

## **An Uneasy Future**

The latest phenomenon in young adult/adult crossover fiction is *The Hunger Games Trilogy* by Suzanne Collins. With the first movie coming out in March, the books are more popular than ever. Are you waiting for your hold on *Mockingjay* to come in? Have you finished the trilogy and are now anxiously anticipating the movie? In the mean time, enjoy some of these titles that imagine an uneasy future.

### **[Among the Hidden](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

Luke has spent his whole life in hiding. He is the illegal third child born in a society where the population is out of control. Luke has never left his home and never had contact with anyone but his immediate family. Imagine his shock when he discovers a third child being hidden in the house next door. What happens when they meet will change both their lives forever.

### **[Beauty Queens](#) by Libba Bray**

A plane carrying the contestants of the Miss Teen Dream Pageant has crashed onto what appears to be a deserted island. The fifteen surviving contestants must decide whether they should focus on survival or prepare for the beauty pageant. Complete with pirates, an evil dictator, a former beauty queen turned presidential hopeful, and an outpost hidden inside a volcano, this amusing book will keep you turning the pages.

### **[City of Ember](#) by Jeanne DuPrau**

Lina's world is much different than our own. Instead of the sun, the world is lit by countless electric lights. However, it's now the year 241 and the lights are beginning to fail. What will happen when the power runs out? Lina and her classmate Doon may be able to solve the problem, if only someone will listen.

### **[Feed](#) by M.T. Anderson**

Imagine if your smart phone wasn't something that you carried, but instead was implanted in your brain. Titus doesn't think twice about sending messages with his mind or being bombarded by customized advertisements through his feed until he meets Violet, a girl who questions everything about life and the feed. This engrossing love story shows the perils of a life full of media and technology.

### **[The Giver](#) by Lois Lowry**

This Newbery Award winning story introduces readers to Jonas, a twelve year old boy awaiting his career assignment. Jonas receives a special assignment to train with The Giver. He will learn to be responsible for maintaining memories of the way things were before his community began. As he learns about both the wonderful and horrible things that have been made obsolete, Jonas must decide if he should keep these memories or if there is something bigger he is meant to do.

**House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer**

El Patrón is the 142 year-old ruler of the country known as Opium. Six year-old Matteo is a lonely boy who is being raised by El Patrón's cook without any other human contact. In a future where cloning is a reality, this ruler and little boy are dependent on each other to stay alive...because Matteo shares El Patrón's DNA. Can they both survive?

**Matched by Ally Condie**

Cassia is seventeen; it is time for her to attend her matching ceremony where she will learn the identity of her future mate. Cassia can't believe her luck when she is matched with Xander, one of her oldest friends. However, when Cassia goes to view his information on her microcard, it is Ky's face, not Xander's, that appears on screen. In this world where the Society's ruling body doesn't make mistakes, how did this happen?

**Maze Runner by James Dashner**

Thomas wakes up in a lift remembering nothing about his prior life other than his name. He soon finds himself in a place called the Glade surrounded by other boys who are trying to find an escape through a maze filled with an animal-like killing machine. None of the boys know why they are there. The morning after Thomas' arrival however, a girl arrives, the first girl ever to set foot in the Glade, and she comes bearing a message...