

No Longer Human

by Osamu Dazai

The Author

Osamu Dazai was a Japanese author. Some of his most popular books, such as *No Longer Human* and *The Setting Sun* can be considered modern-day classics. His unique writing style and way of sewing his personal life into his works intrigued many of his readers.

The Book

No Longer Human is a novel written by Osamu Dazai and considered to be his masterpiece, ranking as the second-best selling novel ever in Japan. The book is narrated in first person through a character called Ōba Yōzō although Dazai included various aspects and events of his own life. Using this unique writing style he blurs the line between autobiography and fiction leaving the reader to build their own image of his personality. In *No Longer Human* Dazai addresses topics like social alienation, depression and suicide, so it's not an particularly easy read. To answer the question of what this book exactly is, can certainly be considered a challenging task but working it will definitely yield some literary and philosophical insight of Dazai's mind. And his is one you'd want to discover and dive into undoubtedly.