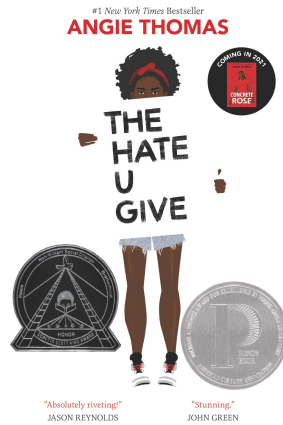




“The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas

About *The Hate U*

Give: Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.



About The Author:

Angie Thomas was born, raised, and still resides in Jackson, Mississippi as indicated by her accent. She is a former teen rapper whose greatest accomplishment was an article about her in Right-On Magazine with a picture included. She holds a BFA in Creative Writing from Belhaven University and an unofficial degree in Hip Hop. She is an inaugural winner of the Walter Dean Myers Grant 2015, awarded by We Need Diverse Books.



Read Aloud Tips:

- Set the tone for classroom discourse surrounding civil rights and social justice.
- Ask students to reflect on the events that occur in this story. Allow this to foster conversations about racial injustices and police brutality.
- Have students think about the media, the positives, the negatives, and discuss the differences of how individuals can be portrayed based on varying factors such as race, gender, etc.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.

