

Pivot Point

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Addison Coleman, protagonist of *Pivot Point*, has the special ability that we've ALL probably dreamed about having- being able to search the future. Who knows how long the rest of us have spent agonizing over too-hard decisions regretted mistakes; Addie has the ability to see it all coming. Of course, she has different opinions about it. With so many small decisions and big ones, how should she know when to Search the future? Better to only keep it for the big ones. Maybe if her opinions had been different and had she Searched earlier, she would have seen her parents' decision coming.

But as fate would have it, she didn't, and her parents' choice to divorce came as a shock to her. The even bigger shock was that not only would her dad be leaving their house, he would be leaving the Compound altogether- the safe and secret place for everyone genetically advanced with mental superpowers. Why would he want to leave though? Everyone outside the Compound doesn't even know superpowers exist, let alone have them; it's quite... normal out there. This shocking discovery comes with a shaking decision: should Addie stay with her mom in the compound, or leave the only friends she's had and the only life she's known to go live with her dad in the normal world. It's a hard decision, one Addie deems worthy of a Search; who was she to know that the Search would only make it that much harder to decide?

The book had such a simple plot, one I welcomed in stressful times. Addie's decisions, perspective all show her as a young woman worth admiring. A lot of us know people that have lost a parent, or had to see our parents split up and it's not an easy thing to get through. The way she handled it, and the sacrifices she made in spite of not having an easy life to begin with adds credit to the author's ability to write the perfect character. I loved the plot twists, and as I'm trying not to spoil it, I'll refrain from speaking about it but I'll say this: it's definitely a book worth reading. I recommend this book for anyone over the age of 10 years old.

Recommended Titles:

Found, Margaret Peterson Haddix

Fablehaven, Brandon Mull

The Fill-In Boyfriend, Kasie West