

# LET'S EXPLORE: NEAL SHUSTERMAN

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SOMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## WHO IS NEAL SHUSTERMAN?

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- Neal Schusterman is an American author from Brooklyn, New York who now lives in Southern California
- He writes fictional stories for young adults
- Neal has also written scripts for TV shows and movies
- Neal is a wonderful presenter and has visited the Somers Middle School many times!



# NEAL SHUSTERMAN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

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## NEAL SHUSTERMAN'S BOOKS

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Let's check out some of the great books author  
Neal Schusterman has written!

Neal Shusterman



# THE SCHWA WAS HERE

(2006) – What if you were so completely unnoticed in life and school that you were practically... invisible.

“They say his clothes blend into the background, no matter where he stands. They say a lot of things about the Schwa, but one thing’s for sure: no one ever noticed him. Except me. My name is Antsy Bonano, and I was the one who realized the Schwa was “functionally invisible” and used him to make some big bucks. But I was also the one who caused him more grief than a friend should. So if you all just shut up and listen, I’ll tell you everything there is to know about the Schwa, from how he got his name, to what really happened with his mom. I’ll spill everything. Unless, of course, “the Schwa Effect” wipes him out of my brain before I’m done...”

Book 1 of the Antsy Bonano trilogy.

Book 2 -- *Antsy Does Time*

Book 3 -- *Ship Out of Luck*

# SCYTHE

(2016) A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

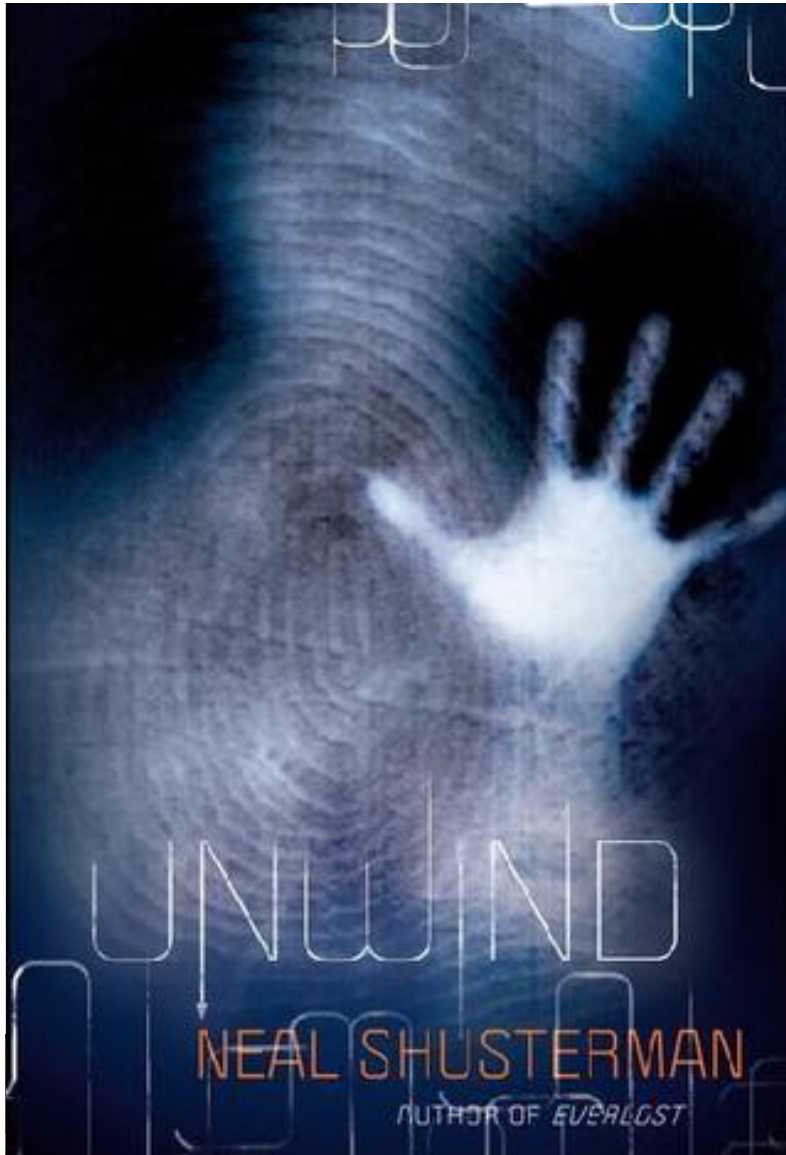
Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Book 1 of the Arc of a Scythe series

