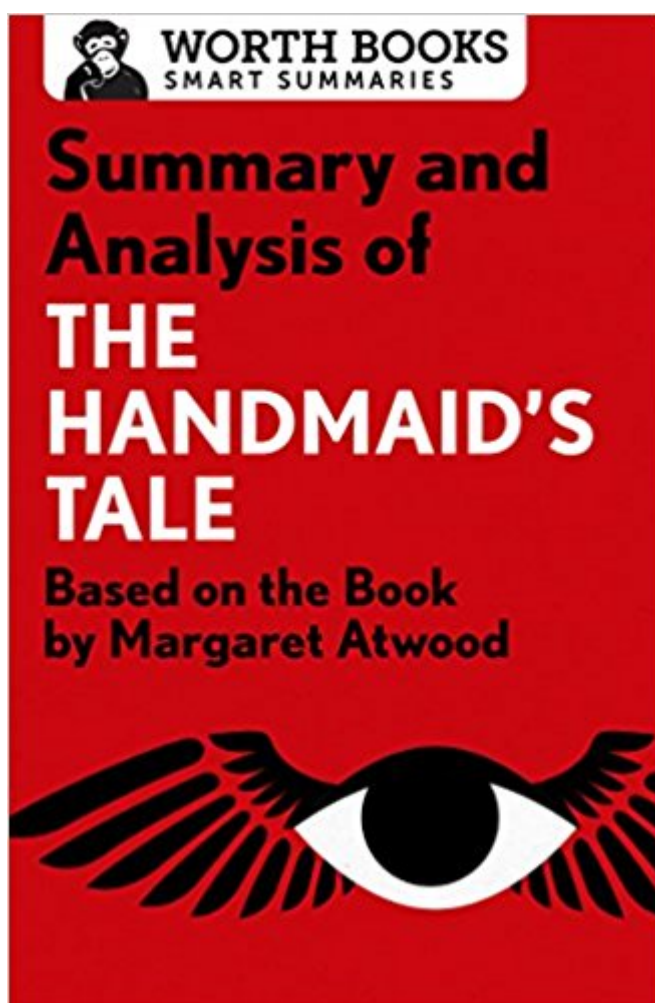


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# Summary And Analysis Of The Handmaid's Tale: Based On The Book By Margaret Atwood (Smart Summaries)



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About Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*: Margaret Atwood's dystopian literary masterpiece tells the story of Offred, a Handmaid living in the near future in what was once the United States. A new theocratic regime called the Republic of Gilead has come to power and changed life as she knew it. Once Offred had a her own name and a loving family—a husband and daughter—both of which were taken from her; now she belongs to the Commander and his hostile wife, and her only value lies in her ability to bear a child for them. She used to read books and learn; now such things are forbidden to all women. Gripping, disturbing, and so relevant today, *The Handmaid's Tale* is a brilliant novel and a chilling warning about what can happen when extreme ideas are taken to their logical conclusions. The summary and analysis in this ebook are intended to complement your reading experience and bring you closer to a great work of fiction.

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I would have preferred more discussion, analysis or critical review. The majority of the book was simply summarizing the plot.

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If you are reading this the first time around it may be helpful .

I read this book 1st to get a better understanding of the characters and the gist of the storyline of "The Handmaid's Tale". I highly recommend that you read this book first if you are considering it. It will help you immensely!

Ordered by mistake. I never used this so can't honestly rate it.

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