



Lois Lowry was born March 20, 1937 in Hawaii. Her father was an Army dentist and her family lived all over the world. She attended Brown University, but left after her sophomore year to get married and raise a family of four children. They settled in Maine, where she returned to college and got her degree from the University of Southern Maine. Lois Lowry fulfilled a childhood dream when she began writing in the mid-1970's. Now she lives in West Cambridge with her dog, Bandit, and spends weekends in her farmhouse in New Hampshire.

This book is about a boy named Jonas who has lived in a 'perfect' society since he was born. He never had any questions about how things were done or anything until one day, when he turned 12, he was chosen as 'receiver of memories'.

He was then training with the Giver who gave him memories of the past, before the community, and so Jonas started questioning the community.

"If you're wondering whether or not you should purchase this book, let this review serve as confirmation that you should. It's definitely worth it."

Washington Post

"The book gave me many doubts about what the book was going to be about but as I read the book the characters fascinated me a lot because they were so relatable in life and I could read the book and talk about how their life is so similar but at the same time very different."

Time Magazine

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"It is an interesting story, an unusual town or village."

New York Times

"As the book begins I thought I knew the story, but I was wrong. It quickly turned into an amazingly unbelievable story and I didn't want to stop reading."

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"Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the Community. When Jonas turns twelve, He is singled out to receive special training from *The Giver*. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now it's time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back."

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