

SCYTHE

by Neal Shusterman

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

Scythe by Neal Shusterman is one of the most captivating books you'll ever read, a terrific novel that depicts our future in a peculiar way. In a world where disease, hunger, war, misery, and death have been conquered, Scythes are employed by society to end life and keep the size of the human population under control. We follow Citra Terranova's journey as she unwillingly becomes one of these famed custodians of humanity, overcoming countless obstacles and uncovering dark truths behind this mysterious Scythe order. To sum it up, a unique take on what humanity can end up being later on.

As one of my favorite books, this novel is something I cherish every aspect of. Its vast world-building brings every aspect of the story to life, from Terra's everyday journeys to how humanity has adapted to their "utopia". I also really enjoyed how mankind has turned out to have an optimistic future, free of suffering as we get to see humanity really prosper and thrive. Additionally, the story allows us to focus on what we as a civilization can expect to be our fate as time progresses. In summary, a great story that brings a new aspect of humanity to life.

One thing I wish for this book is for more people to pick it up, as its writing is really remarkable and illustrative. Its well-written story and meaningful characters coalesce into a great tale of science fiction and adventure, something hard to find these days. It fits right in with our current world, expanding on it and showing us a glimpse of what humanity can really be. All in all, one of a kind novel that is worthwhile with every turn of a page.

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