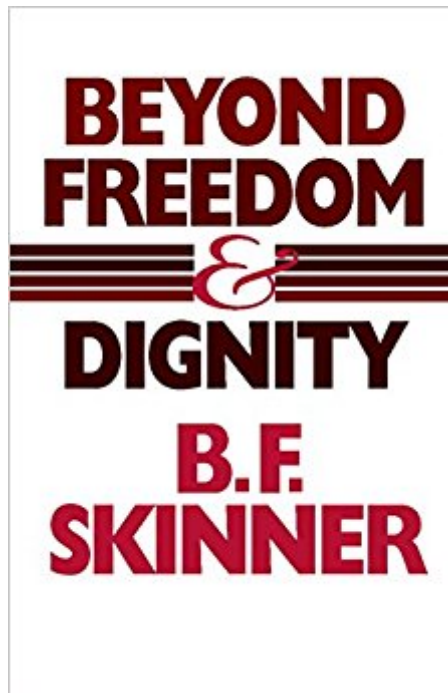




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When I first read this book years ago, I understood for the first time why America has such a violent culture. When I hear the news about school shootings and second amendment rights, I see that Skinner understood why these were part of our culture, and that we can't stop killing our children by banning weapons but we would need to change our whole culture. We would need to address our deepest fears, and find within ourselves a new way to feel safe and confident.

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Great read. Highly recommend to anyone.

Wonderful book expounding on what people can do for each other. Fantastic read!

As far as when it was first published - glad to see it is still available - this was a gift to a psychology student in the family because some very provocative theories are offered at time of first print but should be revisited even for 2013 students for comparison within psychology today -

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