The Tenth Man
By: Graham Greene

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Who is Graham Greene?

- Tough childhood- Ditched school to avoid bullies, ran away from home.
- Forced to psychotherapy where his love for writing was found.
- Attended Oxford University’s Balliol College.
- 1925- graduated from Oxford with a second-class pass in History.
Greene’s Writing Career

- Worked as novelist, freelance writer, editor, journalist, and film critic.
- 1929- Publication of his first novel: *The Man Within.*
Why We ♥ Graham Greene!

In addition to many novels, Greene also wrote 6 plays, several collections of short stories, 4 travel books, 3 autobiographies, among other works, including books for children.

1991- in Vevey, Switzerland, Graham Greene died.

“He will be missed all over the world. Until today, he was our greatest living novelist.” -Kingsley Amis
It was the second World War!

- Worldwide military conflict that lasted from 1939 to 1945
- Started with German invasion of Poland and Japanese attacks on China, US, British and Dutch colonies.
- During the war, was the Holocaust, which resulted in extermination of around six million Jews and other groups by Germany.
- End of WWII - United States and Soviet Union emerged as the world's two leading "Superpowers."
Nazi Concentration Camp

Millions of prisoners were killed through mistreatment, disease, starvation, and overwork, or were executed as unfit for labor.

The two principal groups of prisoners in the camps, both numbering in the millions, were Jews, Soviets and Polish prisoners of war.

Large numbers of Roma’s (aka Gypsies), Communists, and homosexuals, as well as some Jehovah’s Witnesses.
The “Final Solution”

Starting in 1942, Nazi Germany established extermination, or death camps, for the sole purpose of carrying out the industrialized murder of the Jews of Europe - the “Final Solution.”

“Final Solution”
- The Nazi’s plan to engage in systematic genocide against the European Jewish population during WWII
“Lean, curt, and sinister from the start... The Tenth Man goes down like caviar.”

-The Village Voice

Published: 1985
Washington Square Press

Summary and Overview of THE TENTH MAN by: Graham Greene
Takes place in France - 1940’s German occupation.

1 in 10 men in PoW camp will be killed on a count of two Nazi’s being killed the night before.

Each prisoner will draw marked paper from a shoe to “fairly” decide who will be condemned to death and who will live.
Chavel drew the last marked slip in the shoe which meant it was he who would die tonight.

In his hysteria, he offered to give everything he owned to someone if they would die for him.

Janvier took his offer with his mother and sister at heart. They would get Chavels’ possessions.
Fast Forward
…Months later…
(post PoW camp)

- Chavel changes his name to Charlot after camp and begins to search for a job in Paris.
- Becomes help for Janviers’ family. Has to avoid familiar faces.
“I’m the REAL slim shady!”

- A beggar comes to town claiming he is the real Chavel who had escaped persecution for being a collaborator with Germans during the occupation.
- He convinces Therese that Charlot made him look bad and her brother made the proposed deal to him.
- When Charlot (aka the real Chavel) provides that he is an impostor, he is shot and killed.

“Will the real slim shady please stand up?!?”
Good book or bad book?

We turned to the Pro’s

AMAZON readers said:

* The novel is a fine example of Greene’s style, as finished and polished as any of his more complex novels.
* The dialogue is taut, revealing character and plot simultaneously, with no extraneous chat.
* Filled with ironies and absurdities, the novel maintains considerable suspense until the dramatic ending.

“He Cheated Death”

* "The Tenth Man" is melodrama, which is O.K. But Greene attempts to invest it with philosophical meaning, and, really, it does not work.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. (NY Times)
*Matt’s Rating & Personal Review*

**MATT SEZ >>**

- Reasons to enjoy:
  - Suspense
  - Drama

- Moral issues within the book:
  - Giving up your life to benefit another.
  - Giving up your possessions.
  - Don’t take advantage of those ‘below’ you.

- Reasons **not** to enjoy:
  - Predictable story line
  - Lack of character building

“Well the food wasn’t *THAT* good…”
The Tenth Man:: MoRaLs

To give up one’s life for another.

Janvier sacrifices himself with unclear motifs:
1) to die in his own personal glory
2) didn’t want his family to be left struggling
The Tenth Man:: MoRaLs II

- Give up your riches to save your own life.
- People disregard what they value just to become more wealthy and greedy.
- Children relinquish their beliefs in order to look “cool” to other kids.
Don’t take advantage!

Often times people take advantage of someone who has recently been hurt in any way.

Chavel does not win Theres’ love after he realizes he is attracted to her because her mother has just passed away, it is not the right time.

Deception hurts!

Chavel pretends to be Charlot so Janviers’ family doesn’t find out he is responsible for his demise.

The beggar pretends to be Chavel in order to become wealthy.
THE END!

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