

1984 Nineteen Eighty-Four

Nineteen Eighty-Four (also published as 1984) is a dystopian novel and cautionary tale by English writer

George Orwell

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