Book 2 -- *Thunderhead*

Book 3 – *The Toll* (Not yet published, work in progress)





# UNWIND

(2007) The Second Civil War was fought over reproductive rights. The chilling resolution: Life is inviolable from the moment of conception until age thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, parents can have their child "unwound," whereby all of the child's organs are transplanted into different donors, so life doesn't technically end. Connor is too difficult for his parents to control. Risa, a ward of the state, is not enough to be kept alive. And Lev is a tithe, a child conceived and raised to be unwound. Together, they may have a chance to escape and to survive.

Book 1 in the Unwind Distology

Book 2 -- UnStrung

Book 3 – UnWholly

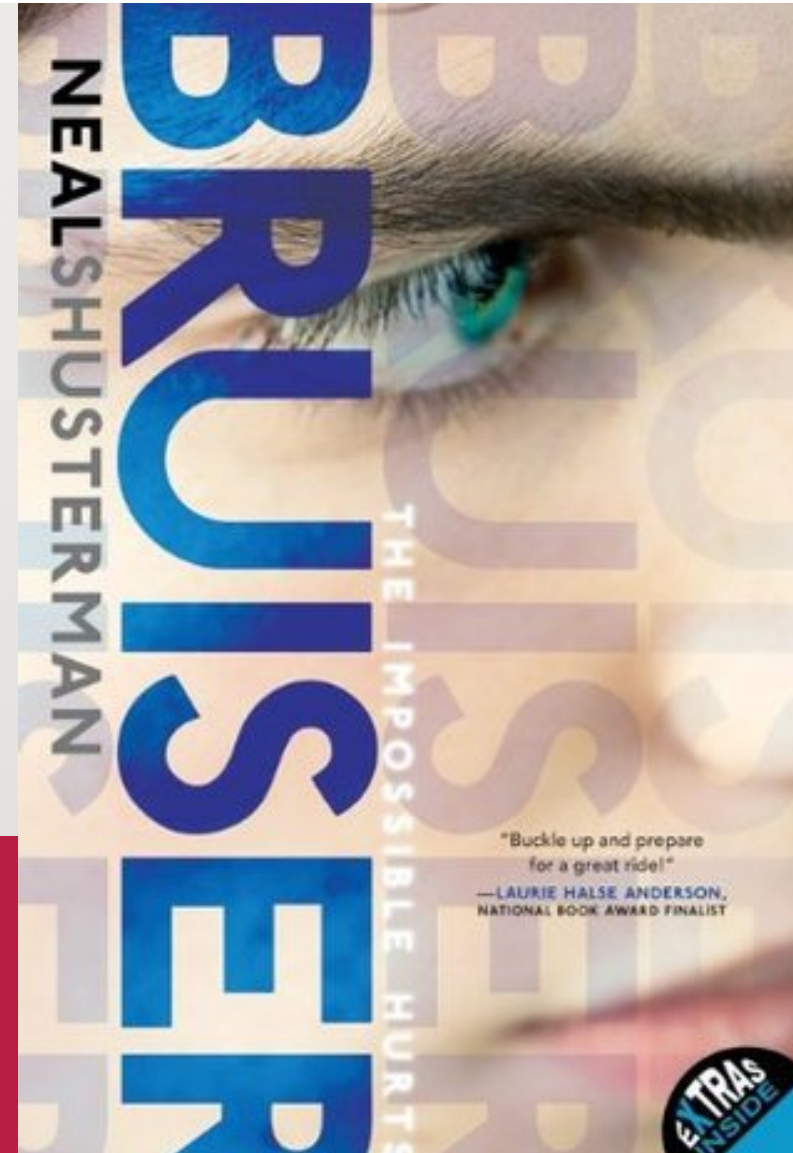
Book 4 – UnSouled

Book 5 -- UnDivided

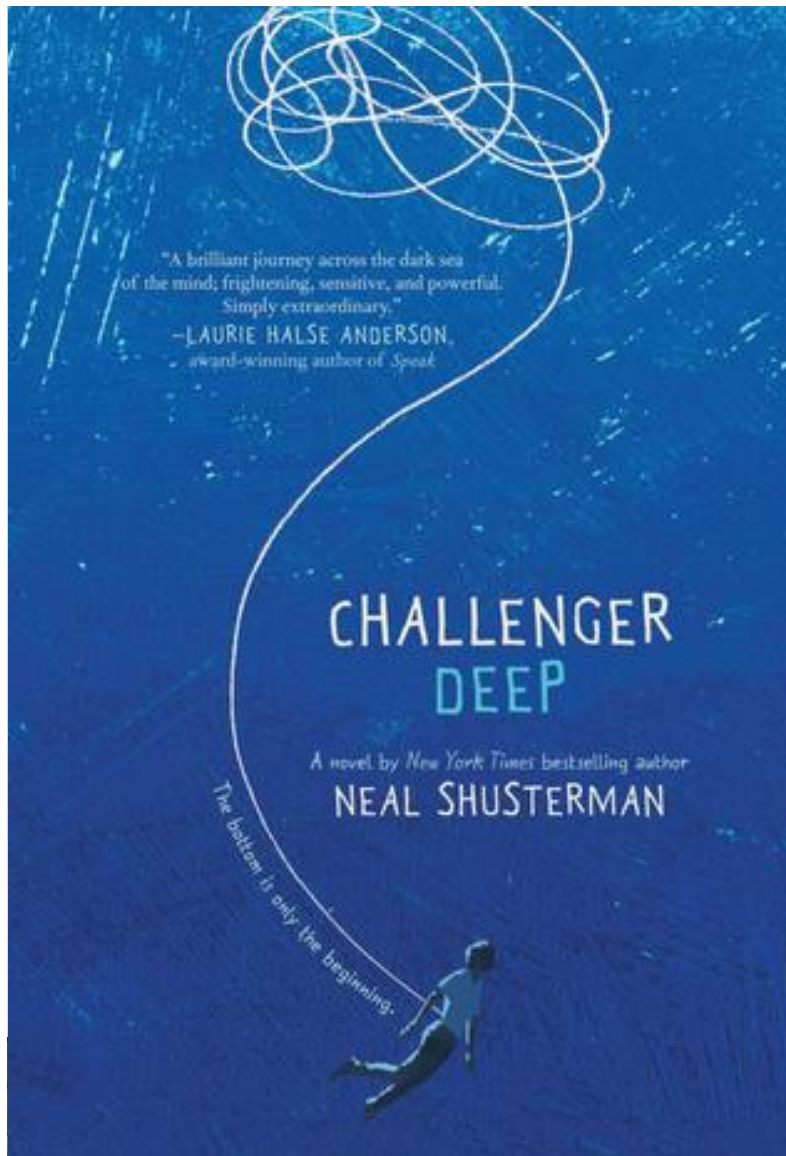
# BRUISER

(2011) When Brontë starts dating Brewster “Bruiser” Rawlins – the guy voted “Most Likely to Get the Death Penalty” her twin brother, Tennyson, isn’t surprised. But then strange things begin to occur. Tennyson and Brontë’s scrapes heal unnaturally fast, and cuts disappear before their eyes. What at first seems like their good fortune turns out to be more than they bargained for...much more.

