



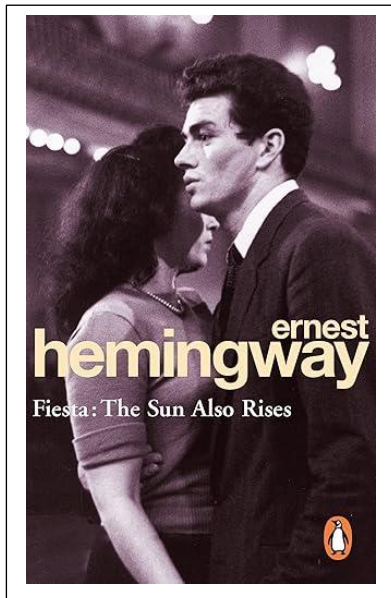
Prison Reading Groups
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Book Talk

The Sun Also Rises

By Ernest Hemingway

Number of pages: 225



Ernest Hemingway's first novel follows members of "The Lost Generation", the group of people who were damaged and disillusioned by World War I.

The book is set in Paris in the 1920s and is written from the perspective of Jake, an American journalist. It follows various characters as they spend time in Parisian cafes, fall in love with the same woman, go fishing and visit Spain to see the running of the bulls. Several characters were influenced by people Hemingway knew in his real life.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald or *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger.

Discussion Questions:

1. How did you find Jake as a narrator?
2. What did you think of Brett? Did you have sympathy for her?
3. When the characters are partying and drinking does it seem like they're having fun or covering up their sadness?
4. What did you think of the description of the bullfighting?
5. In what way does trauma from the war influence the characters' behaviour?
6. Do you think the ending of the book was hopeful?

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