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Book Title: Lord of the Flies

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A group of boys are stranded on an untouched island after their plane crashes in the Pacific. A few boys, Jack, Merridew, and Ralph, emerge as clear leaders from the group, and Ralph is elected as the overall leader of the boys while Jack manages his newly founded hunters. Fear is soon spread among the boys after a rumor and subsequent false confirmation of a beast happens, and it drives the boys into two distinct factions, being the hunters, led by Jack, and those wanting rescue, led by Ralph. Jack takes his hunters and leaves the main body of the boys, which causes large amounts of tension between Ralph and Jack.

Overall, I enjoyed the book a lot because of its unique storyline and how symbolism played a crucial role in developing the story. My only dislike of this book was the ending because I anticipated a more exciting end to the novel. My favorite character from the novel is Ralph as he is the first boy to seek out and take charge of this society. This book made me realize that human nature has a mind and forces you to point fingers when a dilemma occurs. In addition, the human nature of blaming others could also result in savagery which is a huge thematic topic in the novel. Something about the book that surprised me was the violence occurring in the story and how over time, they began constructing their own democracy and hierarchy system.

I recommend this book to someone who wants an interesting yet short read. I would recommend this book specifically to teenagers because it teaches you lessons throughout the novel and the continuous relatable themes emerging make it a fun book to read.