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# John Steinbeck

## Of Mice and Men



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## Description

The compelling story of two outsiders striving to find their place in an unforgiving world. Drifters in search of work, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie have nothing in the world except each other and a dream--a dream that one day they will have some land of their own. Eventually they find work on a ranch in California's Salinas Valley, but their hopes are doomed as Lennie, struggling against extreme cruelty, misunderstanding and feelings of jealousy, becomes a victim of his own strength. Tackling universal themes such as the friendship of a shared vision, and giving voice to America's lonely and dispossessed, *Of Mice and Men* has proved one of Steinbeck's most popular works, achieving success as a novel, a Broadway play and three acclaimed films.

## Insightful reviews

-Karen-: I was about to be rather snippy and say that this is a medicine best taken in younger years, at a time of life when foreshadowing laid on with a trowel feels less obviously manipulative, when characters painted in primaries are still fresh and new, when drama is still drama and not melodrama. but then I fell to thinking about that phrase, *laid on with a trowel*, and how it comes from bricklaying, denoting the rather heavy, slapdash way of laying the mortar on to a brick. It indicates a lack of finesse. But that is how it is done. How it has to be done. For a good strong wall to be built.

Stark, simple, straight. True.  
Those are not bad qualities.

And the sense of loneliness.

It may not be subtle, but it catches the heart.

Shovelmonkey1: So, a lot of Goodreads readers gave this five stars. And a lot of other Goodreads readers said aargh someone took a copy of the Grapes of Wrath/ East of Eden/ Tortilla Flat (delete as applicable) and then tried to jam it, raw and unseasoned, sideways down their throats while they were in high school. This is the unfortunate effect that formalised analysis of actually pretty quality literature can have on people. Luckily, I escaped a Steinbeck-flavoured literary force feeding as a youth, which leaves me to happily snack on his tasty literary morsels as an adult.

However, I was tortured using the much duller implement that is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Now I know this is traditionally regarded as an off-the-scale literary achievement of sublime amazingness (at least my mother thinks so) but as I still have a few pages and possibly a bit of the cover jammed between my molars from the way in which it was forced down my throat I would beg to differ. When asked to comment on "Jane Austen's witty use of irony" I would frequently comment that what I found most ironic about the book was the fact that the Industrial Revolution, the most significant technological event since man created fire was occurring at the time she was writing and she failed to make mention of it even once. Big

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mistake Jane. Big.

Anyhoo, back to *Of Mice and Men*. I liked it. It was a light literary snackette (with the dusty bitter after taste of Depression era 1920s America) which I read in my car while waiting for some builders to spring to life and dig the holes they were supposed to be digging. Somehow reading Steinbeck while builders are outside scratching their arses and looking at the pictures in the *News of the World* makes me feel like an oober genius. Thanks Steiny, you made my day!

On a more random note I also took some time out today to visit the steam tender *The Daniel Adamson* (thats a boat for those of you who are lily-livered land lubbers) which is currently moored in the Sandon Half-Tide Dock. This is a precious part of Merseyside Maritime Heritage. To find out more about this restoration project please visit <http://www.danieladamson.co.uk/> and if you can donate expertise, money, materials or moral support then please do. Thanks!

Aoibhinn: *Of Mice and Men* is truly beautiful piece of literature that seems so simple, yet so incredibly complex. Set during the American Great Depression in the 1930's, it is the story of two friends, George and Lennie, who wander from town to town looking for work to earn money to buy their own land. The one snag in this plan is Lennie, a strong giant of a man with the mind of a young child who, although full of good intentions, finds himself getting into trouble at every stop. Lennie is unable to think for himself and relies completely on the guidance of George to get him through everyday life. The ending is so swift yet so incredibly moving, that I cried while reading the last few pages. ([view spoiler](#))

This will be one book that I will always remember reading. Five stars!

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Richard: MY tacky REVIEWThe mouse did it.

Paul Bryant: The identify of this novel is simply 50% accurate, a truly bad effort. Yes, it's approximately men, yet there's little or not anything approximately mice in those pages. Mice fans will come away disappointed. This bought me wondering different novel titles. you would need to say that such books because the Slap, The Help, the nice Gatsby, Gangsta Granny, Mrs Dalloway and Hamlet have first-class titles simply because they're all a couple of slap, a few help, a Gatsby who was once rather great, a no sturdy granny, a lady who was once married to a man known as Dalloway and a Hamlet. i've got no challenge with these titles. yet you'll be poring over the pages of *To Kill a Mockingbird* for a protracted fruitless night to discover any mockingbirds coming to any damage at all. Indeed, to coin a phrase, no mockingbirds have been harmed in the course of the making of that book. So I expense that name purely 5% accurate. and a few titles appear to have a be aware missing, reminiscent of Conan Doyle's *The signal of Four*. 4 what? It doesn't say. probably he accomplished the publication and left the name to the final minute and died as he was once writing it down. related factor with *The pink Petal and the White*. White what? Wallpaper? Hat? Cat? Mouse? *Mockingbird*? may be the pink Petal and the White Gangsta Granny for all we know. A negative title. And what concerning the *Dharma Bums*? i feel a Cigarette otherwise you *Out* is obviously lacking from that title. one other grossly deceptive identify is *girls in Love* . I can't be the single reader who used to be watching for a few robust lady on lady motion from DH Lawrence yet i

