

Why You Should Read Of Mice and Men

Some books disappear from your mind a week after you finish them. Then some books stay, not because they are full of action or shocking twists, but because they say something quiet and real. *Of Mice and Men* is one of those books. It is short. The writing is simple. But it leaves something behind.

It tells the story of two men, George and Lennie, who travel together during the Great Depression. Lennie does not understand the world the way most people do. He is strong, but gentle. George takes care of him. They share a dream of buying a small piece of land, just enough to live in peace. It is not a new dream. It is not flashy. But to them, it means everything.

What makes this story so powerful is not just what happens. It is how the book sees loneliness. Every character is reaching for something. Candy has lost his hand and fears becoming useless. Curley's wife feels trapped in a life that does not fit her. Crooks lives apart from the others simply because of who he is. No one in this book is fully okay, and Steinbeck never tries to fix them. He just shows them.

You read it, and you start to notice things differently. Who gets heard? Who gets forgotten? And why do people keep hoping, even when they know things probably will not change?

The ending is hard to take. You feel it building, but it still lands heavy. Maybe that is the point. Life does not always offer clear answers. Sometimes, doing what feels right still breaks your heart. George makes a choice that is both painful and full of love, leaving you wondering what you might do in his place.

This book does not try to be uplifting, but it is. It reminds you that kindness matters, that even small dreams matter, and that people often carry more than they show.

If you have ever felt out of step with the world or questioned what makes something worth holding onto, this book may stay with you. It does not shout. But it tells the truth. And sometimes, that is what you remember the most.