jimmy Cross. I also believe this is missing obvious references in favor of obscure, complicated ones. Author has managed to write in circles, with no thought to clarity or to actually making a clear point. I have not been able to slog through this. Fortunately, the book was much easier to enjoy and to read.Skip this Cliffs Notes. Not only is it poorly written but it misses the point entirely. NOT HELPFUL, quite the opposite.

This gives a good summary and analysis as well as a brief but concise description of each character. It helped me recall details after I read the book.

used it for a class, very hard read but gave insights to things I hadn't thought of prior.

Some interesting parts but a difficult read; just not smoothly written.

Had to write a 5 page essay on The Things They Carried, and it really helped! Can’t beat Cliffs Notes!

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great supplement

Good outline of themes

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