

Unwind

Neal Shusterman

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The novel, *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman was both thrilling and compelling. This book is set in the future after the second Civil War in America. This Civil War was fought over abortion and the right to live. After the end of the war it was decided that no one can have an abortion but between the ages of 13 and 18 a child can be sent to be unwound or have their body parts and organs harvested to sell. This novel is about three teens; Connor, who is too troublesome for his parents, Risa, an orphan, and Lev, a child born to be unwound. These teens meet after an accident in a freeway and they are forced to survive until they become 18 when they can no longer be sent to unwound.

This book had a chilling side to it because of the possibility that this version of a dystopian future could happen. Abortion is an arguable topic and the effects can cause a war which could lead to the end of mankind. It was overall a very nice read, and the chilling, gripping, storyline would make me recommend it to anyone in middle school.