

Quotations from reviews of *The Fat Years*, Chan Koonchung

'We found this book to be written in a style which was easy to read, allowing the story to unfold in a way which was both fascinating and troubling. The translator's notes at the end served to enhance our discomfort as the gulf between east and west which emerges in the truths told through this fiction seems to grow wider.'

Branston Readers Group, Branston

'The descriptions of settings/places are very rich allowing the reader to build a detailed picture of the described scene.'

Cardiff Central Readers Group, Cardiff

'I think this book should be a compulsory read for every politician in the – well, I was going to say the West but as I am rather a fanciful person – the whole world!'

Carol, Cardiff Central Readers Group, Cardiff Central

'The format kept me reading – I wanted to know what happens.'

Robin Griffiths, Swindon Central Library Wednesday Reading Group, Swindon

'I doubt many people would have read a non-fiction piece – it's definitely something that sticks with the reader long after you put it down'

Bluebird Reading, Brownlow Library

'It is far easier to read a novel of this type than a text book on the subject, so from a personal viewpoint this would be the only way any of us would ever have any insights into such a topic.'

Chapter and Wine Reading Group

'It seemed to me a 1984 or Animal Farm of our time.'

Bluebird Reading, Brownlow Library

'It made us aware of how lucky we are that we can read books – that literature is freely available and rarely banned'

West Greenwich African Caribbean reading group, Greenwich Libraries

'I think Koonchung has written a very brave book'

Anne Rubin, Hove Library Book Club

'I've already persuaded friends to buy/read copies because I want to discuss it with them... I don't expect to forget it in a hurry and think the issues and themes will continue to be discussed worldwide. All libraries and MPs should have a copy.'

Anonymous

'We felt that we should all read books like this in order to widen our knowledge and become more informed and this particularly raises our awareness of current pressing world issues.'

Pickering Library

'It's had an impact on all of us and makes China far more 'real' to us than it was before.'

Victoria Howard, Fiveways Book Group, Hove Library



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