The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas

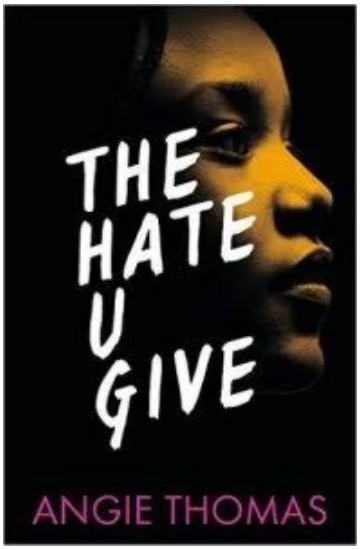
The Hate U Give (THUG) is a touching, empowering and awakening book written by Angie Thomas about sixteen-year-old Starr Carter who witnesses the shooting of her childhood friend Khalil by a police officer.

The novel explores the different themes of social and racial injustice, class differences and loyalty to family and friendships. Starr must choose whether to speak up and demand justice for Khalil with her community in Garden Heights or to remain silent to protect her family.

As Khalil's death ignites protests and eventually a riot, will Starr use her voice as the witness to expose the injustice within the legal system, or will she cover her identity to ensure the safety of herself and her family?

The reason why I enjoy this book so much is because it not only highlights racial barriers and injustice that are still present to this day, but it also beautifully shows tensions that can arise within friendship, family and community dynamics.

I believe that all young people should be exposed to this novel as it emphasises the need for change within the modern police and court systems, but it also helps to spark conversation about difficulties that race and class bring in a modern time and the impact that racial and social injustice can have in communities.



Rating: 5 stars

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