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The Giver
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Chapter 1

Jonas is almost 12 years old. Jonas lives with his family. They talk about the rules of the community. One rule is that each family has a Dad, a Mom, a baby girl, and a baby boy.

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Chapter 2

Jonas, Mom, Dad and sister Lily talk about how Lily came to the family. Jonas is nervous about a special day: Ceremony of Twelves. Jonas will learn his job. Jonas will learn to be an adult.

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Chapter 3

Lily wants to have a job of Mother. Jonas thinks Lily should be a speaker.

Jonas’s father brings home Gabriel, a small baby.

Gabriel and Jonas have the same eyes.

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Chapter 4

Jonas meets his friends, Asher and Fiona.

They work at the House of the Old. Jonas helps an old man named Larissa. Larissa tells Jonas about the release of her friend. Larissa does not know about releasing.

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One morning, Jonas had his first dream.

It was a happy dream about a girl.

Jonas tells his father about his dream.
Today is the Ceremony of Twelves. Everyone is going to the party. Jonas cannot go. Jonas must wait. Waiting makes Jonas sad.

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Chapter 7

The Ceremony of Twelves begins. Jonas sees the children who are eleven learn about their job. Chief Elder did not tell Jonas his job.

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Chapter 8

Chief Elder apologizes to Jonas for making him wait.

Chief Elder tells Jonas that he is the Receiver of Memory.

The Receiver of Memory must be smart, brave, and honest.

Everyone is happy for Jonas.

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Chapter 9

Jonas learns about the Receiver of Memory. There is a lot to learn. Jonas is surprised. Jonas will now be able to lie.

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Chapter 10

Jonas meets with the old Receiver of Memory. Jonas learns that he must receive all of the memories of the world.

The old Receiver of Memory gives Jonas a memory of snow and sledding.

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Chapter 11

Jonas learns about weather from the old Receiver of Memory.

Jonas receives a happy memory of sledding.

Jonas receives a sad memory of a sunburn.

The old Receiver of Memory tells Jonas to call him the Giver.

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Chapter 12

Jonas lies to his parents about his dreams.

Most people do not see colors.

Jonas sees his friend Fiona's hair. Fiona's hair is red. Jonas is happy he can see colors.

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Chapter 13

The Giver tells Jonas about falling off a sled and getting hurt. Jonas feels sad and wants medicine. Jonas needs to remember being hurt so Jonas can tell other people.

Gabriel, the baby cries at night and cannot sleep. Jonas is afraid Gabriel, will be taken away. Jonas tells Gabriel a happy story.

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Chapter 14

Jonas tells his friends he can see colors. His friends are confused. They see only gray.

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Chapter 15

The Giver shows Jonas pictures of war.

Jonas feels pain. The Giver feels sorry for Jonas.
Chapter 16


Jonas takes medicine so he is relaxed. Jonas decides to stop his medicine so he can feel love and pain.
Chapter 17

Jonas plays a war game with his friends. Jonas feels sad. His friends do not understand.

Dad goes to work. Dad's job is to kill sick babies. Jonas is afraid Dad will take Gabriel away.

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Chapter 18

Jonas learns about Rosemary. Rosemary was sad when she got memories. Rosemary asked to be released.

Jonas asked The Giver what would happen if Jonas left.

The Giver said the community would be okay.

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Chapter 19

The Giver tells Jonas to watch a video of Dad releasing a baby. Jonas sees dad poison a baby.

Dad puts the baby in a box and in the garbage. Jonas is upset.

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Jonas learns that release is kill. Jonas plans to run away. The Giver will help the community.
Chapter 21

Dad tells the family that Gabriel did not sleep. Gabriel will be released. Jonas decides to run away with Gabriel. Jonas uses the memory of cold to hide Jonas & Gabriel. The planes cannot find them.

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Jonas and Gabriel live in the woods with animals. Jonas and Gabriel have little food. They are hungry. Jonas hopes they will find food.
Chapter 23

Jonas and Gabriel go outside. It is snowing. Jonas and

Gabriel go sledding down the hill. Jonas hears music

in his head. Jonas has a special memory of a

family and love.

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