

The Modern Classics Plague (Penguin Modern Classics)

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The Plague is Albert Camus's world-renowned fable of fear and courage. The townspeople of Oran are in the grip of a deadly plague, which condemns its victims to a swift and horrifying death. Fear, isolation and claustrophobia follow as they are forced into quarantine. Each person responds in their own way to the lethal disease: some resign themselves to fate, some seek blame, and a few, like Dr Rieux, resist the terror. An immediate triumph when it was published in 1947, *The Plague* is in part an allegory of France's suffering under the Nazi occupation, and a story of bravery and determination against the precariousness of human existence. 'A matchless fable of fear, courage and cowardice' *Independent* 'Magnificent' *The Times*. Albert Camus was born in Algeria in 1913. He studied philosophy in Algiers and then worked in Paris as a journalist. He was one of the intellectual leaders of the Resistance movement and, after the War, established his international reputation as a writer. His books include *The Plague*, *The Just* and *The Fall*, and he won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957. Camus was killed in a road accident in 1960.

French novelist, essayist, and playwright. Albert Camus (1913-1960) was a representative of non-metropolitan French literature. His origin in Algeria and his experiences there in the thirties were dominating influences in his thought and work. Among his works, *The Plague* (1947), *The Just* (1949) *The Fall* (1956). He was killed in a road accident in 1960. His last novel, *The First Man*, unfinished at the time of his death, appeared for the first time in 1994.

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Plagues. This engaging and timely collection analyses the impact of plagues, from early history to current medicine and the future. Featuring essays arising from the 2014 Darwin College Lectures, this book examines the spectrum of tragic consequences of different types of plagues, and asks if plagues are the manifestation of nature's checks and balances.

Camus A. *The Plague* (first published in French, *La Peste*, 1947; Penguin Modern Classics edition, 2013), pp. 237-8. 27. www.bbc.co.uk/news/health; 11 March 2013. Accessed March 2013. 28. www.bbc.co.uk/news/health; 26 November 2008."