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**Book Title:** Of Mice and Men Book

**Author:** John Steinbeck

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This book takes place in the 1930s, when the great depression was occurring. George and Lennie are best friends who have known each other since childhood. They are both migrant workers who recently got into some trouble up north, they traveled south to escape and find new work at a place named Soledad which ironically means solitude, which will make quite a bit of sense if you read the book. George and Lennie have this big dream that will definitely change their lives for the better, this dream may not seem realistic, but as migrant workers they need the dream to keep moving forward.

I personally liked the book, *Of Mice and Men*, it talks about many pressing matters that took place during this time period like, sexism, racism, and loneliness. I believe that the author was able to add these issues into the book, well while maintaining the dynamic of the story. I definitely suggest paying attention to the details of the words because there are a ton of symbols and foreshadowing that I didn't necessarily think about until I finished the book, but when I did notice them I was very impressed.

This book definitely had me thinking about all types of situations when I picked up on the symbols or some foreshadowing that wasn't shown yet. I recommend this book to people who appreciate literary devices and unspoken details. I do have to warn that this book has inappropriate language, including racial slurs, that is used frequently. I think this is a great book for teens or older.