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unfair to judge a book that I haven't finished. However, I feel like it's important for those people who are considering this book due to a brave new world to know that this is not as entertaining or as fast paced as that book was. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My heavens, I have thought exactly the same thing! By bearieq If the measure of a novel is how often it gets you to say to yourself "My heavens, I have thought exactly the same thing!" then the two highest scoring novels I have ever read are "The Brothers Karamazov" and "Point Counter-Point." Huxley's insight into the variety of human thought processes, motivations, and psychologies is downright impressive. And his skill at taking you down one psychological path and then, just when he has gotten you -- sometimes tricked you -- into agreeing with him, to do a U-turn and take you down the very opposite path, is masterful. And if you like "meta," you will love this book, which is meta on many levels, one of the most obvious of which is the fact that the book itself is being written by one of the characters in the book. Fantastic writing -- even the occasional little scientific details are wonderful. My only complaint is the last forty or so pages, in which Huxley basically goes off the rails and has lots of bad things happen to a lot of people for no very good (to me) reason. And why he ended with Burlap is a complete mystery. But those are minor flaws. If you like really, really well written novels, read this one, which is not as well known as it should be.

It is a classic!