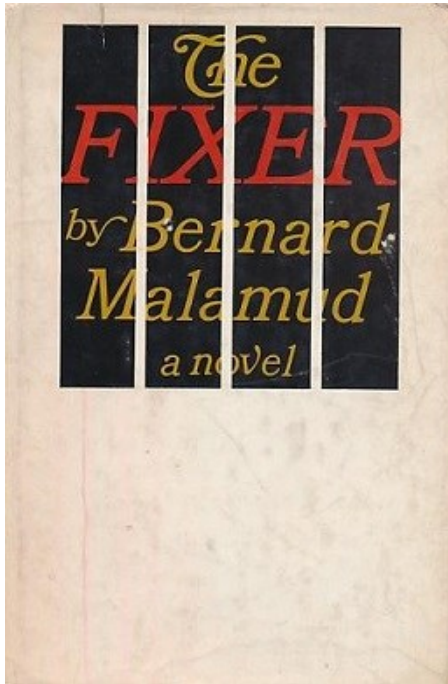


THE FIXER



Summary of Concerns:

This book contains inflammatory religious and racial commentary; violence including self harm; and profanity.

Adult

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4	<p>Zhenia, dead more than a week, was covered with stab wounds, his body bled white. After the funeral in the cemetery close by the brick factory, Richter, one of the drivers, brought in a handful of leaflets accusing the Jews of the murder. ...was imprinted on the cover, and under it: SAVE RUSSIA FROM THE JEWS. In his room that night, Yakov, in fascination, read that the boy had been bled to death for religious purposes so that the Jews could collect his blood and deliver it to the synagogue for the making of Passover matzos.</p> <p>...He was worried because the brick factory where he worked was in the Lukianovsky District, one in which Jews were forbidden to live.</p> <p>...two drunken soldiers shot the first three Jews in their path, his father had been the second.</p>
9	<p>His nose was sometimes Jewish, sometimes not.</p>
11	<p>"Outside the Pale only wealthy Jews and the professional classes can get residence certificates. The Tsar doesn't want poor Jews all over his land..."</p>
27	<p>"Anyway, God save us all from the bloody Jews," the boatman said as he rowed, "those long-nosed pock-marked, cheating, bloodsucking parasites. They'd rob us of daylight if they could. They foul up earth and air with their body stink and garlic breaths, and Russia will be done to death by the diseases they spread unless we make an end to it. A Jew's a devil- it's a known fact- and if you ever watch one peel off his stinking boot you'll see a split hoof, it's true..."</p>
28	<p>I say we ought to call our menfolk together, armed with guns, knives, pitchforks, clubs- anything that will kill a Jew- and when the church bells begin to ring we move on the Zhidy quarter, which you can tell by the stink, routing them out or wherever they're hiding- in attics, cellars, or ratholes- bashing in their brains, stabbing their herring-filled guts, shooting off their snotty noses, no exception made for young or old, because if you spare any they breed like rats and then the job's to do all over again.</p> <p>"And then when we've slaughtered the whole cursed tribe of them- and the same is done in every province throughout Russia, where we can smoke them out- though we've got most of them nice and bunched up in the Pale- we'll pile up the corpses and soak them with benzine and light fires that people will enjoy all over the world. Then when that's done we hose the stinking ashes away and divide the rubles and jewels and silver and furs and all the other loot they stole, or give it back to the poor who it rightfully belongs to anyway.</p>
57	<p>"What do you think goes on in the wagons at night? Are the drivers on their knees fucking their mothers?"</p>
68	<p>When the coffin was lowered into the grave, hundreds of leaflets exploded into the air: WE ACCUSE THE JEWS.</p>
69	<p>The fixer readily confessed he was a Jew. Otherwise he was innocent.</p>
113	<p>"Who knows what a Jew does with money. I've heard it said they take it to bed with them and give it a fuck once in a while..."</p>
128	<p>"The Jew killed my child," Marfa cried out.</p>
130	<p>..."if the bowels of the earth were to open to reveal the population of human dead since the beginning of the world, you would be astonished to see how many innocent Christian children among them have been tortured to death by Christ-</p>

