



# **Divergent**

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## **CHARACTERS:**

Beatrice (Tris) Prior.

Beatrice is the main character in *Divergent*. She was born into the Abnegation faction. Later, she chooses to leave her family to join the Dauntless faction. As a Dauntless, she goes by the name “Tris.” Although Tris was born Abnegation and later joined Dauntless, she is actually a rare faction called Divergent. While people usually show characteristics that belong to only one faction, Tris’ Divergence allows her to demonstrate characteristics of multiple factions. Her uniqueness puts her in an interesting spot, since she initially must keep her Divergence a secret. As she progresses in the novel, she realizes her own strength as well as the mysteries behind being Divergent.

Caleb Prior.

Caleb is Beatrice’s brother. During the Choosing Ceremony, he was expected to stay with the Abnegations, but he surprisingly chooses to become Erudite. As an Erudite initiate, he uncovers some interesting tidbits of information that are truly startling.

Natalie Prior.

Natalie is Beatrice’s mother. She originally was from the Dauntless faction. She proves to be a caring and compassionate mother through and through.

Andrew Prior.

Andrew is Beatrice’s father. He helps run the government as a member of the council. He is quite disappointed when both his children, Caleb and Beatrice, choose to leave the Abnegation faction.

Tobias (Four) Eaton.

Tobias is a Dauntless member who is in charge of training new initiates. He obtained the nickname “Four” after it was revealed that he only has four fears. It’s later uncovered that Tobias was originally an Abnegation and he too is actually Divergent. During the time in which he prepares the initiates, he develops a romantic relationship with Beatrice.

Christina.

Christina meets Beatrice when they both work to become Dauntless members during the initiation period. She is originally Candor. Beatrice develops a close friendship with her.

Will.

Will worked alongside Beatrice as they went through the Dauntless initiation. He originally was from the Erudite faction. He was an overall good guy who developed a relationship with Christina. He too becomes good friends with Beatrice.

Albert (Al).

Albert was another Dauntless initiate that Beatrice befriended during their training. Their friendship was short lived, since he eventually sided with Beatrice’s rivals during the initiation process. Originally from Candor, it is apparent from the start that Al’s character was far from Dauntless. He was simply too kind-hearted to endure the Dauntless training and lifestyle.

## **CHAPTER 1:**

The novel opens with the main character standing before a mirror as she watches her mom cut her hair. She can only stand in front of the mirror every three months. This is the first time she's seen herself since she turned sixteen.

The protagonist reveals that it is the day of the Choosing Ceremony, a time in which teenagers her age take a test that let them know what faction they can choose to join.

She briefly takes a moment to describe her beautiful mother. Her mom must hide her looks since they are in Abnegation and vanity is forbidden.

The scene shifts from a quick breakfast to a bus ride in which the protagonist is joined by her brother Caleb. Caleb has sacrificed his seat for a man from Candor. The people from Candor are incredibly honest, while people from Abnegation strive to be selfless.

The bus makes its way to the Hub, an enormous building previously known as the Sears Tower. As they make their way to the Hub, the protagonist mentions the train tracks that are used by the Dauntless.

The protagonist and her brother make their way to school. They are about the same age and will both be taking the faction aptitude test today. They know that it will be the last day at this school.

While making her way to class, the protagonist is shoved to the ground. She reveals that her people have been negatively targeted by the Erudite. The Abnegation's belief in selflessness has made them easy people to victimize.

She stops on her way to the Faction History class so that she can watch the Dauntless arrive via train. They are a brave faction that proves their braveness by jumping off the train as it roars past the school. After she is done observing, the protagonist continues on her way to class.

## **CHAPTER 2:**

Later, the protagonist finds herself in the cafeteria with her brother and their neighbor, Susan. There, they wait to be called in for the aptitude test.

As they wait, the protagonist watches the other teenagers from different factions as they too wait to be called in. The Dauntless play games, the Erudites read, the Amity girls sing a song, and the Candor boys argue about a non-important issue. All the while, the protagonist and her faction of Abnegations just sit there. She describes how the factions decide how each individual must behave, even in these types of scenarios.

Her brother is called in. As he walks, she knows that he belongs with the Abnegation faction. He has always instinctively acted with selflessness. She, on the other hand, wasn't born with such a selfless instinct. When her brother returns he is apparently shaken up with whatever was decided. Unfortunately, neither of them can discuss what happened to him.

A little while later, the protagonist is called in. When her name is shouted out it is finally revealed that our protagonist is called Beatrice Prior. Beatrice walks to the examination room with the nervous jitters. There, in the room, she is going to be tested by a Dauntless woman.

The room is covered in mirrors and in the middle is a dentist-like chair. The Dauntless woman, Tori, prepares a machine in the room. As she works, Beatrice questions her about a hawk tattoo that she has on her neck. Tori is taken back a bit since Abnegations aren't supposed to be curious, but she explains how the hawk represents the sun and how having a "sun" on her once helped her conquer her fear of the dark.

As Tori speaks, she hooks Beatrice up to electrodes. She then has Beatrice drink a liquid that causes her to pass out.

Beatrice awakens in a dream. She is confronted with a choice: she must choose a piece of cheese or a knife. Confused by the whole situation, she chooses neither and both items disappear. Next, a growling dog appears and approaches her. She has to think fast and without a knife to fight it or cheese to feed it, she chooses to kneel down and simply face it. The dog gives her a warm, friendly slobbery welcome.

Unexpectedly, a child appears and excitedly begins to run towards the dog. The dog has a change of face and it prepares to attack the child. To protect the child, Beatrice wraps herself around the dog. Suddenly, though, she is back in the testing room.

She is quick to realize, though, that she is still within the dream. She leaves the testing room and enters a bus. Within the bus, she must stand near a man who is reading about a murderer in the newspaper. He questions Beatrice, asking her if she recognizes the murderer's picture. Knowing that this is all a test, she tells the man that she doesn't know the murderer. Secretly, she recognizes the murderer. The man with the newspaper presses her for the truth. Regardless, Beatrice sticks with her lie.

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