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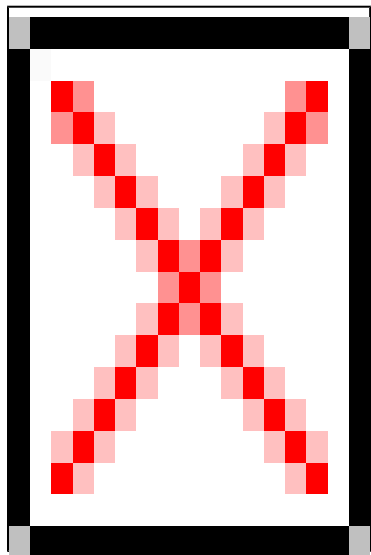
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Sarah Govett chooses the book that introduced her to the possibilities of dystopian fiction.



The book I most wish I'd written is **The Chrysalids** by John Wyndham. It was my first introduction to dystopia and the genre's potential not only to provide thrilling stories, but also to act as a vehicle for social commentary. **The Chrysalids** is a powerful and unsettling coming of age story set in a post-nuclear community where intolerance and religious conservatism reign. Difference, in the form of genetic mutation, is seen as deviation from God's creation, and hounded and stamped out. It is a brilliant, brilliant study of bigotry and humanity. Two words ? Sophie's foot. I've read it aged 14, 16 and 26 and I cry every time.

Sarah Govett's latest book, [The Territory, Truth](#) [3] (978-1910080702) is published by Firefly Press, £7.99.

The Chrysalids by John Wyndham (978-0141032979) is published by Penguin, £8.99

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