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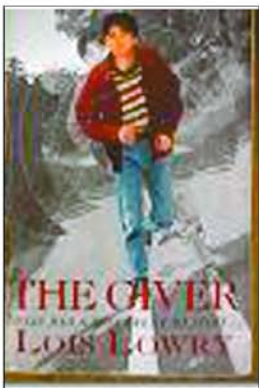
STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

The Giver

By Lois Lowry

Published by Bantam Doubleday Dell Books
for Young Readers

Jonas, an eleven-year-old boy lives in a "perfect" community. In this community, no one knows what love, weather, music, or even color is! The community is based on sameness and everything, including their jobs, is chosen for the community's people. Jobs are chosen at the age of twelve



and when Jonas reaches that age, he is chosen to be the "receiver" of his community. Even before Jonas begins his job, although he doesn't realize it, he begins to experience the color red. When he starts his job, Jonas finds out that his mentor, the "Giver", is basically a storage for memories of the past. These memories include snow, color and oceans. When the Giver cannot deal with the pain, Jonas must take some of it away by seeing horrible things such as death and war. When Jonas realizes how wrecked his society really is, he tries

to escape with baby Gabriel. Will he succeed? What will happen if someone finds him?

This book is one of my favorites because it teaches you that being different is good. If everything was the same, nothing would have any meaning. I think that everyone should read this wonderful book. It is full of intriguing surprises and heartwarming events.

Reviewed by ...



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What is your favorite book?:

Inkheart

by Cornelia Funke

What type of books do you prefer?:

Fantasy

Did you learn anything from this book?:

I learned to be grateful for our freedom and independence.

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