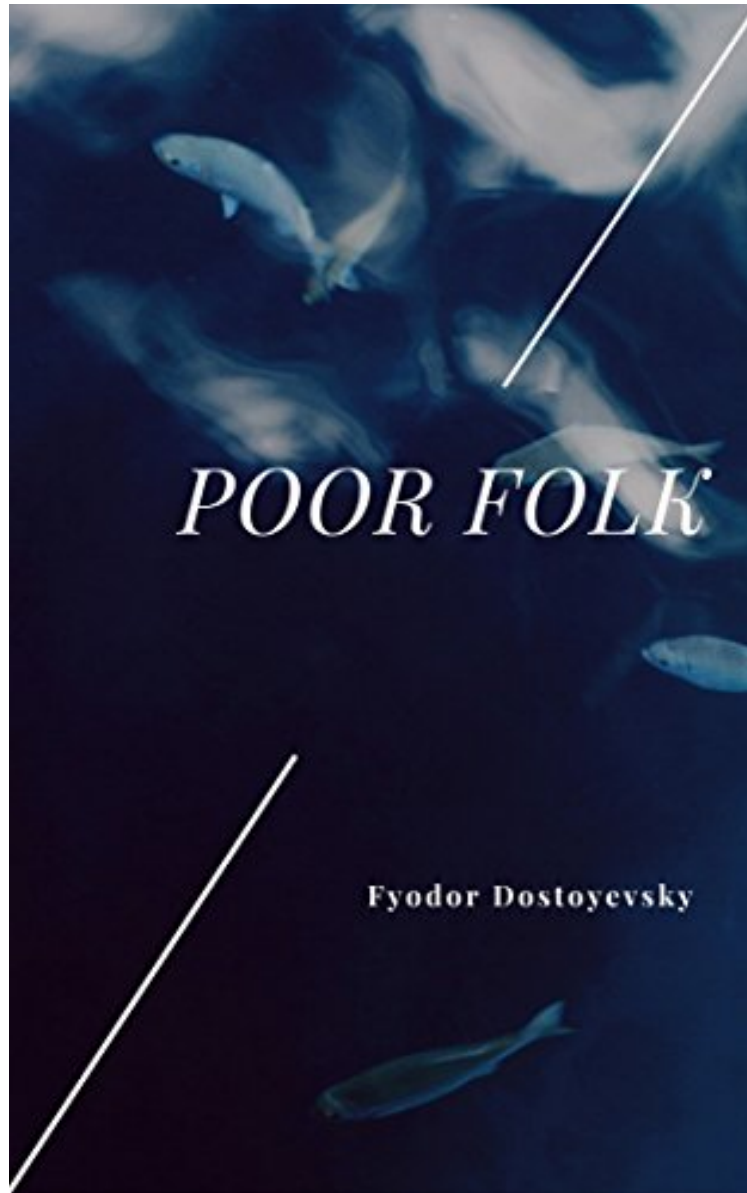


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Avid reader 1excellent1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A heart-rending and eye-opening account of the lives of the poor in RussiaBy Alan L. ChaseI have been enraptured with the writing and the thinking of Fyodor Dostoevsky since Dr. Beatrice Batson of Wheaton College introduced me to Ivan's life-affirming "sticky little leaves" in the "Brothers Karamazov." It is no

accident that one of my grandsons has the middle name of Fyodor! Somehow along the way I had missed reading until now the master's short story/novella "Poor Folk." It is a heart-rending and eye-opening account of the desperate lives of the poor in Tsarist St. Petersburg, Russia in mid-nineteenth century. Using the technique of letters shared between two friends, distant relatives and platonic lovers - Makar Alexievitch and Barbara Alexievna -. Dostoevsky shines the light of his observation into the darkest corners of poverty and the troubled human spirit that seeks to hang onto dignity in the midst of deprivation and despair. In much the same way that Dickens called the attention of his readers to the plight of London's underbelly, so Dostoevsky uses vivid descriptions of persons, places and mindsets to draw us into the dusty corners of hovels where children die and jaded denizens drink themselves into oblivion and threadbare subsistence. Dostoevsky is a genius. CJ Hogarth in his English translation has captured much of the nuance of the world that Dostoevsky described, mirroring what he observed as a young man in Moscow living in poverty in the household of an alcoholic father. Although set in a far away place and long ago time, the spiritual and psychological tolls that poverty takes on the human spirit are the same today as they were for Dostoevsky's struggling menagerie of petty civil servants, drunkards and widows. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. how can you leave a bad review on a book? By Customer I had to give it five stars, how can you leave a bad review on a book?

Considered one of the greatest Russian writers, whose works have had a profound and lasting effect on twentieth-century fiction. His works often feature characters living in poor conditions with disparate and extreme states of mind, and exhibit both an uncanny grasp of human psychology as well as penetrating analyses of the political, social and spiritual states of Russia of his time. Many of his best-known works are prophetic precursors to modern-day thoughts. He is sometimes considered to be a founder of existentialism, most frequently for *Notes from Underground*.

About the Author Dostoyevsky wrote intensely psychological and spiritual novels that formed part of the foundation of existentialism. Along with other liberal intellectuals, he was arrested in 1849 and sentenced to death, but his sentence was commuted, and he was exiled in Siberia for four years, followed by five years of mandatory service in the army. When he emerged from his long ordeal he faced financial problems, depression, and an addiction to gambling and wrote his most important novels.