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George Orwell S Timeless And Timely Allegorical Novel A Scathing Satire On A Downtrodden Society S Blind March Towards Totalitarianism All Animals Are Equal, But Some Animals Are Equal Than Others A Farm Is Taken Over By Its Overworked, Mistreated Animals With Flaming Idealism And Stirring Slogans, They Set Out To Create A Paradise Of Progress, Justice, And Equality Thus The Stage Is Set For One Of The Most Telling Satiric Fables Ever Penned A Razor Edged Fairy Tale For Grown Ups That Records The Evolution From Revolution Against Tyranny To A Totalitarianism Just As TerribleWhen Animal Farm Was First Published, Stalinist Russia Was Seen As Its Target Today It Is Devastatingly Clear That Wherever And Whenever Freedom Is Attacked, Under Whatever Banner, The Cutting Clarity And Savage Comedy Of George Orwell S Masterpiece Have A Meaning And Message Still Ferociously Fresh s very Orwellian involvement with this book at the end If ever partnered Facebook they d own us.This is not really a review, but one of those moments where everything that was clear to you suddenly becomes utterly muddied and you really can t say what lies beneath the murky waters although a moment before you were sure you could.I m reading Christopher Hitchen s astonishingly percipient and brilliant Arguably Essays I read Animal Farm too young to identify the individual animals with actual characters on the stage of communism the old boar Major is Marx, Farmer Jones is the Tsar, the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, Stalin and Trotsky respectively so this essay is giving me a lot to think

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about So far, nothing so than this quote below Background to the quote A group of Ukrainian and Polish refugees in a displaced persons camp had discovered sympathetic parallels with their own plight in Orwell s parable and had begged him for permission to translate his almost totally unknown book But The emotions of the American military authorities in Europe were not so easily touched They rounded up all the copies of Animal Farm they could find and turned them over to the Red Army to be burned The alliance between the farmers and the pigs so hauntingly described in the final pages of the novel were still in force. The book is banned in Cuba, North Korea, Burma, Iran, Kenya and most Arab countries It is banned in the UAE not because of it s content but because it has anthropomorphic talking pigs which are unIslamic is this not Orwellian in itself It is still censored in Vietnam These nations wouldn t want ordinary people reading the book and looking at their own ruling porcine elites and seeing any parallels now would they Who knows what kind of thoughts and actions that might lead to and Animal FarmOn 17 July 2009,.com withdrew certain Kindle titles, including Animal Farm and Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell, from sale, refunded buyers, and remotely deleted items from purchasers devices after discovering that the publisher lacked rights to publish the titles in question Notes and annotations for the books made by users on their devices were also deleted After the move prompted outcry and comparisons to Nineteen Eighty Four itself, spokesman Drew Herdener stated that the company is changing our systems so that in the future we will not remove books from customers devices in these circumstances However, does not seem to a guarantee in its ToS that they won t don t this again and I understand that authors have the ability to edit read change parts of their books This is because you can t buy a Kindle book, only rent one and can update read change them Wikipedia and other sourcesNext step Fahrenheit 451 Get the firemen out to burn the books, only ebooks allowed where content can be controlled.Original review 30 Oct 2011, updated several times. This is a book I ve been meaning to read for ages but never got around to last week I not only read it but gave a lesson on the historical context for the grade 8 class, who will be reading this book and The Wave As I found, out of the class of 24, about 20 of them

had already read the book, and at least one kid knew it was an allegory of the Russian Revolution Still, my lesson wasn t totally redundant For anyone who isn t familiar with the story, Animal Farm is about the animals on a farm in England rising up against the incompetent, cruel farmer Mr Jones, who represents the deposed Tsar, Nicholas II and taking over the farm, renaming it Animal Farm USSR and so the glorious vision intended running it for themselves, so their lives would be better.The vision is given to them by a pig, Old Major, who dies not long afterwards Old Major probably represents Vladimir Lenin and Karl Marx, and it s not the socialist ideal put forward that is critiqued by this book but how that vision is corrupted by certain other characters, namely another pig called Napoleon, who represents Joseph Stalin Napoleon chases a pig called Snowball Leon Trotsky off the farm with his personally trained dogs while still just the General Secretary of the Party, Stalin recruited people who would follow him blindly, so that when Lenin died in 1924 he was able to defeat Trotsky for the leadership position and his dogs kept everyone else in line.The pigs then take charge, and with their literacy skills keep changing the rules the animals established in order to suit themselves, using a pig called Squealer to convince the other animals that their memories are faulty After all, as the drafthorse Boxer keeps saying, Comrade Napoleon is always right.Boxer is for me the most heartbreaking character in the novel He represents the peasants, and is the most hardworking animal on the farm He has utter faith in the leadership of Napoleon and works himself to the bone literally His reward is very telling, though I don t want to give it away Most of the characters represent either a person, several people or groups of people, and for the complete list you can check it out on Wikipedia.Orwell, while a socialist, was very cynical about Stalin s communist USSR and for good reason Animal Farm is a very well written critique of how socialist ideals are corrupted by powerful people, how the uneducated masses are taken advantage of, and how the dictator or communist leaders turn into capitalists just look at China It s a wonderful example of how effective the allegorical style format can be, and a well deserved classic. 1943 24 2013 30 2013 25 30

