



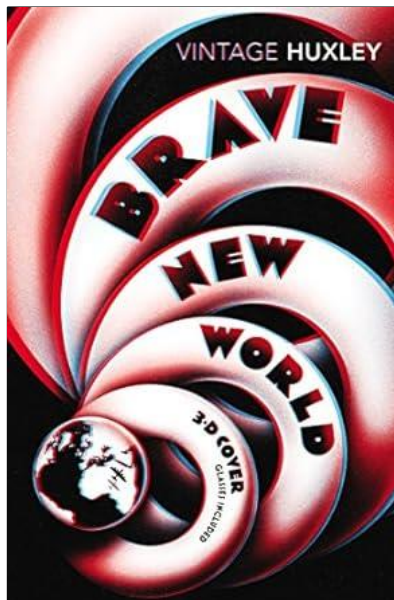
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## Book Talk

### *Brave New World*

by Aldous Huxley

Number of pages: 229



Far in the future, 'World Controllers' have created the ideal society. Through clever use of genetic engineering, brainwashing and recreational drugs, all the people in it are completely content. Bernard Marx, however, seems alone in harbouring an ill-defined longing to break free. A visit to one of the few remaining Savage Reservations where the old, imperfect life continues may be the cure for his distress....

Huxley's classic novel is an insight into what should be most important to us: freedom, connection and identity.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *1984* by George Orwell, or *A Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Who do you see as the main character of the book, Bernard or John?
2. Does the plot make you think of any real-world events?

3. How do you feel about the way Lenina treats John?

4. Do you think Lenina could have escaped the brainwashing of the World Controllers?

5. What do you think is the main reason for John's ultimate insanity?

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