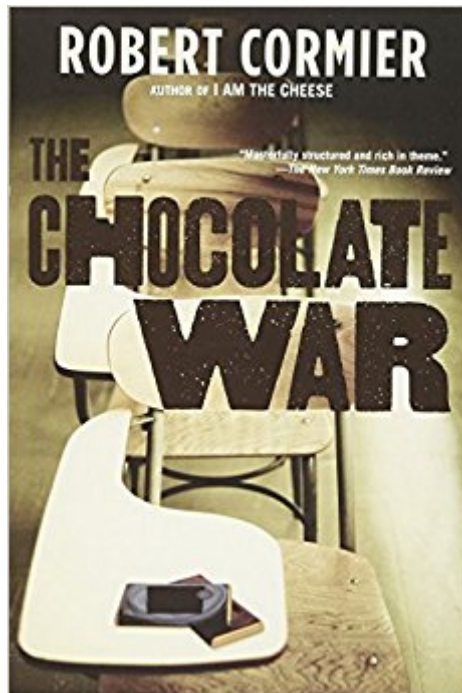




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The Chocolate War



Synopsis

One of the most controversial YA novels of all time, *The Chocolate War* is a modern masterpiece that speaks to fans of S. E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* and John Knowles's *A Separate Peace*. After suffering rejection from seven major publishers, *The Chocolate War* made its debut in 1974, and quickly became a bestselling and provocative classic for young adults. This chilling portrait of an all-boys prep school casts an unflinching eye on the pitfalls of conformity and corruption in our most elite cultural institutions. Masterfully structured and rich in theme; the action is well crafted, well timed, suspenseful. "The New York Times Book Review" "The characterizations of all the boys are superb." "School Library Journal, starred review" "Compellingly immediate. . . . Readers will respect the uncompromising ending." "Kirkus Reviews, starred review" An ALA Best Book for Young Adults A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Editor's Choice A New York Times Outstanding Book of the Year

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Customer Reviews

Does Jerry Renault dare to disturb the universe? You wouldn't think that his refusal to sell chocolates during his school's fundraiser would create such a stir, but it does; it's as if the whole school comes apart at the seams. To some, Jerry is a hero, but to others, he becomes a

scapegoat--a target for their pent-up hatred. And Jerry? He's just trying to stand up for what he believes, but perhaps there is no way for him to escape becoming a pawn in this game of control; students are pitted against other students, fighting for honor--or are they fighting for their lives? In 1974, author Robert Cormier dared to disturb our universe when this book was first published. And now, with a new introduction by the celebrated author, *The Chocolate War* stands ready to shock a new group of teen readers. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"*The Chocolate War* is masterfully structured and rich in theme; the action is well crafted, well timed, suspenseful; complex ideas develop and unfold with clarity."-The New York Times Book Review
"The characterizations of all the boys are superb...Â Â This novel [is] unique in its uncompromising portrait of human cruelty and conformity."-School Library Journal, starred review
"The novel is cleverly written with a good sense of the realistic and a good ear for dialogue, qualities which will attract any reader."-Bestsellers
"Robert Cormier has written a brilliant novel."-Children's Book Review Service

Excellent YA novel to pair with other YA novels, short stories, poems and personal experience (prior knowledge) such as: *Lord of the Flies*, *Will Grayson Will Grayson*, Joyce Carol Oats short stories (heat or *Where are you going, where have you been*). Some adult content, needs parent permission. The themes of not "*Disturbing the Universe*," conformity, scapegoating, bullying, psychological warfare, and manipulation are easy to blend with so many other artistic works. "The sky's the limit."

This is great reading for all ages- though it's geared towards middle school students.

Great Product. Good Quality. Thank you.

Just got finished reading this book. It's an unflinching, dark tale about a high school freshman named Jerry Renault, who decides to buck the trend by refusing to participate in the annual chocolate sale, at first as part of a prank, then, as an act of rebellion, incurring the wrath of not only Brother Leon, the headmaster regent, but also of the vigils, which is a school sanctioned secret society. The book's a little on the short side (only about 250 pages long) and the ending was somewhat abrupt, but it's overall a good read, with a depressing, but true message about conformity.

I loved this book when I read it in middle school. I had to have a copy because of one quote from the book. "Do I dare to disturb the universe?" It has been a motivating quote for many years.

So lemme see if I got the lessons of this book straight: 1. Adults are useless. 2. Evil always wins. 3. It is useless to defy evil. Got it.

I really appreciate this book's narrative. The story is interesting and so are the characters. The plot becomes more interesting the more you go on, and keeps you turning the page. It's a true beauty and it deserves a five star rating!

I very highly recommend this book to everyone. Even though it is very dark and depressing and the lesson is not a happy one, it needs to be read. There are hundreds of books and stories teaching kids to do their own thing, that people will follow them, that it will make them happier- but this is the only book I have read that shows that sometimes being yourself doesn't work. It is not always just so easy for everyone. The chocolate War is a grounding in a whirlwind on fake promises.

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