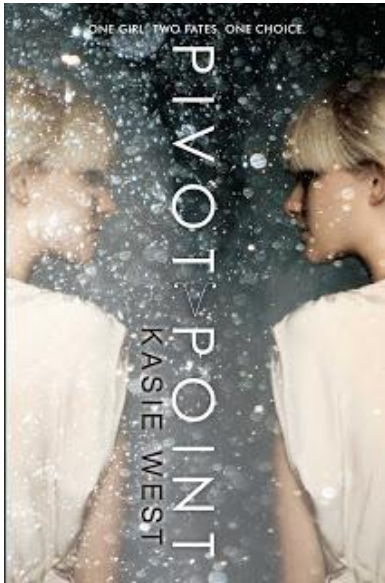


Pivot Point

by Kasie West



...Knowing the outcome doesn't always make a choice easier...

Before Reading

If you could look into the future and see the outcome of your choices, would you? Or would you leave it up to chance?

How would looking into the future make your life more complicated?

This book features characters with supernatural abilities. Look at the following list of abilities and choose one that you would like to have the most. Explain why you made your choice. [Power of persuasion, Power to erase some portions of others' memories, Power to detect lies, Power to move objects with your mind, Power to manipulate mass, Power to manipulate mood, and Power to see into the future when given two choices]

During Reading

Addie's mother is a Persuasive who has the power to persuade and her dad is a Discerner who can detect lies. How does this make her life difficult? Can you imagine having Addie's parents? How would you react or what would you do differently?

Did you agree with Addie's choice to go live with her father? Would you have made the same decision? Would you have used the same factors to help you decide?

Laila, Addie's best friend, has the power to erase memories. Would you want your best friend to erase any of your memories?

After Reading

How did you feel about the characters of Duke and Trevor? Did you have a favorite? Explain why.

The ending was bittersweet. Were you happy with the way it ended? Would you have written the ending differently?

How did you feel about the paranormal people living inside a compound? Is this a good or bad idea? How could we compare it to segregation in our own society?

Activity

Draw a picture, make a collage, or create another type of representation showing Addie in the middle of her two choices.



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