



2018

The Hate U Give

Bailey Ondricek

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Ondricek, Bailey (2018) "The Hate U Give," *Children's Book and Media Review*. Vol. 39 : Iss. 4 , Article 79.
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol39/iss4/79>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.



Book Review

The Hate U Give

This powerful novel follows a brave sixteen-year-old girl named Starr as she's confronted with contemporary racism. Having witnessed the murder of her friend in an act of police brutality, she finds herself in a position to use her words as weapons, but what if she doesn't want to fight? A current text accurately detailing important messages from the Black Lives Matter movement, themes including gang violence, rioting, and racism are given life. An important perspective for any reader, this text is timely and appropriate in its message to readers concerning the reality of "THUG LIFE."

Thomas's novel features compelling and lifelike characters who experience real-life conflicts like racism, coming of age, and family conflict, and who also watched the Harry Potter movies. These people are so detailed that the book reads almost like an autobiography rather than realistic fiction. Because of the realism and the authentic details in the book, the affective quality is well-felt. Readers will find themselves laughing and crying as they follow Starr's family through every new turn. Some readers may be uncomfortable with the true-to-life language used in the book, but the vulgarities are used in vernacular and further the genuine nature of the text. This book lives up to the bravado. An important book for young adults and beyond, expect to be changed by the messages and characters therein.

*Contains severe language, moderate sexual content, and severe violence.

Author

Angela Thomas

Illustrator

Reviewer

Bailey Ondricek

Rating

Outstanding

Level

Young Adult

Pages

485

Year

2017

Publisher

Balzer + Bray

ISBN

9781909263994