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# BOOK RESUME: THE CIRCLE

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

When Mae Holland is hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company, she feels she's been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The Circle, run out of a sprawling California campus, links users' personal emails, social media, banking, and purchasing with their universal operating system, resulting in one online identity and a new age of civility and transparency.

What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy, democracy, and the limits of human knowledge.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A vivid, roaring dissent to the companies that have coaxed us to disgorge every thought and action onto the Web. . . . Carries the potential to change how the world views its addicted, compliant thrall to all things digital. If you work in Silicon Valley, or just care about what goes on there, you need to pay attention."  
—*The Wall Street Journal*

"A parable about the perils of life in a digital age in which our personal data is increasingly collected, sifted and monetized, an age of surveillance and Big Data, in which privacy is obsolete, and Maoist collectivism is the order of the day."  
—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Banned Books - Dave Eggers, daveegggers.net \(2024\)](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- ["When investigating book ban, Dave Eggers finds culture of fear in school," KCRW \(2022\)](#)
- ["Dave Eggers' Novel Was Banned From South Dakota Schools. In a New Documentary, the Community Fights Back \(Exclusive\)," People \(2024\)](#)

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