

The story takes place in a future society where the value of individuals is determined based on their scores on a government intelligence test administered on their twelfth birthday. The story ends with the reader shocked by Dicky as he faces his fate in a society that punishes intelligent people instead of estimating them. On test day, Dicky takes the test confidently and answers the questions accurately and intelligently. Despite attempts by Dickie and his family to muddle and complain, the story ends with Dickie being taken away due to his overdone intelligence according to community policies. The main character of the story is Dickie Jordan, a boy preparing for an important intelligence test on his twelfth birthday. Dicky and his family live in tension and anxiety because of the test, as they know that its result will determine his fate.