Single book







# CHALLENGER DEEP

(2015) **Caden Bosch is on a ship that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench.**

*Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behavior.*

**Caden Bosch is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images.**

*Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head.*

**Caden Bosch is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny...**

Single book

# EVERLOST

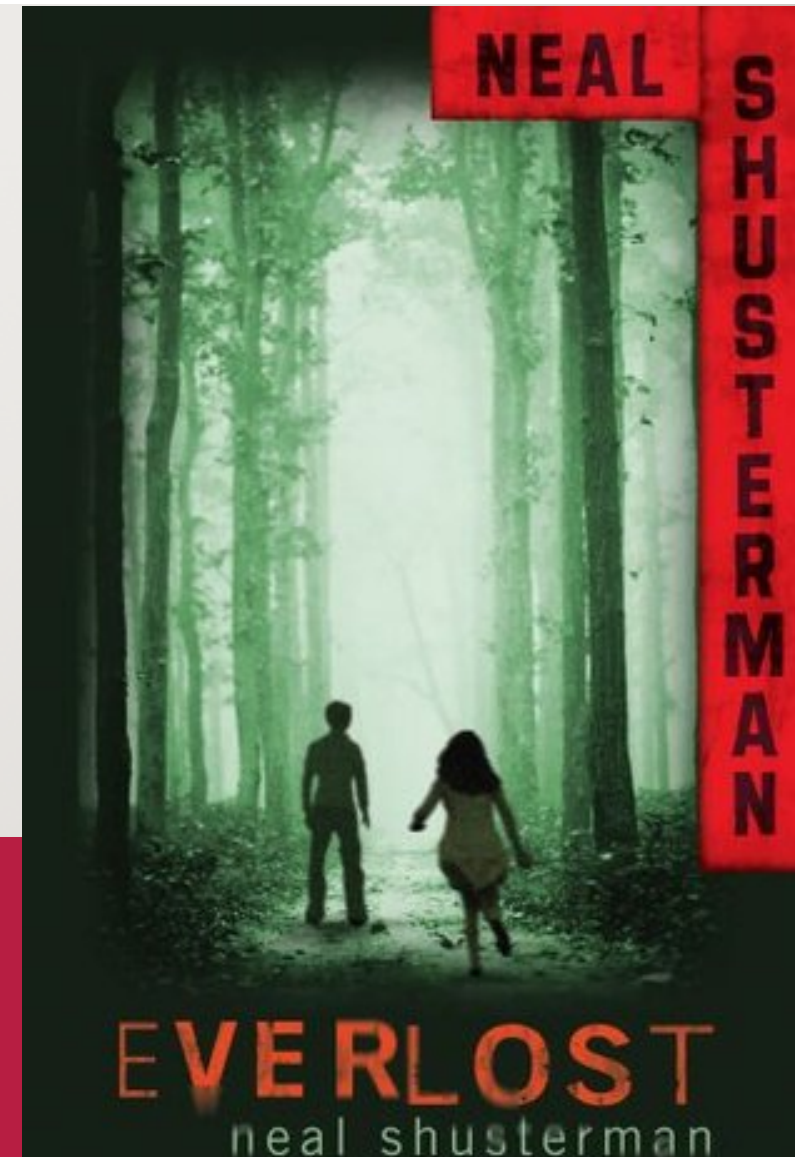
(2006) Nick and Allie are caught halfway between life and death, in a sort of limbo known as Everlost: a shadow of the living world, filled with all the things and places that no longer exist. It's a magical, yet dangerous place where bands of lost children run wild and anyone who stands in the same place too long sinks to the center of the Earth.