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might were fast-forwarding to the center a part of Mulholland Drive. Now that's what I name girls in Love. DH, take note. one other badly selected name is Hitler's Niece - yes, it's one hundred pc accurate, yet in the beginning look it will possibly appear like Hitler's Nice, and absolutely that's going to place off loads of strength readers (except for the readers you actually don't want). And what approximately name it Sleep? – name what sleep? The Catcher within the Rye, The Postman consistently earrings Twice, Flaubert's Parrot, The Camomile garden – occasionally vague titles should be solved when you remember that the writer is concerning Death, so, the Catcher is Death, the Postman is Death, the garden is demise and the Parrot is Death. Of course, i'll have gotten that wrong. It's anything I learn someplace and it simply caught in my mind. another titles i'd provide low rankings to :The flip of the Screw thoroughly baffled me – i do know that “screw” is what inmates name felony officers, so i used to be awaiting a narrative a couple of live performance wear by means of the employees of a giant correctional institution. It was once not anything like that. The Little Prince in response to my method does fee one hundred pc yet I nonetheless imagine The Little Faux-naif fool may were better.The extraordinary Adventures of Kavalier and Clay – actually, I expense this as 90% actual – there are men who're named Kavalier and Clay, and so they do have adventures, yet they aren't amazing. A Clockwork Orange – this has to be a metaphor for “I have given up contemplating a identify for my novel”No identify – like A Clockwork Orange this needs to be the place the writer couldn't think about any identify so as a result he left it with no one, just like the Byrds' album Untitled, or () via Sigur Ros, or numerous work through De Kooning and people different summary expressionist types; yet to name a unique No identify is self-defeating, simply because No identify then turns into its identify – epic fail, Mr Collins.The Violent endure it Away - this is often one other instance of a observe lacking - probably "took" or "dragged", I anticipate that is the type of factor a violent endure could do I'm stunned the writer didn't trap this error.

Becky: "Guy don't want no experience to be a pleasant fella. turns out to me occasionally it jus' works the opposite direction around. Take a true shrewdpermanent man and he ain't hardly a pleasant fella." - Of Mice And MenI rather imagine i admire John Steinbeck, that is extraordinary to me, simply because I by no means could have considered myself as a Steinbeck reader. there is simply anything concerning the method he writes that cuts via the entire bullshit and pretense and simply tells it love it is, and that i locate that actually refreshing. occasionally they are not easy, and occasionally they hurt, yet it is the type of damage that, hopefully, makes us are looking to be better. at the very least it makes me suppose that way. i do know it is going to be tough for these of you analyzing this to believe, yet i will occasionally be a little bit a bitch. i will be demanding, irrational, impatient and moody, and infrequently my annoyance and inflammation is taken out on unsuspecting innocents, or not less than those that do not fairly deserve the hell I serve up on a platter. So, this publication resonated with me. George resonated with me, and that i felt myself prepared him to be patient, to only try and comprehend Lennie's perspective, all whereas my face is flushing crimson from the data that i do not consistently perform what i used to be preaching. i am a rattling hypocrite. [image error]I rather felt this book, as looks the case with the Steinbeck books i have learn lately. i may determine with the entire characters in a few way, and that i love that. In any such brief book, it is simple to get the characters very wrong... both they're caricatures, or they're cliches or they only simple stink and are boring. i actually felt like I understood those characters, no matter if i did not like them. on the finish of the book, whilst Lennie asks George to yell at him, isn't really he going to hit him, isn't really he going to inform him he'd be at an advantage with out him, i discovered that

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simply heartbreaking... that Lennie's feel of normalcy stems from George's frustration with him. I felt for George too. He merely desires to look after Lennie, yet occasionally it is so hard. He cannot be far and wide at once, and has needed to make such a lot of sacrifices so that it will retain Lennie out of the type of hassle that simply comes from no longer realizing any better. This tale is simply a smidge over a hundred pages long, so it will not take you lengthy to learn at all, and that i hugely suggest it. otherwise you might take approximately three 0.5 hours and permit Gary Sinise learn it to you, that's what I did. I wasn't yes approximately Gary at first, yet he grew on me fairly quickly. i have by no means noticeable the movie, so i did not comprehend that he'd starred within the remake. Gary Sinise has a really recognizable voice, at the least i believe so, and it truly is kinda the other of my "preferred reader", yet i assumed he did a superb task analyzing this. The voices and the characters have been all simply right, and i am now not typically a "voice" fan by way of audio... i need the tale to talk for itself. This one certainly did that. this is often the type of tale that would keep on with me for a protracted time. As i used to be listening, I saved writing notes approximately recommendations that struck me, emotions that I had, ideas and subject matters within the book, and every type of fascinating stuff that i do not particularly know the way to specific with no spoiling this glorious little story. "The most sensible laid schemes of mice and males off' cross astray." -- Robert Burns

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