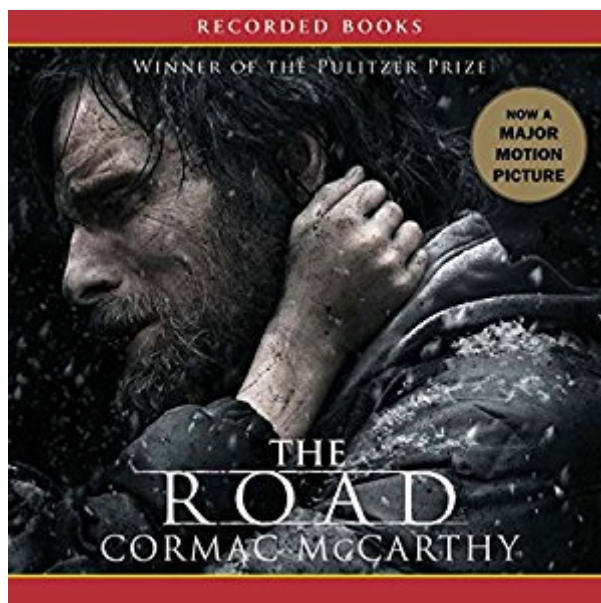


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The searing, postapocalyptic novel destined to become Cormac McCarthy's masterpiece. A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. *The Road* is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation. From the Trade Paperback edition. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

To say that *The Road* is a rather dark book would be quite the understatement....As far as dystopian literature goes, this is quite a step. The story of a father and his son, walking to the sea through a

ravaged, cold and grey world, hoping to somehow, find a better place, doesn't leave much space for a happy ending. Bleak is truly bleak here, not a lot of silver linings! And yet...and yet, this is a beautiful book. The writing is fantastic, for starter. The style, with short and descriptive sentences, carries the story to perfection. It also has a poetic quality that softens what is said/described and gives it another dimension. The real beauty of the novel isn't on the outside though, but resides inside, in the incredible bond uniting father and son, a love so deep and unconditional that it seems to erase age gap and life experience, to only focus on their desire to care for each other. This love and concomitant sense of humanity stripped to its essence, manage to give sense and meaning to their otherwise hopeless journey. On a deeper level, it also seems to invite us to reflect on what makes a life meaningful: beyond a primal survival instinct, what makes life worth living even when there is no hope in sight? The Road's answer is that, ultimately, what matters isn't "what" makes your life, but "how" you choose to live that "what"...

I really enjoyed the experience of walking with the father and son through their post apocalyptic world. I felt the father's pain and his devotion and dedication to his son. His sole mission to get his son to safety, it all resonates with me as a father. The ending was a tad annoying, but ultimately didn't spoil the experience for me. This book has a lot of negative reviews, and I get that. This book isn't everyone's cup of tea. It will suit particular people. If you are one of those people you will love it; if not, you won't.

I really liked the relationship between the man and the boy. Sometimes there was a little too much description for my taste. There were some pages where I did not understand what was being said because of McCarthy's writing style. I'm not used to reading books written in this way so it was challenging for me. But overall, it was really good. I had a hard time putting it down.

I'll have to see the movie next. If it's anything even approaching the quality of Mr. McCarthy's writing it'll be well worth the watch. Do not be put off by the lack of quotation marks, etc. By the time you get 1/4 of the way into the book, if you're reading with heart and have inserted yourself into its pages, you won't even notice the lack. I won't leave any spoilers here. Suffice it to say that this story insinuated itself into my mind and I could not put the book down. The prose is lyrical and expertly paced ... like the footsteps of the boy and the man as they make their way across the blasted landscape. I have two sons. I would do the same. In every way. Thank you, Mr. McCarthy.

Great American novelist Cormac McCarthy takes on the genre of the Post-Apocalyptic novel. Graced with his near biblical prose, *The Road* portrays a stark world burnt to ash as seen through the eyes of a man "carrying the fire" in the personage of his young son. The novel explores what becomes of humanity in the aftermath of man's greatest inhumanity. Touching, heartbreaking, often times harrowing, *The Road* will leave you terrified and amazed.

NUMBER OF HEARTS: 3 I picked up this book after a friend suggested it to me after I suggested to him *The Passage* by Justin Cronin. *The Road* is a dark tale told of a father and son trying to survive. The story is told in snapshots. It is almost like we are following them take short videos of the events that are happening around them. There were parts of this book that were beyond disturbing and parts that were heart warming. I am really on the fence about my like/dislike for this book. I wanted more. More about the world. More about the why the world is what it is. More about the boy and his father. It was a very interesting take on a post apocalyptic world. Disclaimer: I purchased this book and this review is my own opinion and not a paid review.

This novel is not a simple, plot-driven, action-packed adventure in a post-apocalyptic world. Instead, it is a dark and psychological journey that makes the reader contemplate the characters yet be thankful they are not in the characters' situation. McCarthy's writing style is impeccable; he constantly uses simple sentences that strike the reader with their depressing and meaningful messages. In all, it is a novel that is hard to read because it has a depressing setting, but it's hypnotizingly intriguing plot, themes and suspense makes it impossible to put down.

What would the world look like to survivor's after an atomic war? Since the creation of nuclear wagons, we have lived in perilous times. A possible self-imposed extinction we may yet to find out. Would you have the will to carry on, let alone raise a child in a world gone to ashes? This is a story of just such a scenario. It centers on the survival of love ("carrying the fire inside") vs. slow death. For a short novel, it can be a tough read at times. It evokes a lot of emotion and deep thought. It stirs the soul, and engages the humanity in us. Hopefully to never let this madness happen.

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