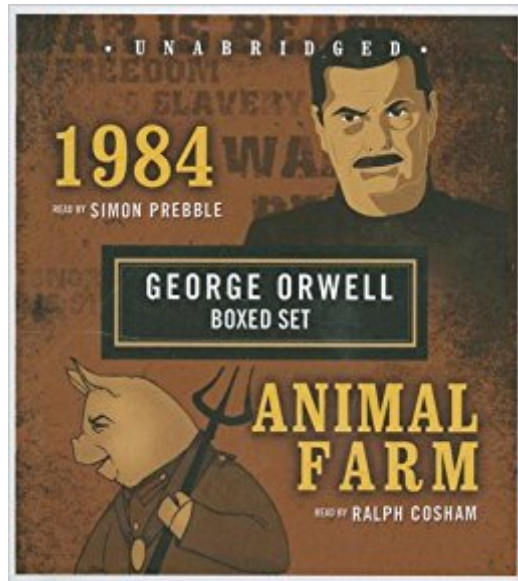


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George Orwell (1903-1950), the pen name of Eric Arthur Blair, was an English novelist, essayist, and critic. He was born in India and educated at Eton. After service with the Indian Imperial Police in Burma, he returned to Europe to earn his living by writing and became notable for his simplicity of style and his journalistic or documentary approach to fiction.

I am really impressed with the superb job the narrator does of bringing home the deeply complex emotions of 1984. He has a mildly British accent (totally understandable to Americans), a pleasant voice, a good reading speed and I feel like he "gets" the story. I have read the book(s) several times

and bought the audio thinking it would be decent entertainment for a road trip. Next thing I know I found myself sitting out in my car for 25 minutes after arriving at my hotel transfixed by the power of the reading. Some parts of 1984 that had never caught my full attention before were illuminated by hearing some other voice than my own speak them. For example, I have always loved the phrase "We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness." and wondered what kind of tone would these words would be spoken in. Should this phrase be spoken like a vow or promise? Should it be spoken like a flat fact? Should it be spoken with a smile, a frown, a far off look? This narrator chose the musing tone of a foregone conclusion, like a thoughtful old gentleman saying "We will have biscuits with our tea tomorrow." I totally approved. I have not yet listened to Animal Farm, but based off the quality of 1984 alone this was an excellent purchase by my standards."Sanity is not statistical." 1984

i really enjoyed Animal Farm. Good story and well read.. 1984 is good and well read but dragged on and on

love these books!

I love George Orwell's novels Animal Farm and 1984. I just wish I had completely read 1984. Now I can. Thank you so much. I highly recommend this product.

Excellent. Performance of narrator is fantastic.

This was my first venture into audio books and I purchased this because I could get two books for only a few dollars more than 1. This turned out to be a great purchase. I do not own a cd player that plays MP3's, but I was able to put the disk into my computer and drag and drop the files into my portable MP3 player and copy the files onto my hard drive so that I can listen on my computer or convert the files to WAV myself and burn onto a standard CD. The boxed set is essentially a regular DVD sized box with a chapter listing. Nothing else is included, but you don't need anything else. The readers are wonderful. Very clear voices with nice inflection that doesn't distract from the story. Both these books are classic reads, so if you'd like reviews on the content of the books, I'd suggest you look up the paper editions as they are heavily reviewed and provide a lot of information. This version is unabridged so the same information should apply. As a matter of fact, much of the information is easier to understand when listening to it rather than reading it off the page - particularly the

introduction portion which I normally just skip over to get to the story was very interesting and much more thought provoking to listen to than I would have expected. The sound is crystal clear and the product is highly recommended.

I never read 1984 but the audio is excellent! The reader has excellent accents for each character which makes it interesting.

It was good to read for a second time. Required reading 1st year in college. great after being out of school 50 years.

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