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The Rebel: An Essay On Man In Revolt





Synopsis

By one of the most profoundly influential thinkers of our century, The Rebel is a classic essay on revolution. For Albert Camus, the urge to revolt is one of the "essential dimensions" of human nature, manifested in man's timeless Promethean struggle against the conditions of his existence, as well as the popular uprisings against established orders throughout history. And yet, with an eye toward the French Revolution and its regicides and deicides, he shows how inevitably the course of revolution leads to tyranny. As old regimes throughout the world collapse, The Rebel resonates as an ardent, eloquent, and supremely rational voice of conscience for our tumultuous times.Translated from the French by Anthony Bower.

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Text: English (translation) Original Language: French

Such a good read, especially if you are looking inward!

"If we believe in nothing, if nothing has any meaning and if we can affirm no values whatsoever, then everything is possible and nothing has any importance. \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{A} •

Camus' magnum opus, but with a bit of flaw at the end.Much of what he says about rebeldom is true, and his description of many atheists as **needing** at least the idea of a god against which to rebel should be read by all open-minded Gnu Atheists.However, by winding up the book with the idea that failure of liberals to be anti-Communist is the ultimate "sin," Camus somewhat trivializes his earlier ideas. Somewhat, but not totally. Nonetheless, a more universalizing conclusion would have been better.

If your like me...and if this modern time and age we live in is building your hunger and thirst for Real Concrete Knowledge at a frightening Pace...... Consider this essay a Breakfast of Champions. From the start it will give you an Idea more less a Reality Check on yourself that not only applies to you and your life no matter how good or bad it is; but also speaks to the entire population on a Global scale. Brilliantly written and composed very well for the reader to dive into these ideas and concepts. A perfect illumination on some of the deeper workings of the Human ways of Thinking, Feeling and Evolving. Unorthodox and in a sense a little scary if you can grip the Very Real message the author displays and confronts. in my opinion this book brings Substance and Practical thought to the Intuitive triggers we All get in times of Desperation and Rebellion. I can easily give this a 10 star rating if you ask me, Its Easy, Intellectually and Intuitively Stimulating, yet Educational and Based on Concrete Fact as it touches on a bit of History and Historical Figures. Read it from Cover to Cover....Simply a Good way to spend 5 hours.

Great book- arrived on time. Happy with it.

I like Albert Camus. He is the kind of writer you read more than once.

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Reading Albert Camus"The Rebel" is simply an intellectual thrill that will intrigue to think more of all the revolutions taking place now in the Middle East.

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