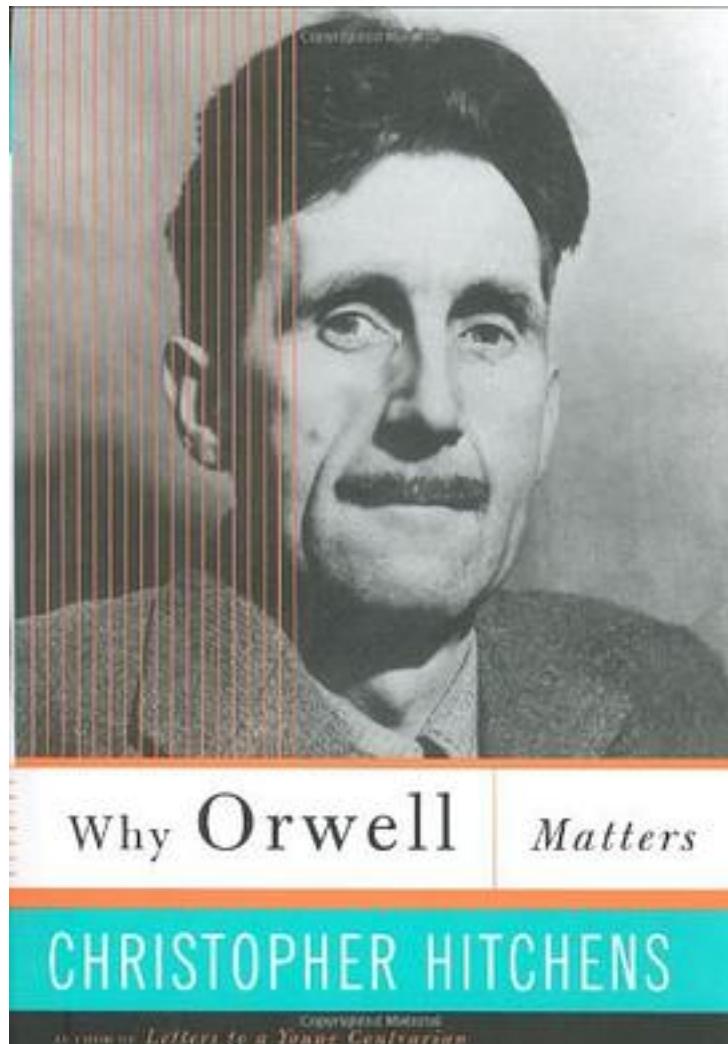


# Why Orwell Matters



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In this widely acclaimed biographical essay, Christopher Hitchens assesses the life, the achievements, and the myth of the great political writer and participant George Orwell. In true emulative and contrarian style, Hitchens is both admiring and aggressive, sympathetic yet critical, taking true measure of his subject as hero and problem. Answering both the detractors and the false claimants, Hitchens tears down the façade of sainthood erected by the hagiographers and rebuts the critics point by point. He examines Orwell and his perspectives on fascism, empire, feminism, and Englishness, as well as his outlook on America, a country and culture towards which he exhibited much ambivalence. Whether thinking about empires or dictators, race or class, nationalism or popular culture, Orwell's moral outlook remains indispensable in a world that has undergone vast changes in the fifty years since his death. Combining the best of Hitchens's polemical punch and intellectual elegance in a tightly woven and subtle argument, this book addresses not only why Orwell matters today, but how he will continue to matter in a future, uncertain world. Christopher Hitchens, one of the most incisive minds of our own age, meets Orwell on the page in this provocative encounter of wit, contention and moral truth.

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作者的个人风格很强。对Orwell的解读挺有趣...libertarian left的看法

对于这样一个文学，政治学，社会学乃至哲学命题式的人物，作为老乡的英国人希钦斯的研究恐怕最有说服力和启示性。自从1952年奥威尔被评价为“一代人的冷峻的良心”以来，就不断被推向神坛，真实的奥威尔也就渐行渐远，和鲁迅何其相似。希钦斯做了正本清源的工作，两个拳头出击，尽量还原了奥威尔。

希钧斯对奥威尔爱得深沉。

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