

QUICK CARD: ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVITCH



<i>Reference</i>	<i>A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.</i> Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. (1962) ISBN-13: 978-0451228147
<i>Plot</i>	A Russian man struggles to retain his humanity in a Soviet labor camp in the gulag.
<i>Setting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Soviet labor camp in Siberia • Brutal winter conditions • Communist society
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Denisovitch Shukhov, Prisoner S-854 (protagonist) • Alyosha, the Baptist • Tiurin, the boss of Ivan's work gang • Fetiukov, the base scavenger • Tsetzar Markovich, the rich prisoner • Captain Buynovsky, Prisoner S-311, a faithful Communist • Prisoner Y-81, the stoic prisoner who retains his humanity in the system • Kuzyomin, Ivan's first gang boss back in '43 • Gopchik, the young prisoner • Ivan Kilgas, the Latvian bricklayer • Pavlo, the assistant gang boss • The two Estonians • Senka Klevshin, the deaf prisoner • Nikolay Semyonovich Vdovushkin, the medic/poet • Stepan Grigoryevich, bureaucratic prison doctor • Der, Prisoner B-731, cruel construction foreman • Lieutenant Volkovoy, the "wolf" in charge of prison discipline • The Thin Tartar, brutal prison guard • Big Ivan, kind guard • Clubfoot, cafeteria worker • Shkuropatenko, Prisoner B-219, worksite guard
<i>Conflict</i>	<p>Man vs. God Man vs. Society Man vs. Man Man vs. Himself</p>

<i>Theme</i>	The indomitable human spirit – survival The dignity of man Freedom vs. Tyranny Atrocities of Communism Meditation on what it means to be human Meditation on the meaning of life
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Symbolism