



THE LIKELY REBEL IN
YOUNG ADULT
DYSTOPIAN FICTION

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Utopia and Dystopia



Utopia

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A place of ideal perfection

in terms of law, government and social conditions

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A perfect society

where people work well together and are happy

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An imagined community

with members of desirable or perfect qualities

Dystopia

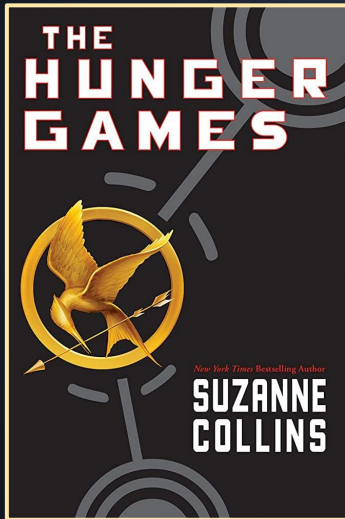
- An imagined world or society in which people lead wretched, dehumanized and fearful lives;
- A society in which there is great suffering or injustice;
- The term refers to Greek expression “dis topos” which means “bad place”;

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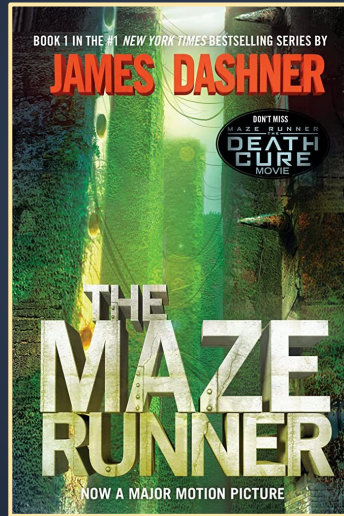
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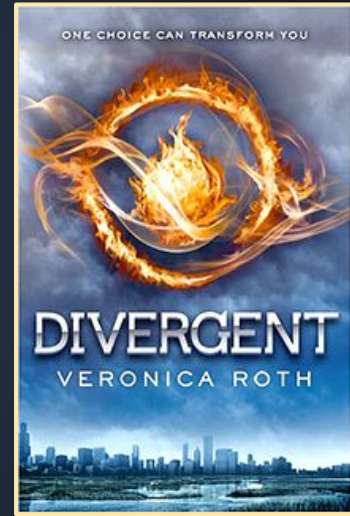
Examples of literary series



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Traits of a dystopian YA setting

- Post-cataclysmic or post-apocalyptic world;
- Lack of individuality;
- Advanced technological progress;
- Control imposed via physical control, propaganda, restriction of space people live in, psychological or even technological control;
- The society is an illusion of utopian world;
- Citizens are under constant surveillance of the government;

Features of a dystopian rebel

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The rebel usually:

- Tries to deal with the main conflict of the novel;
- Is heavily invested in political objectives of the story;
- Is a teenager between the age of 12-18;
- Questions the existing social and political system or regime;
- Exhibits behaviour that starts more widespread opposition against the state;
- Struggles against the odds and expectations put on their age and gender;

Katniss Everdeen



- rebellious family background;
- a tendency to defy authority;
- noble qualities - she is strong, courageous, but also compassionate;
- takes on responsibilities of typically “male” protagonists;
- draws logical conclusions based on knowledge from her world;

Thank you for your attention!

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