

Divergent

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A Future Divided

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Imagine living in a world where your life is determined by what you believe in. I couldn't imagine what our world may someday become this in the book *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. The future of Chicago has been split into five factions: Erudite, Dauntless, Amity, Candor, and Abnegation and each faction is split by what they think is the right way to live. From beginning to end, I could see why my friends say the book is so intriguing and mind boggling.

Sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior was born into Abnegation, whose value is to put others needs before their own. Beatrice is now old enough to take a test that will determine what faction is best suited for her. Though she does not have to go into the faction that the results come out to be, there is the hard decision of leaving your family or choosing to go another path. It defines someone's faith, will, way of life, and future. Something goes wrong and the test reveals inconclusive. She is divergent meaning your mind cannot be controlled, making her a threat to society. Confused, Beatrice does not know the great power she has, until the choice she makes starts to tear apart the

foundation of the society. She says, "But our minds move in a dozen different directions. We can't be confined to one way of thinking, and that terrifies our leaders." As everything starts to crumble, old secrets waiting in the roots of society unravel faster than anyone can keep up with.

Beatrice has the choice of staying with her family or choosing another path that she can never take back. She chooses Dauntless which is dedicated to courage, bravery, and being fearless. The initiation process for Dauntless is tougher than imaginable. Beatrice is given the difficult task at determining who she can trust and where a potential lover fits into her new life. The question is, will the choices she make, make her or break her? Tris then begins to endure many tasks that will boost up her adrenaline which includes jumping out off a moving train onto a rooftop.

*Divergent's* plot is vivid enough to disguise its predictability. Attentive readers will know within the first few chapters who Tris's love interest is going to be. You also see what conflict is going to happen as a cliffhanger towards the end of the novel. The difference is that the vivid images and character descriptions, are engaging enough to keep readers hooked. Some things that Roth did well was depicting the characters in a way where you see them more than just of person, you see what their morals are and what they really believe in. The way Tris's characters develops over time is amazing. She has many faults that in the end show her that you shouldn't let power become your enemy. Be who you are and don't let anyone tell you how to live your life.

Veronica Roth is an American novelist and short story writer. She attended Northwestern University for its creative writing program. Aside from writing *Divergent*, she wrote two sequels *Insurgent* and *Allegiant*. She is the recipient of the Good Reads

Favorite Book of 2011 and the 2012 winner for the Best Young Adult Fantasy and Science Fiction.

*Divergent* is a book that anyone can enjoy. For a reader searching for action and fighting, combined with mystery, this is the perfect book. I loved *Divergent* because it's a thriller action packed with electrifying decisions, heartwrenching betrayals, consequences, and unexpected romance. I highly recommend reading this book.