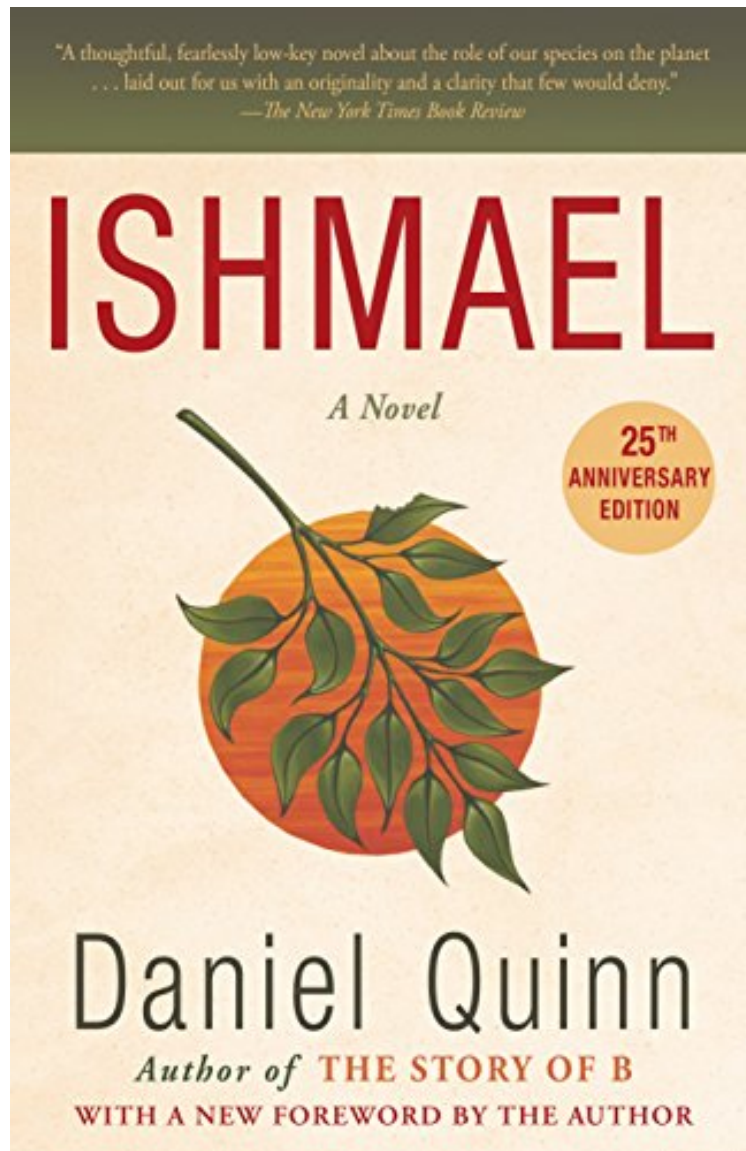


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reviews of this book, I was overwhelmed with the number of responses as well as the extremes in the ratings of Ishmael. The fact that a book can generate such extremes in opinions says quite a bit about the power of the book. I read this book for a philosophy class in college-- and am forever grateful that I did. It completely changed the way I viewed the world- and brought further understanding to a favorite bumper sticker of mine: 'if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention'. The point is, I am paying attention, and I am outraged. However, I am left to wonder, what now? I feel like now, I KNOW something I didn't know before, yet the point Quinn made in the beginning remains true. Even with this new found knowledge, I won't be saving the world from itself tomorrow. Instead I will get out of bed and go to a mundane job, like far too many other people out there. I will continue on in this Taker culture, because there is not the option to drop out of society and live the way of the Leavers. This book opened my eyes to so much I had never seen, yet when all was said and done, I am frustrated and left without a thing to do with my outrage. I wonder if the people who gave this book one star read the same book I did. It seems to me as if they completely missed the point.6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must-readVon Jan van der CrabbenIf every person on this planet would read this book, our planet would actually be a pleasant place to live in. In this well-written piece of "fiction", Daniel Quinn explains his theory of the emergence of civilization and its logical consequences.Ishmael, a gorilla who lives in a flat and is offering seminar lessons, expresses his view on humans. From this humorous perspective, Daniel Quinn goes back to the roots of civilization. He examines the early chapters of the Bible, offers alternative meanings and explanations. He explains the differences between tribalism and modern civilization, but does not tell the reader how to life (he attempts that in one of his later works, "Beyond Civilization").If you read this book you will understand why you are the way society has made you. If everybody reads this book and uses the knowledge gained (subconsciously) to teach the next generation, humanity may still have the hope not to destroy itself. A must-read for every human being who might raise kids.

