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# The Maze Runner

## by James Dashner



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?

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.

Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying: Remember. Survive. Run. The clock is ticking and Callum can't trust anyone...

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An ALA-YASLA Best Fiction for Young Adults Book  
An ALA-YALSA Quick Pick

**Book #1 in the series of 5!**

### Who Wrote It?

in 1972, James Dashner was born in Austell, GA but shortly after moved to Duluth, MN. He spent the rest his childhood (with his 5 brothers and sisters!) there, growing up along the shores of Lake Superior, until he graduated in 1991 and then moved to Utah to attend college at Brigham Young University. While he was there, earning his degree in accounting, he met his wife. After graduating college, James worked in finance before becoming a full-time writer. In addition to writing great books, James has had the opportunity for his books to be turned into movies. Actually, The Maze Runner series is the 4th most successful book to movie transition, coming in 4th behind The Hunger Games, Divergent and



Twilight, earning \$949 million dollars. James and his wife now live in Utah. You can learn more about this author on his website: <http://www.jamesdashner.com>

AR Reading Level: 5.3

Lexile Level: 770L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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