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	hating Jews. Throughout the ages, as described in their holy books and various commentaries, the voice of Semitic blood directs them to desecrations, unspeakable horrors- for example, the Talmud, which likens blood to water and milk, and preaches hatred of gentiles, who are characterized as being not human, no more than animals.
139	The days were passing and the Russian officials were waiting patiently for his menstrual period to begin. Grubeshov and the army general often consulted the calendar. If it didn't start soon they threatened to pump blood out of his penis with a machine they had for that purpose. The machine was a pump made of iron with a red indicator to show how much blood was being drained out. ...It was used exclusively on Jews; only their penises fitted it.
141	We suspected a Jew at once because a Russian couldn't possibly commit that kind of crime.
142	He flipped open a notebook to a page of pen-and-ink sketches, turning the book so that Yakov could read the printing at the top of the page: "Jewish noses."
142	"A Jew is a Jew and that's all there is to it. Their history and their character are unchangeable. Their nature is constant. ...With a Jew it is the nose that burns and reveals the criminal he is."
143	...how your fellow Jews were executed in the not too distant past. They were hanged wearing caps full of hot pitch and with a dog hanging beside them to show the world how despised they were.'
145	"The pricks are born with privileges."
150	As he cried out, Fetyukov reached behind him whipping a short heavy stick out of his trousers. He struck Yakov a hard blow on the head. The fixer went down on one knee, holding both hands over his pain-wracked, bloody head, then fell over.
177	"No more noise out of you or I'll shoot your Jew cock off."
194	Yakov had first to raise his arms and spread his legs. The Deputy Warden probed with his four fingers in Yakov's armpits and around his testicles.
195	At the end he had to bend over and pull apart his buttocks.
216	"...Spread your filthy ass."
223	"...It takes a Jew to shift the blame of his crime onto his accusers..."
231	Also there's a lot of fucking in the Old Testament, so how is that religious?.."
235	"I'm onto your Jew tricks."
242	The harlot, he had heard it said, was Israel, but the jealousy and anguish Hosea felt was that of a man whose wife had left his bed and board and gone whoring after strangers. "And let her put away her harlotries from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; Lest I strip her naked, ...And slay her with thirst.
245	"...Zhenia told me about the times you enticed him to come to your room in the stable and there with the promise of bonbons and sweets you got him to open the buttons of his pants and with your hand caused him intense excitement..."
247	I begged him, stay away from those evil Jews.

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251	"...The simple fact is there are too many Jews- my how you procreate!..."
263	Yakove put his hands to his head, obsessed by the thought that someone was hitting him repeatedly. When the searchers appeared he was unchained and ordered to strip quickly. Though he tried to hurry, his fingers were like lead; he could not open his few buttons, and the guard booted him for not moving fast enough. He begged them to examine half his body at a time, with his jacket and shir on and pants off; then with his pants on and the other clothes off, but they wouldn't. All he was allowed to keep on was his undershirt. It was as though, if that were not removed, the search could not be such a bad thing whatever else they did to him. During the search Berezhinsky grabbed the fixer's beard in his fist and tugged. When Yakov complained, he yanked his penis. "Ding-dong, giddyap. A Jew's cock's in the devil's hock."
265	When he could hold no longer hold it he pissed on the floor. Once he held it so long the stream burst forth, wetting his pants and shoes. When Berezhinsky came in and saw what had happened he slapped the fixer's face with one hand, then the other until the day blotted out. "You cocksucker Zhid, I ought to make you lick it up off the floor."
267	He had secret, almost pleasurable thoughts of death, had had from the time he had stolen Zhitnyak's needle. He had thought, if I want to die sometime I can use the needle to cut my veins. He could do it after Kogin left, and bleed all night.
268	He had no belt but could tear up his clothes and the blanket, braid the strips together, and if he did not first freeze to death, hang himself from the window bars.
274	Overnight a madman is born who thinks Jewish blood is water. Overnight like becomes worthless. The human body is worth less than its substance. A person is shit.

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Ass	1
Bitch	1
Cock	2
Fuck	6
Piss	5
Prick	1
Shit	6