



# BOOK RESUME: ORYX AND CRAKE

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Snowman, known as Jimmy before mankind was overwhelmed by a plague, is struggling to survive in a world where he may be the last human, and mourning the loss of his best friend, Crake, and the beautiful and elusive Oryx whom they both loved. In search of answers, Snowman embarks on a journey—with the help of the green-eyed Children of Crake—through the lush wilderness that was so recently a great city, until powerful corporations took mankind on an uncontrolled genetic engineering ride. Margaret Atwood projects us into a near future that is both all too familiar and beyond our imagining.

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**Author:** Margaret Atwood

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## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Her shuddering post-apocalyptic vision of the world . . . summons up echoes of George Orwell, Anthony Burgess and Aldous Huxley. . . . *Oryx and Crake* [is] in the forefront of visionary fiction.” —*The Seattle Times*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Finalist for the 2003 Booker Prize
- Finalist for the 2004 Orange Prize

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Margaret Atwood at MIT – ‘Oryx and Crake’ Revisited - 2004 Abramowitz Lecture](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [“Margaret Atwood mocks Utah for banning her book,” Axios \(2024\)](#)

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