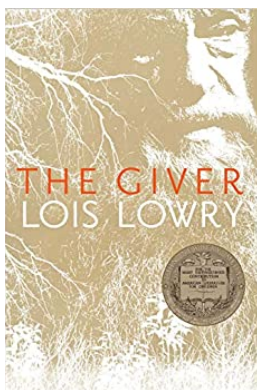


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# The Giver

## by Lois Lowry



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

It was almost December, and Jonas was beginning to be frightened. Thus opens this haunting novel in which a boy inhabits a seemingly ideal world: a world without conflict, poverty, unemployment, divorce, injustice, or inequality.

December is the time of the annual Ceremony at which each twelve year old receives a life assignment from the Elders. Jonas's friend Fiona is named Caretaker of the Old. His cheerful pal Asher becomes the Assistant Director of Recreation. But Jonas has been chosen for something special. When his selection leads him to an unnamed man known only as the Giver, Jonas begins to sense the dark secrets that underlie the fragile perfection of his world.

This book has won many awards including:

- A Newbery Medal Winner
- An ALA Notable Children's Book
- An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

### Who Wrote It?

Because Lois's father was a dentist for the military, she lived all over the world! She was born in Hawaii, lived in Tokyo and eventually moved back to the United States and was living in New York City when she graduated high school. Lois always wanted to be a writer. When she was a little girl she carried around a notebook and was always writing poems and stories. She started her career as a freelance journalist and then novels. A common theme and message that runs through her work is this: the vital need of people to be aware of their interdependence, not



only with each other, but with the world and its environment. Lois now lives in Maine with her husband and their big shaggy dog, a Tibetan Terrier named Alfie. Lois likes to spend the winter in the warm climate of Naples, Florida.

AR Reading Level: 5.7

Lexile Level: 760L

I want to read this book: YES / NO



WHAT I THINK




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