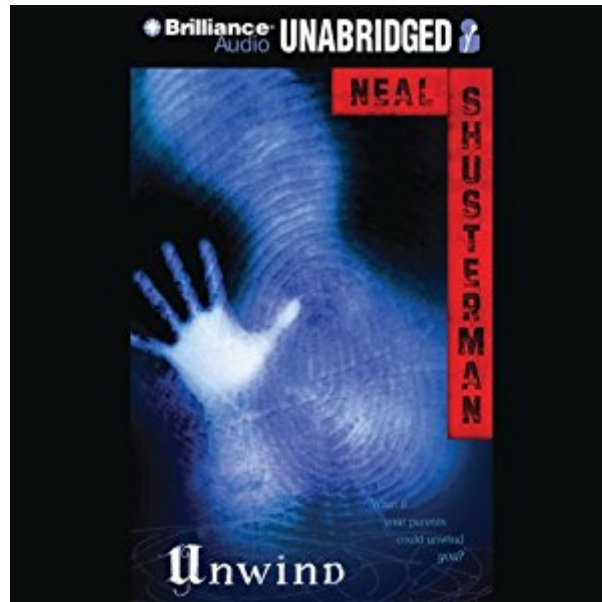


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# Unwind



## Synopsis

In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would "unwind" them. Connor's parents want to be rid of him because he's a troublemaker. Risa has no parents and is being unwound to cut orphanage costs. Lev's unwinding has been planned since his birth, as part of his family's strict religion. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these three unlikely companions make a harrowing cross-country journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance. If they can survive until their eighteenth birthday, they can't be harmed -- but when every piece of them, from their hands to their hearts, are wanted by a world gone mad, eighteen seems far, far away. In *Unwind*, Boston Globe/Horn Book Award winner Neal Shusterman challenges readers' ideas about life -- not just where life begins, and where it ends, but what it truly means to be alive. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Honestly one of my favorite books! The world is so close to our right now that it is very eerie and creepy! As time passes this world seems more and more possible! I've read this first book a few times and each time I appreciate different things. The characters are so really but aren't perfect which I love. The world and the characters and the obstacles they run into seem natural and realistic. I really care for these characters and that is because the author has them so fleshed out! Really wish this book had gotten more traction in the media/mainstream. I think there is a lot to learn from these books while being a wonderful read as well! This series will leave you think which

is great! The author assumes the reader is smart enough and some of the scariest things about this world are the things that are insinuated and not spelled out for you!

This was a great ride with plenty of action and plot twists. The reader can't help but feel empathy for the teens who are deemed either problematic or expendable and therefore sent to be "unwound". There is an underlying social commentary about pro-life, pro-choice and religious extremism but the author's stance is so imbedded in the story it never becomes pedantic. Update: I enjoyed this book so much I bought a copy to give my son-in-law for Christmas. He doesn't have much time to read and enjoys young adult fiction.

I went into this book with my fair share of skepticism. I had read many reviews & they all seemed to share the same theme, that this was an epic, must read, continually compared with Hunger Games. Myself being a little older now than when I first read Hunger Games & dove into the dystopian genre head first, I was afraid I have become too cynical for my own good. I've been searching for a series for months now to get lost in, to suck me into it's world & it's characters as much as I fell in love with District 12 & Katnis. & let me tell you now, Unwind did not disappoint. I fell in love with Connor & Risa & Lev. It had action, suspense & plot twists. The author did his research & it shows through every page of this book. The plot is heartbreaking, thought provoking & riveting. One of those books that will leave you still thinking about it in the aching moments throughout your day that you have to put it down to actually be responsible. My fingers even now are twitching to get this review out of the way so I can start the 2nd book! It has lived up to it's hype, it is a must read for anyone who has a brain & a heart!

Oh my god. Oh my. GOD. Let me tell you how much I love this book! I finished this book within a day, because I was so intrigued by it. The book is about how Pro Life supporters and Pro Choice supporters had the Heartland War which lead to the signing of The Bill of Life. Before a child is 13 you cannot "unwind" them. Unwinding is pretty much like if someone were to donate a heart, it would go to someone else. The only difference is instead of donating just an organ....kids being unwound donate their entire bodies. Every part of them is used and attached to someone else's body. The main characters are Connor, Risa and Lev. Connor found out he was going to be Unwound awhile before he actually was, Risa is sent to be Unwound because of budget cuts in State Homes (StaHo) and Lev is a tithe. A tithe believes they are chosen by God to be Unwound for the greater good. Connor, Risa and Lev on their way to be Unwound all happen to find each other

and are on the run. The book goes into amazing detail about the characters. All of them are likeable in their own ways and each has a compelling story. Even the characters you are supposed to hate, you end up liking and/or feeling sorry for them. The author does a good job at making you feel at least -something- for the characters. Each of the characters by the end of the book changes for the better. Each of them has learned something new about not only others, but themselves. There is one chapter in the book where something happens to a beloved character and it is VERY graphic. I had to re-read it 3 times! When you get to that part, you'll know. Throughout the entire book all you do is hear from characters who don't want to be unwound, or who know someone who has been unwound. But no one knows the process and that left me curious. The old saying "curiosity kill the cat" was DEAD ON. Because after I read a specific chapter, I wished I hadn't and it made me feel incredibly sad for all those children who were being unwound. This book is a MUST read. TRUST me. You will enjoy this book and be happy you went along for the ride

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