



## The Giver

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Life in the community where Jonas lives is idyllic. Designated birthmothers produce new children, who are assigned to appropriate family units; one male one female, to each. Citizens are assigned their parents and their jobs. No one thinks to ask questions. Everyone obeys. The community is a precisely choreographed world without conflict, inequality, divorce, unemployment, injustice, or choice.

Everyone is the Same.

Except Jonas.

At the ceremony of twelve, the community's twelve year olds eagerly accept their predetermined life assignments. But Jonas is chosen for something special. He begins instruction in his life's work with a mysterious old man known only as the Giver. Gradually Jonas learns that power lies in feelings.

But when his own power is put to the test – when he must try to save someone he loves – he may not be ready. Is it too soon? Or too late?