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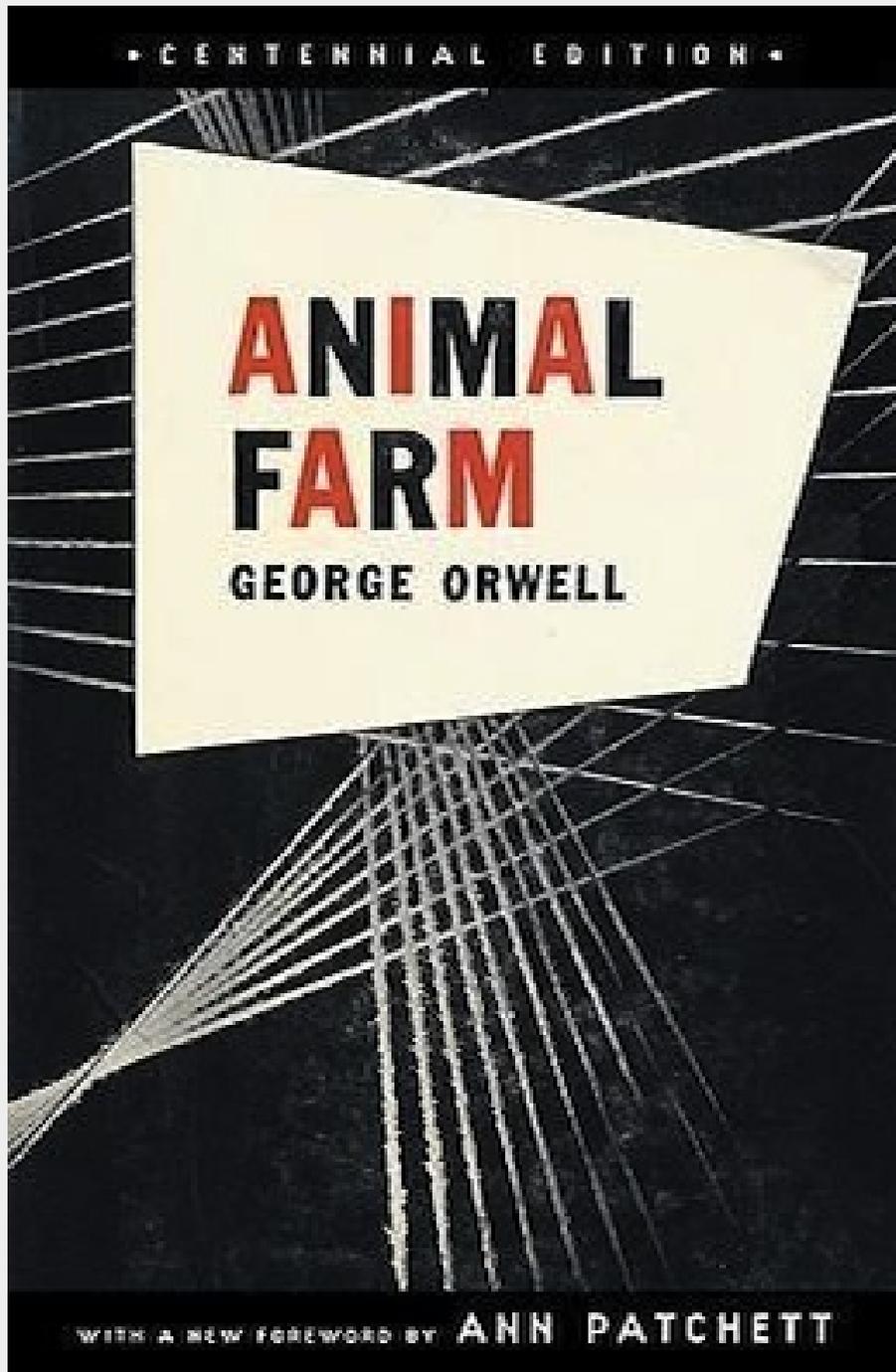
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