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Dear Mrs. Lowery,

The Giver is a good book, probably the best book I have ever read. I liked it because it was written in the future. I like the future a lot, it's so mysterious. Your story put vivid pictures into my mind as I read through the pages. One of my connections to this book is that both Jonas and I have a memory of sliding down a snow covered hill and hitting an ice patch down the way. And then falling off the sled and rolling down the hill. Another connection I had with this book was we both had a four person family that we always eat together and do family things together.

I also ponder about if it's really possible to transmit a memory to another human being. The only word that troubled me a little bit was release. I didn't really know what it meant at first, but when our teacher explained it to us I thought of a million different things that a release was. Another word that I didn't know was stirrings. At first I thought it meant you can't sleep at night, but then I found out it meant dreams that teenagers get at night when they are sleeping.

I didn't understand why the people in the community didn't leave and go outside the community. The other thing is why people have never seen animals or butterflies or anything that lived outside. But the thing that troubled me the most was why the people of Jona's community could only see in black and white. And as I finished the book I realized that there community was in a bubble away from all the other communities. I learned that they could control what temperature the community is and everything else.

The last thing I learned about *The Giver* is that people couldn't feel pain from an accident, because the place was so in the future and so safe that accidents never and won't happen. The people living in community didn't have affection with another, because they didn't get to pick who they marry. The leader gets paper work and matched you up according to that. I really don't want that ever to happen in the future.

When I finished the book I realized that the people who ran Jona's community were trying to shelter the people from reality, and give them a perfect environment to live in. I hope this never really happens in the future.

Sincerely,

Adam Spinoso

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