Dystopian Fiction

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Abstract

The following works of dystopic fiction have been selected based on positive reviews found in one or several of the following sources: Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, School Library Journal, or Booklist. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but we hope to highlight classic and contemporary works of dystopic literature that have appeal for teens.

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Refbacks

- There are currently no refbacks.

We may or may not be living in a dystopian age, but we are certainly living in an age of dystopias. At every turn in a bookstore aisle, you’re increasingly likely to stumble across a vision of our world, through the looking glass. You’ll find the classics — your Orwells, Huxleys, and Atwoods — but you’ll also find a rising crop of new entries into the dystopian canon, from younger authors with fresher concerns about what, precisely, could spell our doom. Utopia and dystopia are genres of speculative fiction that explore social and political structures. Utopian fiction portrays the setting that agrees with the author’s ethos, having various attributes of another reality intended to appeal to readers. Dystopian fiction (sometimes combined with, but distinct from apocalyptic literature) is the opposite: the portrayal of a setting that completely disagrees with the author’s ethos. Many novels combine both, often as a metaphor for the different directions.