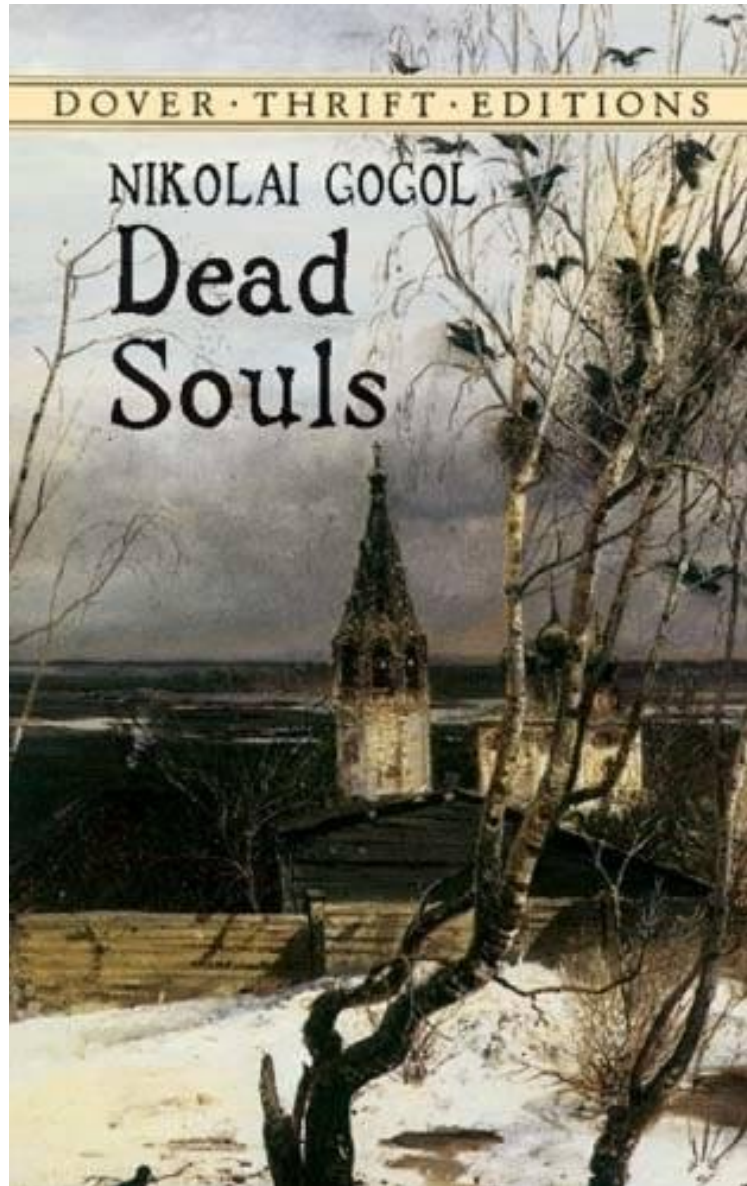


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great book great price By res8gIMO, Dead Souls is complete as it is. There are a lot of literary theorists who believe that the way the novel is "cut off" is actually intentional. I wasn't so sure when I started reading it, but after reading this book and several of Gogol's other works it is my opinion that it was in

fact intentional that it cuts off literary in mid sentence. Gogol was a very intelligent author who liked to have fun with his writing--you can tell from the whole tone of his writing that he is not the type of author who necessarily adheres to what is expected of him.that having been said, if you are still skeptical--even as an "incomplete" work this is a great book. the plot is pretty self contained and doesnt require any more than is already given.ALSO dover thrift is the bomb. I absolutely love this publisher. Such cheap prices for such great classic novels. Can't be beat.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A masterpieceBy PeterSince this was the only English translation of Dead Souls I read, I cannot compare it with other translations. However, I found the English fitting the era and spirit of the book. It is a masterly work, which in the form of a fiction gives a captivating, scathing and accurate picture of Russia in mid nineteenth century, with all the backwardness, social injustice, corruption and at the same time fertile ground for various crooks and manipulators. I found it regrettable that we do not have the two subsequent parts planned by the author.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. a o book.. just not my style of writing n plot confusingBy Constance Tarracinodid nt care for the plot and how it was written...this author was to be a mentor to later russian authors, but i found it difficult to read

A stranger arrives in a Russian backwater community with a bizarre proposition for the local landowners: cash for their "dead souls," the serfs who have died in their service and for whom they must continue to pay taxes until the next census. The landowner receives a payment and a relief of his tax burden, and the stranger receives — what? Gogol's comic masterpiece offers the answer in a vast and satirical painting of the Russian panorama, as it traces the path and encounters of its mysterious protagonist, Pavel Ivanovich Chichikov, in pursuit of his dubious scheme.The plot of Dead Souls is reputed to have been inspired by an actual episode related to the author by his friend, the poet Pushkin. Although intended as a three-part novel, only the first part and a few fragments of a draft of the second part exist; Gogol completed and destroyed the second part, and died in the course of his ascetic preparations for writing the third. Some readers consider his novel a realistic portrait of nineteenth-century Russia; others regard it as a work of great symbolism, proclaiming the trickster Chichikov an accurate image of commercial travelers the world over, whose success rests less upon their actual wares than on their grasp of human nature and powers of persuasion. Among the greatest nineteenth-century Russian novels, Dead Souls continues to inspire twenty-first century authors and readers.

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