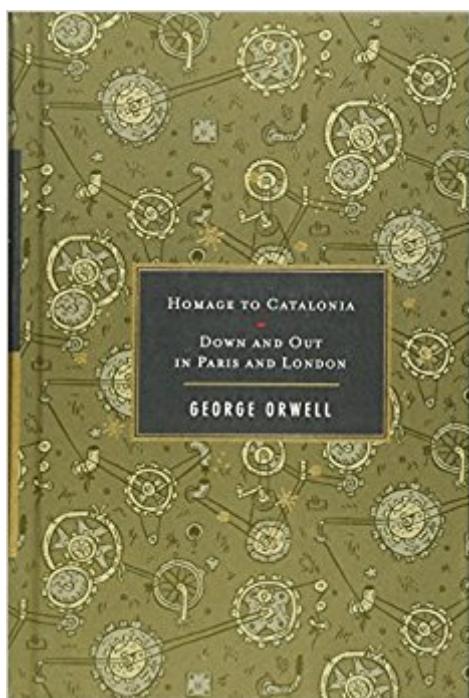


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GEORGE ORWELL (1903–1950) Æ was born in India and served with the Imperial Police in Burma before joining the Republican Army in the Spanish Civil War. Orwell was the author of six novels Æ as well as numerous essays and nonfiction works.

Homage to Catalonia and Down and Out are reviewed extensively elsewhere, and I support all the accolades. I agree that comparing even to 1984 and Animal Farm, these nonfiction pieces are superior. What I want to emphasize on is how good this edition is. Best bang for the buck, good binding, and the print quality is very sharp. You would know upfront that it is printed using fresh plates. The overall quality rivals those of the Library of America sets.

The books included here are brilliant. However, I bought this edition after it had been favorably

compared to the unimpeachably delicious editions available from Library of America. I was at the least expecting something like an Everyman's Library edition. It does not live up to those criteria. Granted, I bought it for \$15, which is along the lines of a trade paper, so I can't complain too much. However, if you are expecting an edition of the highest quality like those in the series I mentioned, move on. While the cover, paper, and printing are nicely done, the binding is NOT sewn (it is glued, despite a flourish of cord; you can tell this because there are no individual signatures discernible, the paper is cleanly chopped and glued to the binding) and there is no bookmark. That being said, it does lie open surprisingly flat. There is nothing preventing a glued binding from lasting as long as a sewn one, BUT, they usually don't. When you take all this into account, this is still a fine edition at a decent price, it is just not what I was lead to believe by another review, so I wanted to set the record straight. Hope this helps you make a decision.

I have to stop myself during reading of Down and Out... Which is why I principally bought the book. Having run away from home as a teenager and lived almost "on the streets" for a year, I'm surprised by the touching, realistic moments in this story. PLUS, the HMH version is beautifully bound.

Life as a tramp in Paris and England. Not a good life living in the fringes of society. The end.

Orwell is the man. The book is a very nice hardback edition and in great shape.

Two good books in a unique edition. I don't know what the cover art has to do with the content of the books, but it is nicely bound for the price.

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