KurzbeschreibungOne of the most beloved and bestselling novels of spiritual adventure ever published, Ishmael has earned a passionate following among readers and critics alike. This special twenty-fifth anniversary edition features a new foreword and afterword by the author, as well as an excerpt fromMy Ishmael. TEACHER SEEKS PUPIL. Must have an earnest desire to save the world. Apply in person. It was just a three-line ad in the personals section, but it launched the adventure of a lifetime. So begins an utterly unique and captivating novel. In Ishmael, which received the Turner Tomorrow Fellowship for the best work of fiction offering positive solutions to global problems, Daniel Quinn parses humanity's origins and its relationship with nature, in search of an answer to this challenging question: How can we save the world from ourselves? Praise for Ishmael As suspenseful, inventive, and socially urgent as any fiction or nonfiction you are likely to read this or any other year.The Austin Chronicle Before we were halfway through this slim book . . . were in [Daniel Quinn's] grip, we want Ishmael to teach us how to save the planet from ourselves. We want to change our lives.The Washington Post Arthur Koestler, in an essay in which he wondered whether mankind would go the way of the dinosaur, formulated what he called the Dinosaurs Prayer: Lord, a little more time! Ishmael does its bit to answer that prayer and may just possibly have bought us all a little more time.Los Angeles TimesFrom Kirkus sHere's the novel that, out of 2500 submissions, won the ecological-minded Turner Tomorrow Award--and caused a mutiny among the judges when it was awarded the \$500,000 first prize. Is it that good--or bad? No, but it's certainly unusual, even eccentric, enough to place Quinn (the paperback Dreamer, 1988) on the cult literary map. What's most unusual is that this novel scarcely is one: beneath a thin narrative glaze, it's really a series of Socratic dialogues between man and ape, with the ape as Socrates. The nameless man, who narrates, answers a newspaper ad ("TEACHER seeks pupil...") that takes him to a shabby office tenanted by a giant gorilla; lo! the ape begins to talk to him telepathically (Quinn's failure to explain this ability is typical of his approach: idea supersedes story). Over several days, the ape, Ishmael, as gruff as his Greek model, drags the man into a new understanding of humanity's place in the world. In a nutshell, Ishmael argues that humanity has evolved two ways of living: There are the "Leavers," or hunter-gatherers (e.g., Bushmen), who live in harmony with the rest of life; and there are the "Takers" (our civilization), who arose with the agricultural revolution, aim to conquer the rest of life, and are destroying it in the process. Takers, Ishmael says, have woven a "story" to rationalize their conquest; central to this story is the idea that humanity is flawed--e.g., as told in the Bible. But not so, Ishmael proclaims; only the Taker way is flawed: Leavers offer a method for living well in the world ... A washout as a story, with zero emotional punch; but of substantial intellectual appeal as the extensive QA passages (despite their wild generalities and smug self-assurance) invariably challenge and provoke: both Socrates and King Kong might be pleased. -- Copyright 1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From Library JournalWinner of the Turner Tomorrow Fellowship, a literary competition intended to foster works of fiction that present positive solutions to global problems, this book offers proof that good ideas do not necessarily equal good literature. Ishmael, a gorilla rescued from a traveling show who has learned to reason and communicate, uses these skills to educate himself in human history and culture. Through a series of philosophical conversations with the unnamed narrator, a disillusioned Sixties idealist, Ishmael lays out a theory of what has gone wrong with human

civilization and how to correct it, a theory based on the tenet that humanity belongs to the planet rather than vice versa. While the message is an important one, Quinn rarely goes beyond a didactic exposition of his argument, never quite succeeding in transforming idea into art. Despite this, heavy publicity should create demand. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 10/15/91.- Lawrence Rungren, Bedford Free P.L., Mass. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.