

**Crewel**

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Crewel is a book about a patriarchal totalitarian world where certain girls are gifted with abilities that allows them to become spinsters, the most important position available to a woman.

Spinsters have the power to weave the strands of matter and time. Adeline has been trained her whole life by her parents to fail the spinsters tests. But, a simple slip of her hands and she ends up whisked away from the life she has always known into the mysterious confines of the coventry.

The novel gives a new and refreshing look to a YA novel. There are tastes of *The Giver*, *Matched* mixed with a hint of *the Hunger Games*, yet it brings its own light into the mix. The idea of spinsters and the world that Albin has created is incredible. The book spends quite a bit of time on worldbuilding and there are a lot of descriptions and details given. Adeline is likable, a bit of a rebel, but still intelligent. The romance was fine. I am usually not a big fan of love triangles, but this one kept it light and it was not the main conflict of the story. The ending is quite open with a cliffhanger before the sequel.

This book is recommended for 12 years old and above. Teenage girls would especially enjoy this novel. There is a few deaths, but the romance does not go beyond kissing. This book would probably be best borrowed from the library. It is not a book that asks for many rereads.

**Recommended Titles:**

- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *Matched* by Allie Condie
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Selection* by Kiera Cass