Scythe
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Imagine a world where humanity has conquered everything. There is no more hunger or disease or even death. The only bearers of death left are the Scythe, people who are chosen to take the lives of others to control the population. Citra and Rowan are appointed as apprentices to Scythe Faraday, despite their opposition toward such a role. Only one of them can be chosen and the other must die. Citra and Rowan face many challenges during their apprenticeships, but they cannot fail, for failing will be the cause of their demise.

Scythe was a simply stunning story! The author definitely kept me on my toes with all the plot twists and action. It was very interesting to read about such a perfect and advanced society that had no government at all, except for the Thunderhead, which is an AI that watches over everything to keep the peace. I really liked how Neal Shusterman includes personal journal entries from the characters at the end of each chapter. It added a lot of depth and a bit of a personal touch to the story, thus helping me understand different perspectives.

It was hard to find any fault in this amazing book, but there was some gore and violence in the book. It isn't unexpected since the story gravitates around harbingers of death, but it may be best to avoid this book if you aren't one for violence. Some readers may also find that the story progresses rather slowly, but I hope that doesn't discourage you from reading Scythe.

I would recommend this book for anyone 12 years old or up. Scythe would make for a great gift and it would be best to buy the book. Scythe was published recently and it's likely you will not find it at your local library.

Other Book Recommendations:
Thunderhead by Neal Shusterman (Sequel to Scythe!)
Unwind by Neal Shusterman
Matched by Ally Condie
The Giver by Lois Lowry