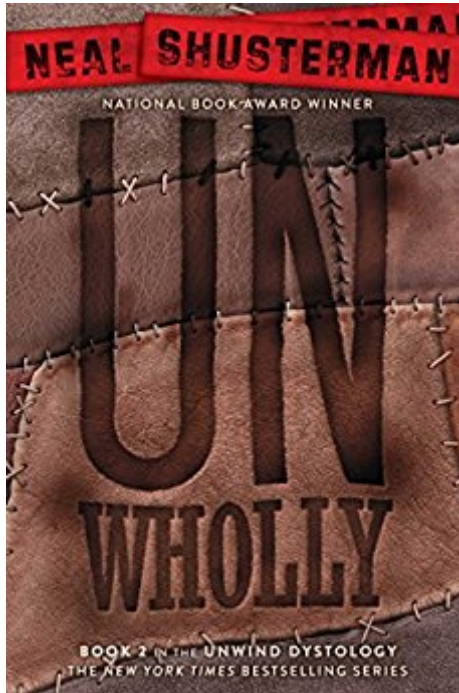


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Synopsis

Rife with action and suspense, this riveting companion to the perennially popular *Unwind* challenges assumptions about where life begins and ends—and what it means to live. Thanks to Connor, Lev, and Risa—and their high-profile revolt at Happy Jack Harvest Camp—people can no longer turn a blind eye to unwinding. Ridding society of troublesome teens while simultaneously providing much-needed tissues for transplant might be convenient, but its morality has finally been brought into question. However, unwinding has become big business, and there are powerful political and corporate interests that want to see it not only continue, but also expand to the unwinding of prisoners and the impoverished. Cam is a product of unwinding; made entirely out of the parts of other unwinds, he is a teen who does not technically exist. A futuristic Frankenstein, Cam struggles with a search for identity and meaning and wonders if a rewound being can have a soul. And when the actions of a sadistic bounty hunter cause Cam's fate to become inextricably bound with the fates of Connor, Risa, and Lev, he'll have to question humanity itself.

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Customer Reviews

I've read all three of this series so far, and it is very, very well done. Neal Shusterman is a master of spinning different characters together. I noticed there were complaints on Unwind, saying "Why is there random articles at the beginning of each part?" They are far from random. In fact, they make the books complete. The soul-selling on EBay, for example, was relevant to the chapters before, bringing up the questions "Can a soul be divided?" "Is a soul even tangible and measurable?" "What happens to a soul after our body is gone, are we even considered alive?" These are thought-provoking questions I pondered after reading the chapters. I am very glad this was required on my Required Summer Reading High School List. I also would like to call out the comments like "This was entertaining, but not realistic." This series is very realistic and unwinding could happen. Articles in later books prove this, that humans are capable to do such an act. Parts can be bought from different parts of the world and sold cheaply. It surprises me how much damage humans will do if we convince ourselves it is ok and it is right. It is almost a Holocaust sort of thing, that the Germans thought it was ok because they firmly believed that they were the superior race. I am eagerly awaiting for Neal's next book after Unsouled. I looked up what wholly means, if you are curious. Wholly means full, whole. I didn't know that till this book and bringing more depth to this book. I recommend this book, enough horror and suspense but plenty of heart in it. Good job Neal.

Teens at my junior high library can't get enough dystopian novels and the Unwind series does not disappoint them or this librarian! This is not a rehash of Hunger Games, Divergent or Maze Runner, either. The premise is unique and compelling. A huge discussion stimulator. Great for parents and teachers to read alongside their teens to allow for talk on the sometimes hard to talk about topics of abortion and euthanasia and where we stand on those subjects.

Got this book for my son. He usually does not like to read but actually could not wait for me to get the second book. He likes the audio version. It was cheaper to buy the kindle version and then upgrade and get the audiobook.

Teen boy loved the storyline and kept asking for the next book. Very thought-provoking, that's why I like it. Plus, interesting stories keeps kids reading, and that's a good thing!

Few authors can reduce me to giddy fan-girl type reactions like Neal Shusterman can. He continually surprises me and his writing consistently exceeds my expectations. I really didn't think I could love UnWholly as much as I did. I think Unwind was still my favorite between the two books, just because of the raw shock of the concept's uniqueness, but it's a very close call for me. Let's start at the beginning. The cover of UnWholly is pretty freaky. When I first saw it, I thought that the guy's face looked like patchwork. Like he was pieced together, and his skin was not his own. Oh, how right I was...but in a way I never expected. The guy on the cover is Cam, and he is a new addition to the cast of characters. At first, I wanted to hate him, and I really thought I would, but I ended up really caring about him and feeling a lot of emotions for him. I'm really looking forward to seeing what Cam does in book three. Another new character was Miracolina. She is a tithe, like Lev was, except she wants to be tithed. She wants nothing more than to be unwound: she thinks it is her gift to God and the universe. Miracolina seemed to be a flat character at first, until she started to grow and change. I loved seeing that transformation in her. And, then we got to catch back up with the characters in book one. I loved getting to know Connor, Risa and Lev even better than before. I especially loved Lev's story. He really turned out to be a different character than what I thought him to be in Unwind. I really can't say enough good things about this series. Shusterman's plot is masterful. His pacing is spot-on...the alternating points of view in each chapter really serve to keep the story moving quickly. The characters are so well-developed, and the world-building was just right. If you haven't picked up Unwind, don't wait! It's exceptional!

The 2nd book in the Unwind series had me enthralled. The chapters alternate between the characters from the original Unwind and also new characters. I liked seeing the progression of Connor's character as he struggles to do right by all the kids he is responsible for in the camp. Lev was surprisingly strong despite losing so many he loved as a result of being a clapper. He doesn't want the spotlight but the kids adore him; when Marcolina (who is pledged to be a tithe) resists any kind of happiness; it is her escape with Lev that provides scary drama with a parts pirate (up to no good) trailing them. I liked the character, Camus Comprix (Cam for short) who was creepily created from all different kinds/parts of kids. He is an experiment but he has feelings from all the different kids whose parts made him whole. His creator, Roberta, forces Risa to sign an agreement that will really cause her such chaos about unwinding. Truly evil Starkey, Nelson, and Roberta added to the suspense the kids and main characters were experiencing on a daily basis. The one hilarious scene where I laughed out loud was as Lev and Marcolina are hiding and running to alert Connor that

Nelson is after him. They are stowed away in a hold of a bus with the passengers luggage and bags. Lev realizes he has to go to urinate and what he goes through is hilarious. I appreciated a laugh with all the complex action building and building. I can't wait for the next book, UnSouled (Unwind, #3) !

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