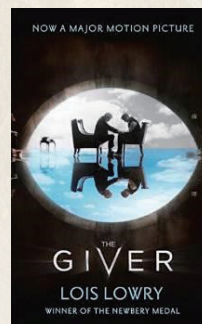
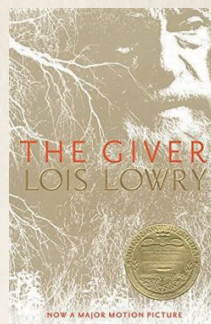
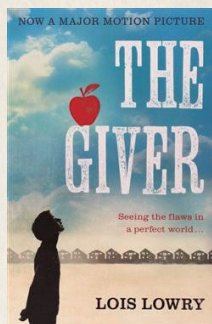


# 《The Giver》

## A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick

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### 前言：

二十年前，Lois Lowry 在打字機前，一字一句敲出了 *The Giver* 中的理想國，用她精練淺白的文字，大膽挑戰讀者對於理想的定義，揭開理想背後自相矛盾的醜惡與冷酷。二十年後，Lois Lowry 筆下的理想國躍上大銀幕，*The Giver* 電影，更鮮活地對新世代人類提出相同的疑問：我們到底嚮往怎樣的未來？我們又該如何面對這不盡理想的世界？

事實證明，這是一本難以被時代遺忘的著作，是個看似平靜卻暗濤洶湧的故事，而故事背後懸掛的重重問號，有待你在詫異的震撼中，一一探尋。

### 推薦人的話：

相信同學們對於 *The Hunger Games*（中文譯本《飢餓遊戲》）和 *Divergent*（中文譯本《分歧者》）都不陌生，小說中兩位女主角堅韌勇敢的形象更是令人印象深刻。而如果你喜歡這兩本小說，那 *The Giver* 絕對是你下一本該拜讀的作品！原因一：記憶傳承人正是 *The Hunger Games*、*Divergent* 以及許多著名反烏托邦文學的始祖；原因二：在 *The Giver* 中，你將看到比前述兩部作品中，更貼近現實卻也更令人震撼的未來世界。

也許你壓根沒聽過 *The Hunger Games* 和 *Divergent*，但你一定多少有過厭世的感受，也許是因為課業、親情、友情或愛情的煩惱，你曾想過逃離這個世界，甚至在腦中搭建了一個你理想的國度。如果你曾有過類似的經驗，我相信，你會在這本小說裡看見自己想像的影子，而 Lois Lowry 將帶你找尋建構快樂國度的答案。*The Giver* 的用字不難，即便是第一次閱讀英文小說也不會吃力，書中的主角 Jonas 是個 12 歲青少年，與同學們有著相去不遠的年紀，但他所經歷與領悟的一切，將挑戰你對於世間一切熟悉事物的認知，顛覆你眼中每個理所當然的存在。

我有幸在 2014 年看了 *The Giver* 的電影，之後才買了小說，細細探索 Lois Lowry 二十多年前構築的理想國，對於先看電影再看書深感懊悔。對我來說，觀影永遠無法戰勝閱讀，而這樣的感受在閱讀 *The Giver* 時更加深刻，畢竟，電影某種程度剝奪了讀者自由想像的權利。

因此，我在此誠摯邀請每位讀者，翻開這本雖經歷時代變遷，卻越顯耀眼的讀物，造訪我有幸見識的，Lois Lowry 筆下，那理想的世界。

### 內容簡介：

*The Giver* is the classic award-winning novel that inspired the dystopian genre and a major motion picture adaptation for 2014 starring Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Katie Holmes and Taylor Swift.

It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. And at twelve years old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders.



Twelve-year-old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems. It is only with the help of the Giver that Jonas can find what has been lost. And it is only through his personal courage that Jonas finds the strength to do what is right.

### 獲頒獎項：

- The 1994 Newbery Medal
- The 1994 Regina Medal
- The 1996 William Allen White Award
- American Library Association listings for "Best Book for Young Adults", "ALA Notable Children's Book", and "100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990–2000."
- A Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book
- Booklist Editors' Choice
- A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

### 名家品評：

- Wrought with admirable skill -- the emptiness and menace underlying this Utopia emerge step by inexorable step: a richly provocative novel.” —Kirkus, starred review
- “Lowry is once again in top form raising many questions while answering few, and unwinding a tale fit for the most adventurous readers.” —Publishers Weekly, starred review
- “The simplicity and directness of Lowry's writing force readers to grapple with their own thoughts.” — Booklist, starred review
- “The theme of balancing the values of freedom and security is beautifully presented.” — The Horn Book Magazine, starred review

### 作者簡介：Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry is known for her versatility and invention as a writer. She was born in Hawaii and grew up in New York, Pennsylvania, and Japan. After studying at Brown University, she married, started a family, and turned her attention to writing. She is the author of more than forty books for young adults, including the popular Anastasia Krupnik series. She received Newbery Medals for two of her novels, Number The Stars and The Giver. Her first novel, A Summer To Die, was awarded the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award. Several books have been adapted to film and stage, and The Giver has become an opera. To learn more about Lois Lowry, see her website at [www.loislowry.com](http://www.loislowry.com)

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- The Giver's page on Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Giver](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Giver))

### 延伸閱讀：

**The Giver Boxed Set : The Giver/ Gathering Blue/ Messenger/ Son**  
理想國四部曲：記憶傳承人 / 歷史刺繡人 / 森林送信人 / 我兒佳比

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