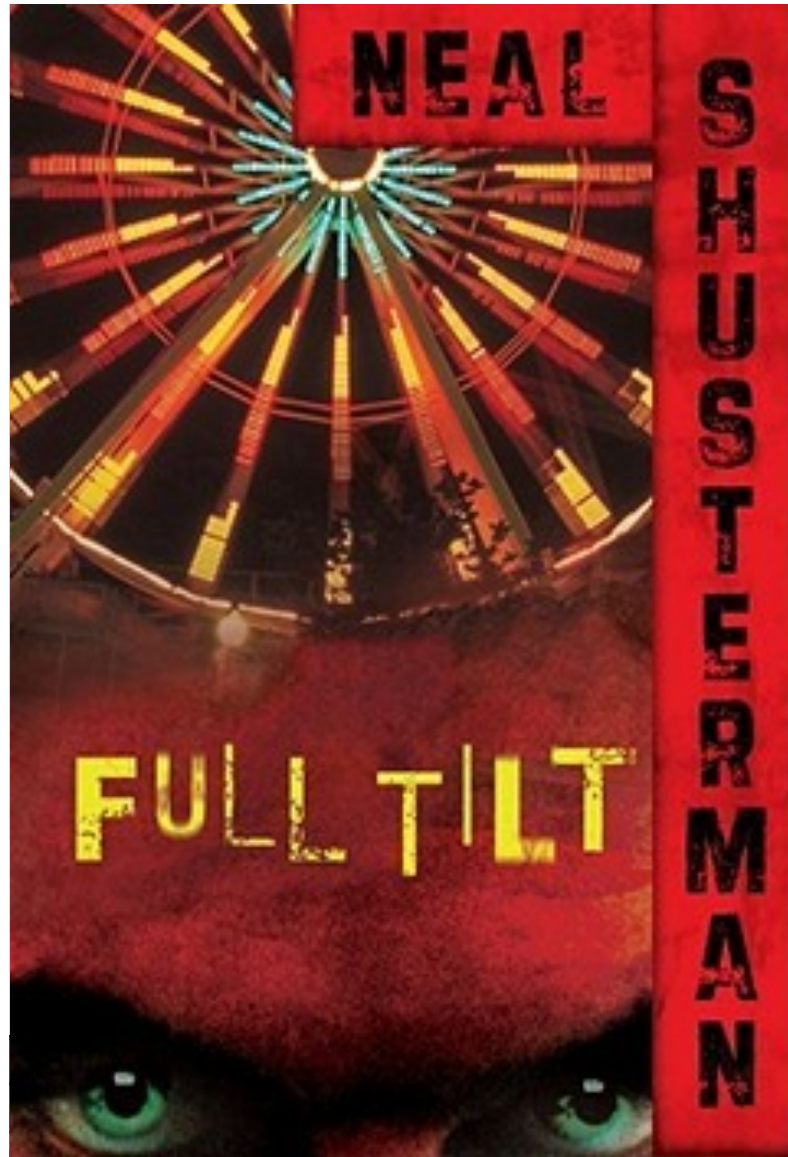
When they find Mary, the self-proclaimed queen of lost kids, Nick feels like he he's found a home, but Allie isn't satisfied spending eternity between worlds. Against all warnings, Allie begins learning the "Criminal Art" of haunting, and ventures into dangerous territory, where a monster called the McGill threatens all the souls of Everlost.

Book 1 in the Skinjacker trilogy

Book 2 – Everwild

Book 3 – Everfound





## *FULL TILT*

(2004) Sixteen-year-old Blake and his younger brother, Quinn, are exact opposites. Blake is the responsible member of the family. He constantly has to keep an eye on the fearless Quinn, whose thrill-seeking sometimes goes too far. But the stakes get higher when Blake has to chase Quinn into a bizarre phantom carnival that traps its customers forever.

In order to escape, Blake must survive seven deadly rides by dawn, each of which represents a deep, personal fear -- from a carousel of stampeding animals to a hall of mirrors that changes people into their deformed reflections. Blake ultimately has to face up to a horrible secret from his own past to save himself and his brother -- that is, if the carnival doesn't claim their souls first!

