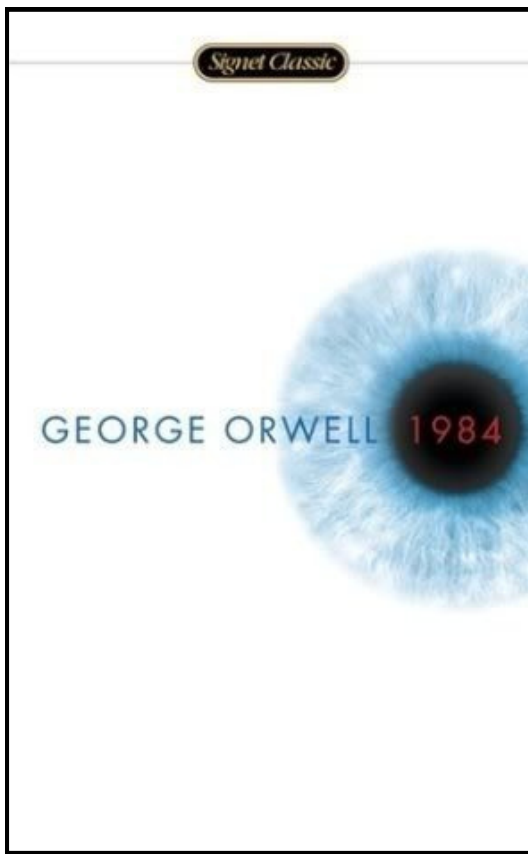




1984

by George Orwell

Review by Lucia



Dystopian

What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?

My friends and I were talking about books we read in middle school, and 1984 came up. It wasn't required reading at my middle school, so I decided to read it.

Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?

No

What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!

1984 is a cautionary tale of what life under an oppressive regime (IngSoc) would be like. The story follows Winston Smith's attempt at rebellion after he meets a woman named Julia, who shared his dislike of IngSoc. It discusses themes such as the destruction of objective truth and love as rebellion.

Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?

The story follows Winston Smith, an overwhelmingly average man who works for the Outer Party of IngSoc, the ruling party of Oceania. Smith works in the Ministry of Truth, where he rectifies historical documents in accordance to IngSoc's demands. He lives his life in conformity to the oppressive regime, but slowly begins to question and even rebel against it. Orwell might've made the main character an average citizen to show how an everyday person would have acted under such an oppressive government.

Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?

The next book I ended up reading, *The Great Gatsby*, also dealt with themes such as the corruption of society (which *1984* highlights the political aspects of).

What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.

I think anyone in the current political climate would benefit from reading this book.

Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

I found the book interesting; it dealt with a lot of themes that I found eerily similar to modern times. I would recommend it to others for this reason. However, I would warn people beforehand about the way Orwell writes about the female characters.

Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?

Yes to both questions! *1984* has seen plenty of covers throughout its lifetime, but most share a similarity: a large eye. The eye symbolizes "Big Brother," the totalitarian leader of Oceania. The slogan "BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU" also connects to why he is represented by an eye in the cover. However, it could also refer to the general surveillance of the Inner Party, who watch over to ensure perfect obedience to the ruling party.