

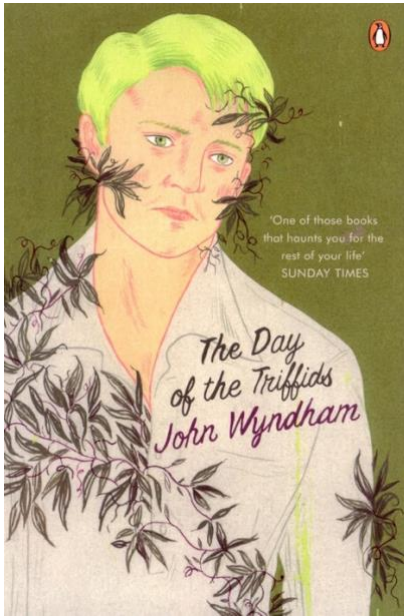


Book Talk

The Day of the Triffids

By John Wyndham

Number of pages: 272



The Day of the Triffids follows the aftermath of a meteor shower that causes most of the world's population to go blind. A biologist wakes up in a hospital to discover he is one of the only people left with their sight, which he will need to fight a walking carnivorous plant species – The Triffids.

The book has been adapted for radio, television and film and influenced the 2002 film *28 Days Later*.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *The Midwich Cuckoos* by John Wyndham, or *The War of the Worlds* by H.G Wells.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did the book remind you of any other books, films or TV shows?
2. Who would you cast in a film version of the book?
3. In the same situation would you prefer to be blind or keep your sight? Why?
4. Why do you think the different societies that were formed succeeded or failed?
5. How do you think the story would be different if it were set today?
6. Did you like the love story between Bill and Josella? Did it add a human dimension to the book, or did it distract from the plot?
7. Did you find this book to be pessimistic or hopeful about the fate of society and mankind?

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