## **SCYTHE**

## by Neal Shusterman

## Published in 2016

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

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Genre(s):		
	Contemporary/Realistic	✓ Action/adventure
<b>✓</b>	Science Fiction	Fantasy
	Romance	Horror
	Mystery	Nonfiction
	Historical fiction	Other:

In the society of Scythe, taking place in 2042, everything crucial has been conquered. disease, war, and even death? Nothing can negatively impact citizens' lives anymore, but to keep the world from overpopulating, citizens are chosen to be gleaned (killed) by scythes. Main characters Citra Terranova and Rowan Damisch compete against one another and overcome many obstacles, doing whatever it takes to try and become a scythe.

I saw so many positive reviews, but I didn't know that it was going to be this good! It was fast-paced which made it such more of an enticing read because there is a lot going on in almost every chapter and so many plot twists that'll make you want to keep reading forever. The idea of the 10 commandments of scythe and scythedom are so well written and the creativity of this story is absolutely incredible.

Citra was brave, relentless, and SMART which made her an overall amazing main character, Rowan was understanding and loyal which made their dynamic so brilliant. The concept of the two characters splitting up, being trained by different scythes, and a simple rule of one having to glean the other at the end of their training really had me on my feet. It's safe to say that their character development made the story feel so real.

Should people read this? In short, absolutely. Such an amazing dystopian novel + a good cliffhanger just to end the book, words can't fathom how excited I am to explore scythedom and this society as a whole, Shusterman is such a brilliant author and his writing is so creative, fun and tempting the entire way!

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