

Tough Women in Recent Young Adult and Middle Grade Literature

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Emotions vs Toughness

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| - <i>Divergent</i> | Veronica Roth |
| - <i>Internment</i> | Samira Ahmed |
| - <i>Scythe</i> | Neal Shusterman |
| - <i>The Hunger Games</i> | Suzanne Collins |
| - <i>The Maze Runner</i> | James Dashner |
| - <i>Beast Player</i> | Nahoko Uehashi |
| - <i>FireKeeper's Daughter</i> | Angeline Boulley |
| - <i>Zita the Spacegirl</i> | Ben Hatke |
| - <i>The Hate You Give</i> | Angie Thomas |
| - <i>Fifth Wave</i> | Rick Yancey |
| - <i>Fighting Words</i> | Kimberly Brubaker Bradley |
| - <i>The War that Saved My Life</i> | Kimberly Brubaker Bradley |
| - <i>The War I Finally Won</i> | Kimberly Brubaker Bradley |

Individual vs Community

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| - <i>The Maze Runner</i> | James Dashner |
| - <i>Ready Player One</i> | Ernest Cline |
| - <i>Fire Keeper's Daughter</i> | Angeline Boulley |
| - <i>Warrior Girl Unearthed</i> | Angeline Boulley |
| - <i>The Hate You Give</i> | Angie Thomas |
| - <i>Ink Girls</i> | Marieke Nijkamp |
| - <i>The Curie Society</i> | Heather Einhorn |
| - <i>Fifth Wave</i> | Rick Yancey |
| - <i>The War that Saved My Life</i> | Kimberly Brubaker Bradley |
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Tough as a response to trauma

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Toughness vs Gratitude

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Revenge/Violence vs Forgiveness

- Ideas?

Male Toughness vs Female Toughness

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Handling Tough Ideas

- *Fire Keeper's Daughter*: Rape and drugs
- *Warrior Girl Unearthed*: Cultural stealing
- *The Hate You Give*: Racism
- *Fighting Words*: Child sexual abuse
- *The War that Saved My Life*: Child abuse
- *The War I Finally Won*: Subtle suggestion of LGBTQ+ relationship (likely not noticed by most readers)

Book Suggestions from Amazing Participants!