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Battle Royale: Remastered (Battle Royale (Novel))



Synopsis

Koushun Takami's notorious high-octane thriller envisions a nightmare scenario: a class of junior high school students is taken to a deserted island where, as part of a ruthless authoritarian program, they are provided arms and forced to kill until only one survivor is left standing. Criticized as violent exploitation when first published in Japan "where it became a runaway best seller" *Battle Royale* is a *Lord of the Flies* for the 21st century, a potent allegory of what it means to be young and (barely) alive in a dog-eat-dog world. A new translation by Nathan Collins.

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Customer Reviews

This is my second paperback copy of this novel and I bought this one because I'm a huge fan of Tomer Hanuka's work and also of the novel itself. I don't want to spend this review talking about the book and its relation to its manga version, film version, or the *Hunger Games* works. I think it's more appropriate to point out that yes, this really is a NEW book in that it is a new translation of the Japanese original, complete with a new afterward by the author. And did I mention the cover art? Yes, that alone should convince you to buy this book. This book was released in tandem with another book called *Battle Royale Slam Book*, which contains a series of essays. And there is also a manga book called *Angel's Border*, written by Takami himself. I would recommend all three of these, and while it might be an expensive purchase, you're going to feel like you just got visited by Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny at the same time. I definitely recommend this book as a

standalone, whether you have read the book already or not, or are simply looking to read the book the movie was based on. It's a long book but totally worth it.

Loved the movie and I loved the book, too. I think it's nice to watch the movie and then see the characters more fleshed out in the novel. I really liked the character development as well and I thought it was a really different, unique story that hadn't been told this way before. Really enjoyed reading it.

This is a dark book. I mention that in advance because I don't usually read fiction this dark. But this was a referral from someone I knew and liked, so I bought a copy. This English translation, by the way, is excellent. The basic setup of this book is that a 9th grade class has been selected to go to an island and fight until only student is alive. They are given collars that track their every move, and the people in charge can hear everything they're saying. Sections of the island are off limits at different times, and if they happen to be in an off-limit area, the collar will explode, thereby killing them. So they have to constantly be on the move. Three main characters emerge in the story, though we are given pretty much the point of view and background of every character in it. This can slow down some of the reading, even though I will admit it made for some heart wrenching moments and really brought home some of the horror of an entire class being told they must kill each other. This is a violent book. The author goes into detail over the way everyone dies. But that being said, there is a spark of hope in the middle of all the horror that takes place. This emerges best in the three main characters, two boys and a girl, who are desperately trying to find a way to stay alive and escape the island. I won't give the ending away, but it was one of the best endings I've ever read in a book. There was a great twist, and though I can't say this book gave me a warm and fuzzy feeling, it did satisfy me. I'd recommend this to people who are okay with reading darker fiction. I wouldn't recommend it to those who prefer light reading.

While the novel can easily be explained, it is one that should be read. Koushun Takami created a story of youthful violence that is difficult to put down no matter how hard you try. For one class of Japanese students, they learn what it means to be human.

Great and easy to understand translation, and an overall well-made novel. The cover looks sick and also raises interest to others who have not heard of the Battle Royale fandom :)

5 out of 5 for the story! I loved the story to this book, the author did a great job with capturing how the feel would be during a fight like this. The only similarities that exist between this and Hunger Games is the actual game/kids kill each other concept. With that said, the rating for this specific version of the book. This version is full of editorial errors. The character names get mixed up in different scenes, and some words are misspelled or completely missing in the sentences. If you can keep the names straight, you should be fine with this version, I am not sure about other ones since I have only read this one.

I loved this book. I think it's especially great if you read it in context of the criticism that it initially faced (that it was exploitive for the sake of violence) and ponder the rationale underlying the brutal violence in the book. I truthfully do not have the answer but this enigma made for excellent reading. Pro Tip: try to not read before you eat or before you go to bed.

This is a great book, but so was was the original translation. As far as major differences, I didn't really notice any. The new translation is easier to read/understand overall. Anyway, if you've never read it, this is probably the best edition to start with. If you're a fan of the book and are looking to re-read, I think this is a good buy.

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