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[Interview with Sylvia Tomlinson] [Quiz based on *Plucked and Burned*]

Rating : 8/10
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Plucked and Burned *by* Sylvia Tomlinson. Paperback, 8" x 6".
Redbud Publishing Co., P.O. Box 4402, Victoria, TX 77903-4402, USA. E-mail: info@redbudpublishing.com Publication Date 2003. x + 237 pages. ISBN 0-9720293-2-X. Price $19.95

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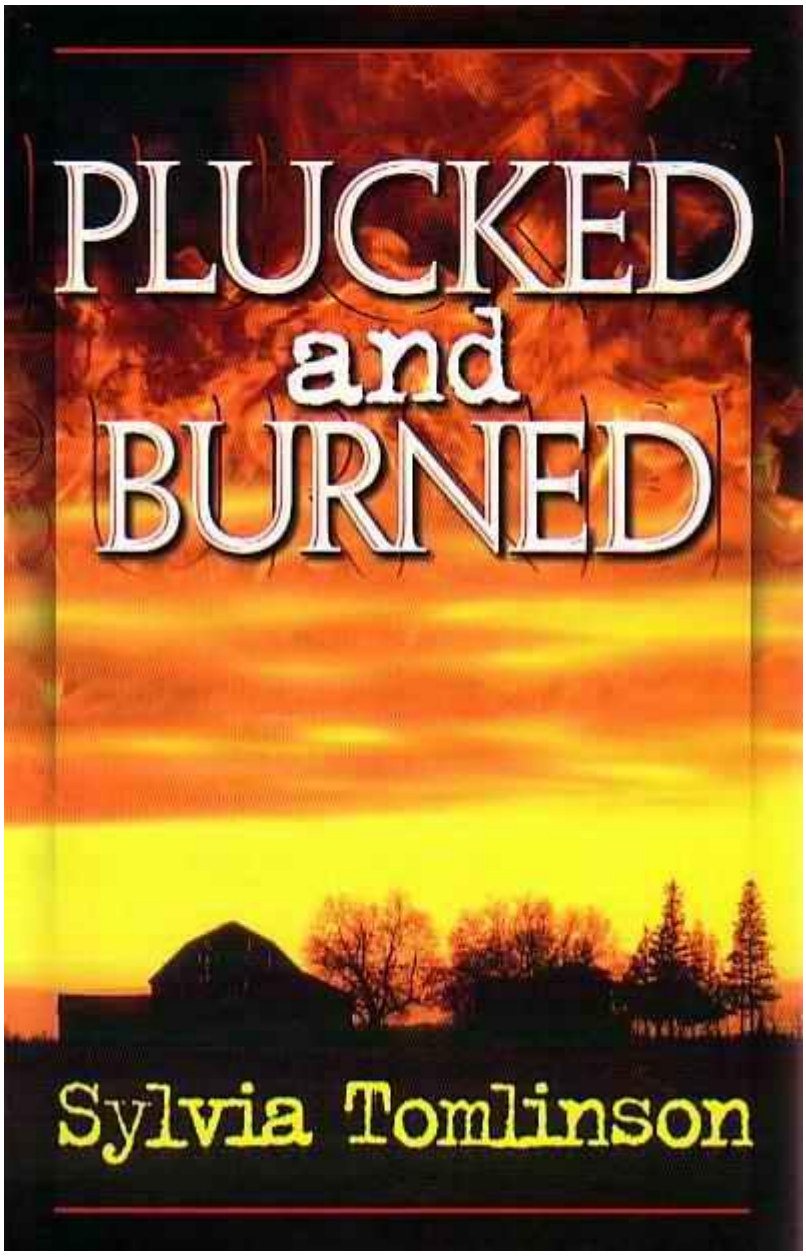

The story of Plucked and Burned, by Sylvia Tomlinson, is set in the modern present-day America. It vividly illustrates how profit-making, big corporate houses, known as P.U.s in the story, harass and humiliate the contract poultry growers.

The story begins with the murder of a contract labourer, a young boy from Mexico, under unexplained and unsympathetic circumstances, followed by the death of a friend of Doug Blackwelder, the main character of the story.

The story is a journey of these peaceful, hardworking people to find justice for these deaths. In the process, the truth behind the poultry industry is exposed. How, with the vertical integration, small companies are swallowed by huge conglomerates, and how these conglomerates cheat workers out of their wages, violate child labor laws, and force the poultry growers to employ unethical practices in the breeding of chicken. They exploit the gullible workers into submission or else force them into poverty and despair.

The author seems to be part of these noble, honorable, hardworking rural people. She builds up on their language and habits to create a scenario that has a universal appeal. It is a well researched and well written book. An eye opener for anyone who eats chicken.

In India, where poultry is still a small scale industry and where the corporate greed has not made its entry as yet, the scenario may not be that dismal.

-Ameeta Gupta and Rohit Raghav Gupta



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