

## Uglies Book Review

Scott Westfeld has successfully created a masterpiece with his debut book, Uglies. This book has been presented with many honors and has two successful sequels. The book begins in a post-apocalyptic world, after the downfall of the “Rusties” (21st century). We meet Tally Youngblood--a seemingly ordinary fifteen-year-old just waiting to turn sixteen and to be transformed (by an operation) into a Pretty and be invited into their exclusive world. The summer before Tally’s sixteenth birthday, she meets Shay, a rebel who wants to defy society’s rule and not get the life-changing surgery. One day, Shay escapes into the wild and Tally is called by Special Circumstances (authorities) to turn Shay in or remain an Ugly forever. She embarks on a life-changing adventure to ensure no one stands in the way of becoming a pretty.

Uglies is very highly rated and in my opinion, deserves to be. At first, it may seem like a shallow book about becoming beautiful and downgrading the Uglies, but it really exposes the flaws of humankind. We destroy nature and are in the process of destroying humankind. This book is a serious wake-up call and proves if we don’t get our act together, the world will look something like the chaotic mess Tally’s world is. It effectively transitions from one scene to next without having to ponder what the author left out. My overall rating for the book would have to be nine stars out of ten. Westerfeld has created a masterpiece.