"Boring, with a terrible ending"

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This is from a reader who should have clicked on "E-mail me" on my homepage, instead of posting this as a blog response. Those who email me get replies. Blog responses don't. I keep trying to remind kids of that but my reminders don't seem to have any effect.

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December 8, 2009 Dear Mrs. Lowry: Hi, My name is Ilan, I'm 14 years old, and I'm writing to you from Mexico City. I want you to know what my opinion is about your book "The Giver". When I started reading it, I had a lot of questions that with time the book answered. Questions such as: What is release? Do they have technology? Do you decide who you marry? Do they get bored doing their assignments? How was garbage disposed of? Do they manufacture or produce things? Who is the father of the babies? You only talk about mothers (I don't have the answer to this one.) Why do they need a Giver? What kind of society is it? (I don't have the answer to this one either.) The beginning of the book was very interesting but as I turned each page it became less interesting because I felt it was boring. Now let's talk seriously. I didn't really like the book, I hated it. It was boring all the way through. There were parts that were very complicated like why did the community do all this stuff. The book made me feel angry because the book´s critics are good critics and everything they said was a lie. The opinions had to be this way: "No simplicity and no directness from you" Booklist, Starred "A poorly, not provocative novel" Kirkus Reviews, Starred "Boring with a terrible ending" School Library Journal, Starred. "Lowry, not a good writer" Publisher Weekly, Starred "Not a good presentation" The Horn Book Magazine, Starred. "A boring novel" The New York Times. "A book without meaning" Ilan in Mexico ("ME") "Not boring" Miss Lupita (my English teacher) "Not appropriate for young children (17+)" Miss Lupita "Not appropriate for anybody" Ilan "Kids don't believe in that, it is an utopian not credible society" Miss Lupita "I didn't think it defended freedom" Ilan "It is a book that should not be read in schools" Ilan "I think you have a lot of imagination, you could have instilled more

effort into the story” Ilan In conclusion, Mrs. Lowry, please excuse how straight forward I was with my opinion about your book. I like to read books that are interesting, that make me not want to leave it, I only finished it because my English teacher told me to. I would like to hear from you. Thank you very much. Ilan

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