

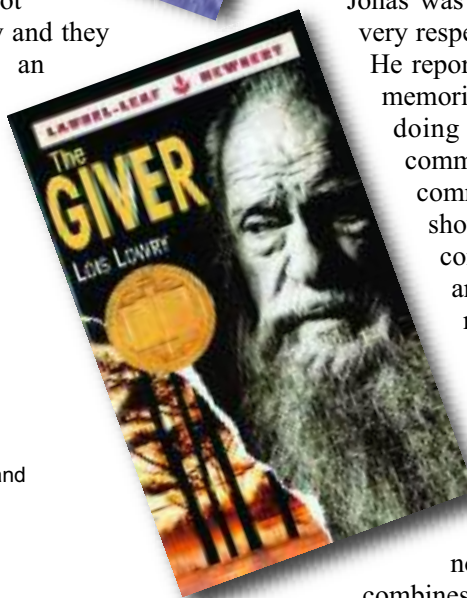
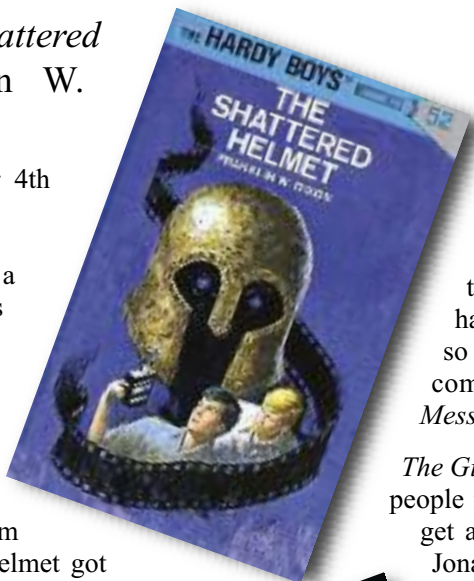
# STUDENT BOOK REVIEWS

## *The Hardy Boys Shattered Helmet* by Franklin W. Dixon

Mystery: Recommended for 4th grade and up

Frank is 18 and Joe nearly a year younger, 17. The book is about the brothers and their pen pal Evangelos (Evan) Pandropolos from Greece. His Uncle Nick found an ancient Greek Helmet and loaned it to a company for their silent film "The Parisian Glory." The helmet got lost! So Evan told the boys the story and they went off in search of it. It was an awesome book!

I consider *The Hardy Boys Shattered Helmet* an outstanding book.



Book review by:  
Brendan Chay  
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## *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

(A \*Newbery Medal Award Winner)

Science Fiction: Recommended for Young Adult – Ages 12-14

*The Giver* was a book that I read in 7th grade. When the teacher handed the book out I was not very excited about having to read it. Much to my surprise, I enjoyed the book so much that I decided to read the other two books that compliment *The Giver* called *Gathering Blue* and *Messenger*.

*The Giver* is an amazing book about a community that gives its people no choices at all. When you become 12-years-old, you get a job in the community that the Elders assign for you. Jonas was chosen as the Receiver of Memory which is a very respectable and honorable position in the community. He reports to The Giver after school everyday to receive memories of the past. Jonas must receive them all. In doing so, he receives knowledge that helps his community in their time of need. Jonas feels that the community is unfairly ruled. He thinks that everyone should have a choice because the Elders from the community do not let you decide anything. Jonas and The Giver see the same things and decide to make a plan to change the community for the better. It is interesting to read about their plan for the community.

There are two books after this one. The next book is called *Gathering Blue*; it is about a girl named Kira. It is basically the same type of plot as *The Giver*, but really has nothing to do with it. The third book, *Messenger* combines the first and second book. In *Messenger* there is a boy named Matty that is also in *Gathering Blue*. Matty lives in a small town that Jonas (aka "Leader") lives. Matty has to go and get Kira from her town to bring to Village because some of the citizens want to close off the town to outsiders. On a scale of 1-10, I give *The Giver* 8 out of 10, and all three books together 9 out of 10.



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