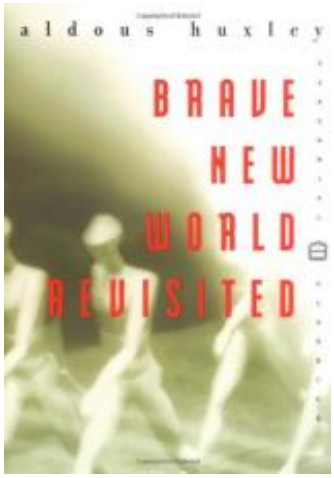
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Brave New World Revisited

by Aldous Huxley



About the Book

When the novel **Brave New World** first appeared in 1932, its shocking analysis of a scientific dictatorship seemed a projection into the remote future.

Here, in one of the most important and fascinating books of his career, Aldous Huxley uses his tremendous knowledge of human relations to compare the modern-day world with his prophetic fantasy. He scrutinizes threats to humanity, such as overpopulation, propaganda, and chemical persuasion, and explains why we have found it virtually impossible to avoid them. **Brave New World Revisited** is a trenchant plea that humankind should educate itself for freedom before it is too late.

Discussion Guide

1. Huxley wrote **Brave New World Revisited** at the height of the Cold War. Can any of his predictions now be dismissed in light of the fall of the Soviet Union?

2. Do you think that Huxley's concerns about dictatorship by drugs has become even more possible in the age of Prozac and other psychological medications?

3. When Huxley wrote these articles, DDT still was considered a scientific advance. What other aspects of Huxley's articles now, seem dated? Which of his predictions have become even more timely?

4. Huxley writes of economic censorship, with the press controlled by the Big Business/Big Government elite. Has this censorship been diluted by the rise of the Internet? Alternatively, in what ways could the Internet pose new threats to our freedoms?

5. The birth control pill was not available when Huxley wrote **Brave New World Revisited**. Has its dissemination helped solve any of the problems that he predicted?

6. Should legislation be enacted that curtails the rights of government, advertisers, or religious organizations to manipulate the mind of individuals?

Author Bio

Poet, playwright, novelist and short story writer, travel writer, essayist, critic, philosopher, mystic, social prophet, Aldous Huxley was one of the most accomplished and influential English literary figures of the mid-20th century. He was born in Surrey in 1894, and his books include **Crome Yellow, Antic Hay, Those Barren Leaves, Point Counter Point, Brave New World**, and **The Doors of Perception**. From 1937 on, Huxley made his home in Southern California. He died in 1963. Today he is remembered as one of the great explorers of 20th century literature, a writer who continually reinvented himself as he pushed his way deeper and deeper into the mysteries of human consciousness.

Critical Praise

"It is a frightening experience.... to discover how much of his satirical prediction of a distant future became reality in so short a time. "

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