

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO BURN

Fahrenheit 451 is a dystopian novel by American writer Ray Bradbury, first published in 1953. Often regarded as one of his best works, the novel presents a future American society where books are outlawed and "firemen" burn any that are found. The book's tagline explains the title: "Fahrenheit 451 – the temperature at which book paper catches fire, and burns..."

The lead character, Guy Montag, is a fireman who becomes disillusioned with his role of censoring literature and destroying knowledge, eventually quitting his job and committing himself to the preservation of literary and cultural writings.

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"Brilliant... Startling and ingenious..."

Mr. Bradbury's account of this insane world, which bears many alarming resemblances to our own, is fascinating."

-ORVILLE PRESCOTT. THE NEW YORK TIMES

"A masterpiece... A glorious American classic everyone should read: It's life-changing if you read it as a teen, and still stunning when you reread it as an adult."

-ALICE HOFFMAN. THE BOSTON GLOBE

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ARTIST BIO

Ray Bradbury was an American fantasy and horror author who rejected being categorized as a science fiction author, claiming that his work was based on the fantastical and unreal.

His best known novel is Fahrenheit 451, a dystopian study of future American society in which critical thought is outlawed. He is also remembered for several other popular works, including The Martian Chronicles and Something Wicked This Way Comes. Bradbury won the Pulitzer in 2007 the 21st century. He died at the age of 91.

