

Now an animated film adaptation produced and directed by Andy Serkis

George Orwell's classic satire of the Russian Revolution has become an intimate part of our contemporary culture, with its treatment of democratic, fascist, and socialist ideals through an animal fable.

The animals of Mr. Jones's Manor Farm are overworked, mistreated, and desperately seeking a reprieve. In their quest to create an idyllic society where justice and equality reign, the animals of Manor Farm revolt against their human rulers, establishing the democratic Animal Farm under the credo, "All Animals Are Created Equal." Out of their cleverness, the pigs—Napoleon, Squealer, and Snowball—emerge as leaders of the new community. In a development of insidious familiarity, the pigs begin to assume ever greater amounts of power, while other animals, especially the faithful horse Boxer, assume more of the work. The climax of the story results in a brutal betrayal, when totalitarian rule is reestablished with the bloodstained postscript to the founding slogan: "But Some Animals Are More Equal than Others."

This astonishing allegory, one of the most scathing satires in literary history, remains as fresh and relevant as the day it was published.

George Orwell (1903–1950), the pen name of Eric Arthur Blaire, was an acclaimed English novelist, poet, essayist, journalist, and literary critic best known for his works of social criticism and opposition to totalitarianism. In 2008, the *London Times* named him the second-greatest British writer since 1945.

Andy Serkis is an award-winning actor who has earned acclaim from both critics and audiences for his work in a range of memorable roles, including Gollum in Peter Jackson's Academy Award-winning *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. In 2011, he co-founded The Imaginarium, a performance capture studio and production company dedicated to next-generation storytelling. Serkis made his directorial debut with the 2017 release of *Breathe*. In 2021, he helmed *Venom: Let There Be Carnage* for Marvel and Sony Pictures. In 2025, he directed and starred in the animated adaptation of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. In February of 2020, Serkis was honored by BAFTA with the Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema Award. He lives in London with his family.

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