

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck



Of Mice and Men was the first work to bring John Steinbeck national recognition as a writer. Steinbeck initially conceived the novella as a play and each chapter is arranged as a scene, confined to a specific location.

The novel tells the story of streetwise George and his big, childlike friend Lennie, drifters, searching for work in the fields and valleys of California. They have nothing except the clothes on their back, and a hope that one day they'll find a place of their own and live the American dream. But dreams come at a price. Gentle giant Lennie doesn't know his own strength, and when they find work at a ranch he gets into trouble with the boss's daughter-in-law. Trouble so bad that even his protector George may not be able to save him.