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Editorial Review

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Starred Review It may be a sign of a great work that it can be misinterpreted by detractors and proponents alike. Contemporary readers who saw Burgess' 1962 dystopian novel as a celebration of youth violence were as far off base as the teens since then who have thrilled to the transgressive violence it—or, at least, Stanley Kubrick's film adaptation—depicts. But paradox is at the heart of this book, as this newly restored, fiftieth-anniversary edition makes more clear than ever. Narrated by Alex, a teenage dandy who revels in language (he speaks a slang called Nadsat), music (especially Bach and Beethoven), and violence, especially violence. When imprisoned for murder, he is offered a chance at reform and leaps at it—but the reform turns out to be brainwashing, an aversion therapy that, alas, leaves him able to enjoy neither beatings nor Beethoven. Upon his release he becomes first a victim of his victims, then a cause célèbre of antigovernment activists before . . . well, publishers offered different endings to British and American audiences, as readers will discover here. What makes *A Clockwork Orange* so challenging, besides the language ("He looked a malenky bit poogly when he viddied the four of us"), is Burgess' willingness to use an unsympathetic protagonist to make his point, which is essentially that it may be better to choose evil than to be forced to be good. (For, as it is put by two different characters: "When a man cannot choose he ceases to be a man.") Readers can revisit or discover a classic that, while drawing from Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* and Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock*, has in turn influenced authors from Irvine Welsh to Suzanne Collins. Extras include a thoughtful introduction by editor Andrew Biswell, reproductions of manuscript pages annotated by Burgess, and a previously unpublished chapter of a book that was to have been called *The Clockwork Condition*, in which Burgess intended to set the record straight about his intentions now that Kubrick's film adaptation had made him famous. Readers will learn much, including the meaning behind the book's title. All in all, a fitting publication of a book that remains just as shocking and thought provoking as ever. --Keir Graff

Review

"One of the most groundbreaking and influential novels of all time?and one of the best." (Irvine Welsh)

"A terrifying and marvelous book." (Roald Dahl)

About the Author

Anthony Burgess (1917–1993) is the author of many works, including *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Wanting Seed*, *Nothing Like the Sun*, *Honey for the Bears*, *The Long Day Wanes*, *The Doctor Is Sick*, and *ReJoyce*.

Andrew Biswell, PhD, is the author of *The Real Life of Anthony Burgess*.

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