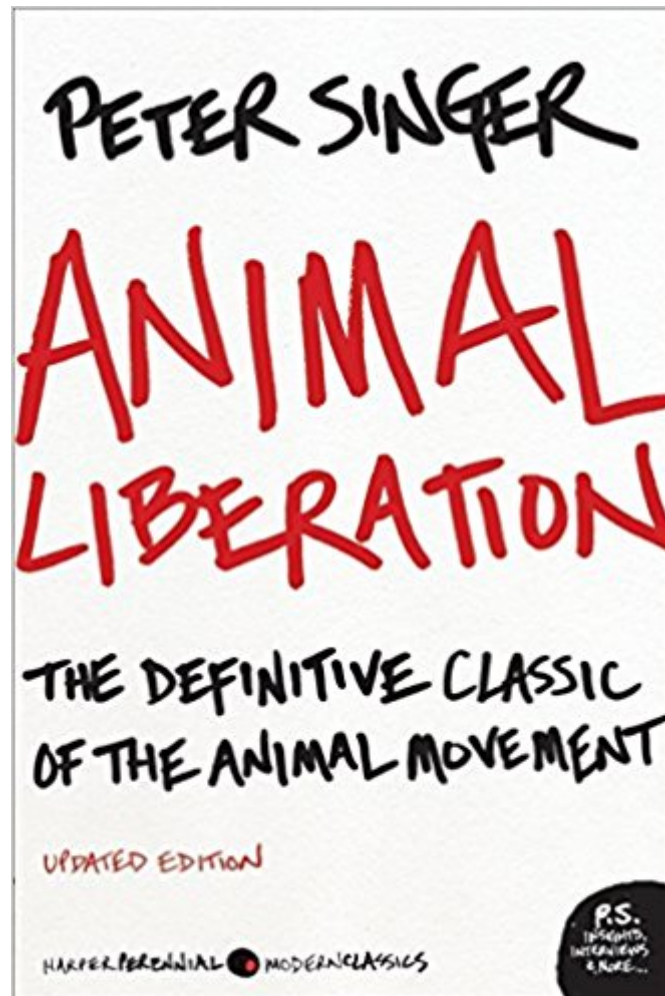




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# Animal Liberation: The Definitive Classic Of The Animal Movement



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Peter Singer's other books include *Writings on an Ethical Life*, *Practical Ethics*, and *The Life You*

Can Save, among many others. He is the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University's Center for Human Values.

I read this book nearly 40 years ago and became a vegetarian because of it. Singer, a philosopher, writes clearly and effectively. Today the public knows more about factory farming and experimentation on animals, largely, I think, because of this book's influence. Yet he understands that for some people becoming completely vegetarian may prove too daunting, so he says to do as much as you can. He isn't strident.

It is a profound experience, following the arguments brought forth in this book. It is easy to follow, and irrefutable logic. I knew these truths in my heart, but Peter Singer puts it into words.

This book does a good job at conveying the message of why it is generally immoral to continue with how we treat animals. Singer puts forth an excellent and thorough case for why animals should get equal consideration of interests. If one does not find the fact that the exploitation of animals, to this harmful degree, is generally immoral, this book is still to be read. Singer provides arguments against eating animals that are convincing for even the anthropocentric; e.g.: The environmental impact of eating animals; the world hunger benefits if we were to stop eating animals; and the economic advantages in not eating meat, viz. it would be cheaper for us, as the consumer. One complaint is, in the Index, Aquinas is said to appear on pages 186, 193-195, and 244. I complain because Aquinas is also mentioned on page 196. I know, I'm splitting hairs. I highly recommend it; I expect it would change what you eat for dinner.

It is called the seminal work on animal rights for good reason. Animal Liberation is to the written word what Earthlings is to the documentary world. Life changing. As an animal law and advocacy instructor, and human being, Singer's work should be required in high school. Period.

Good: the information/data is detailed and precisely pertinent to the topics, the updated and supplemental information keeps the present-day reader connected to Peter Singer's legacy with the Animal Liberation movement  
Bad: the writing is at times difficult to fully comprehend on the first read, Peter Singer definitely authors on a university level that may prove to be intimidating for younger/less experienced readers  
This book is a requisite read for anyone with interest in animal rights/ethics. I began reading this book when I became a vegan. I started reading the 2nd. edition

(1990) that a vegan friend gave to me, and decided to finish reading with the most updated/ 4th. edition (2009). This book is a great reference for ethics/philosophy. It also seems like the closest thing to what most of us will have to being a student of Peter Singer.

Many times I'll check a book out of the library first, to decide if it's worth buying. I decided this one is. I rarely get time to finish the library book before I've exceeded the allowed renewals. So after a few chapters of this book, I ordered the book (which allows me to underline all the important and interesting concepts). Looking forward to finishing the book.

Well worth the reading. Informed and persuasive.

This is somewhat of a philosophy book that can help open minds. I think all people should read it.

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