

1984

by George Orwell

Published in 1949

Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure



Science Fiction

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Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other: _____

Winston Smith, along with every citizen of Oceania, works for the government. However, unlike everyone else, Winston quietly wishes to rebel and overthrow the government because of its totalitarian and secretive nature. Constantly surrounded by posters declaring "Big Brother is Watching You", he is forced to take action with extreme caution, always weary of the ever-present Thought Police.

I think that this book is very relevant and thought-provoking. It is reasonably long and fairly simple to understand grammatically. If you have interest in political theory, government, or philosophy I highly recommend this book. Everyone can learn something by reading this novel; beyond the basic story and plot, George Orwell includes deeper political and moral arguments that bring about many important questions pertaining to society and human nature. For me personally, I came away with a greater sense of gratitude for being able to live under a democratic government, while also gaining a greater awareness for the danger and insidiousness of totalitarianism.

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