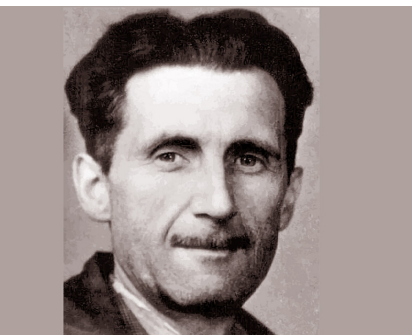


# 1984 - GEORGE ORWELL

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## A FICTION BOOK

WRITTEN BY GEORGE ORWELL

George Orwell pen name of Eric Arthur Blair was an English writer born in 1903 in Motihari, India and who died of tuberculosis on 21st January 1950 in London. He was an English writer, columnist and political journalist. He denounced in his works the political disorders of the 20th century, the excesses of totalitarianism and the dangers of manipulation by thought.

In this book, George Orwell imagines and describes Britain thirty years after a nuclear war between East and West supposedly in the 1950s. A totalitarian type of regime has been established in this country and has been strongly inspired by both Stalinism and elements of Nazism. Freedom of expression no longer exists. All thoughts are watched, and huge posters telling everyone that 'Big Brother is watching you' have been displayed in the streets. The story is about a totalitarian world where there are 3 communist parts : Eurasia, Estasia and Oceania that are at war with each other. The story takes place in London. Big Brother is the leader. Winston Smith, the main character works for the Ministry of the Truth which deals with entertainment, information, education and fine arts. His daily job is to bring the past up to date by rectifying the archives and destroying the originals in order to bring history into line with the official versions of the One Party. He falls in love with a young woman called Julia but the Party disapproves sexual desire and forbids marriage between two people who are attracted to each other. Julia and Winston decide to start a love relationship on the sly. . . Julia and Winston can't live their love forever and are quickly caught up by Big Brother. Nowadays, Orwell is still considered one of the greatest British writers. Several of his works have been adapted for film or television. 1984 was the 13th on the Modern Library's 1998 list of the 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century. I recommend this book because it's very realistic and emotional. It raises our awareness of the dangers of manipulation.