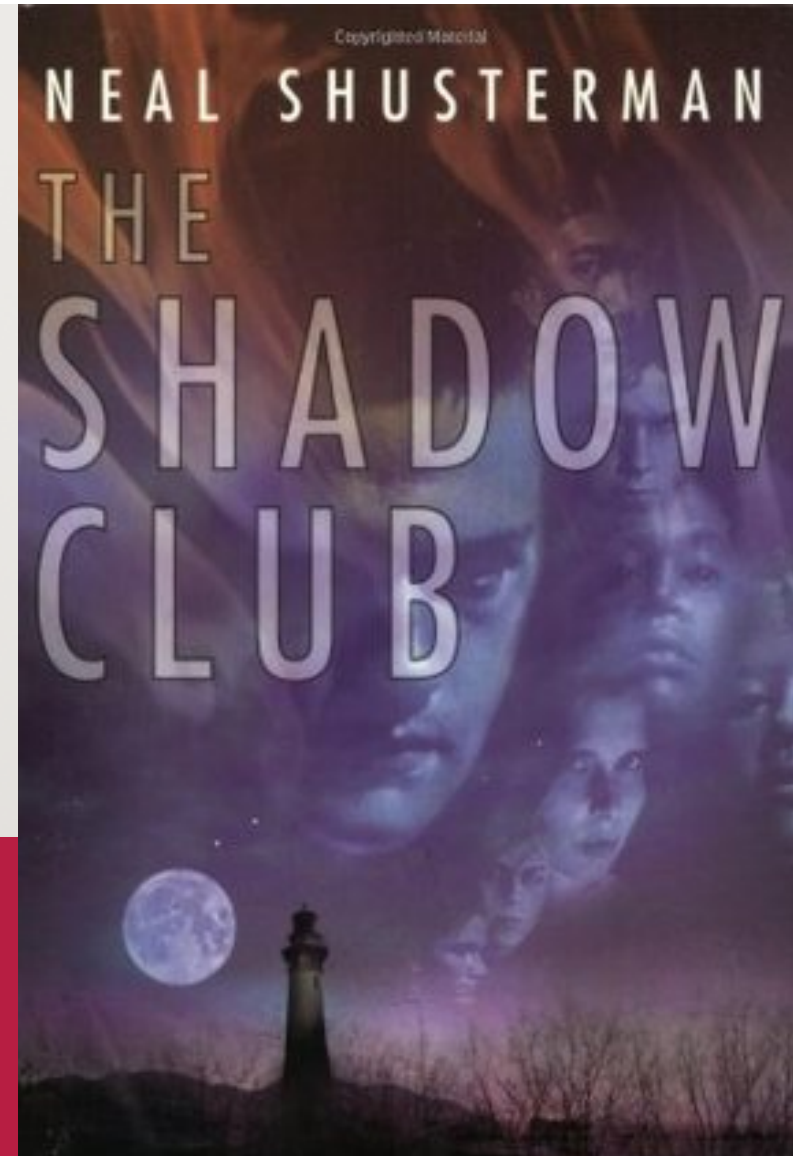
Single book

# *THE SHADOW CLUB*

(2002) The Shadow Club starts simply enough: the kids who are tired of being second-best get together and, for the first time, talk about how they feel. But soon the members decide to play practical jokes on the first-place winners they envy, and things begin to spin dangerously out of control.

Book 1 of the Shadow Club series

Book 2 – *The Shadow Club Rising*





## TESLA'S ATTIC

(2014) After their home burns down, fourteen-year-old Nick, his younger brother, and their father move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited. When Nick opens the door to his attic room, he's hit in the head by a toaster. That's just the beginning of his weird experiences with the old junk stored up there. After getting rid of the odd antiques in a garage sale, Nick befriends some local kids—Mitch, Caitlin, and Vincent—and they discover that all of the objects have extraordinary properties. What's more, Nick figures out that the attic is a strange magnetic vortex, which attracts all sorts of trouble. It's as if the attic itself has an intelligence . . . and a purpose.

Book 1 of the Accelerati Trilogy

Book 2 – *Edison's Alley*

Book 3 – *Hawking's Hallway*