



# Animal Farm

## Introduction by Julian Symons

One of Time magazine's 100 best English-language novels and the most famous of all twentieth-century political allegories. This account of a group of barnyard animals who revolt against their vicious human master, only to submit to a tyranny erected by their own kind, is a universal drama. Taking as his starting point the betrayed promise of the Russian Revolution, Orwell lays out a vision that, in its bitter wisdom, gives us the clearest understanding we possess of the possible consequences of our social and political acts. Orwell is one of the very few modern satirists comparable to Jonathan Swift in power, artistry, and moral authority; in *Animal Farm* his spare prose and the logic of his dark comedy brilliantly highlight his stark message. "A wise, compassionate, and illuminating fable for our times." --The New York Times "Remains our great satire on the darker face of modern history." --Malcolm Bradbury "Orwell's satire here is amply broad, cleverly conceived, and delightfully written." --San Francisco Chronicle (0679420398)

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