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My favorite book heroines from different genres and different areas of literature.

1. Hermione Granger

My first book series ever was Harry Potter and I always looked up to Hermione with how smart and kick-ass she was, she always had the boys beat when it came to book smarts. Hermione, though, knew how to stand her own ground and fight back when the time was needed. She struggled with being a sort of “outcast” with being a muggle born wizard but strove to be the smartest witch in her class which she indeed did.

The movies I adore, though, some of them make me grit my teeth with the inaccuracies to the books. The first one did the best in my opinion. I adore the cast selection and I will always adore the movies. Emma Watson is always Hermione to me.

This video and song really shows what Hermione went through, especially toward the end of the series where she faced many hard trials and this video really showcases her strength and the song is perfect:

“Harry – you’re a great wizard, you know.” “I’m not as good as you,” said Harry, very embarrassed, as she let go of him.

“Me!” said Hermione. “Books! And cleverness! There are more important things – friendship and bravery and – oh Harry – be careful!”Hermione Granger and Harry Potter 'The Philosophers Stone'

This quote shows how much Hermione cares for her friends and admires Harry’s bravery but she is really brave as well.

Hermione inspired me to love my friends no matter what and stay by their side in their time of need but to stand up for myself when the time is needed and not be a doormat.



Young Emma Watson as Hermione

2. Katniss Everdeen

I love, love, love Katniss, I read the books before they were made into movies and fell in love with Katniss the first time I read the books and I also fell in love with Jennifer Lawrence playing her when the movies came out. Katniss is a fighter, she’s compassionate, she’s loving, she’s selfless and a strong person in general.

With one sweep of my arm, I push her behind me. “I volunteer!” I gasp. “I volunteer as tribute!” Katniss Everdeen 'The Hunger Games'

This quote here proves her selflessness for not even thinking about herself dying in The Hunger Games but saving her sister’s life.

Katniss's strength is pushed by the time we hit the last book, she is struggling to be sane after being put in another "Hunger Games" but being rescued and her home being destroyed but she fights through and is still the Mockingjay. For someone (even fiction) to fight like this is impressive. In the last book it also shows Katniss has PTSD and other mental disorder due to contributing in the games along with the other victors, so she is a survivor.

This is a fan video made from the book about how Katniss learned "The Hanging Tree" from her dad and first learned how to shoot a bow, it is one my favorite videos.

Katniss inspired me to fight my own PTSD and be a fighter no matter what the odds.



Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) and Prim (Willow Shields) at the first reaping

3. Tris Prior

Another one that is overused, I know, but I started these books a little late (don't get me started on the movie disaster at least after the first one argh, I don't the actor/actress choices its the storyline), I was curious to what the fuss was about but fell in love with them. Tris (Beatrice) Prior caught my attention when I first read about her the fact that she doesn't fit into a faction really sparked my interest and made me feel connected to her because I feel like I don't really fit in anywhere as well.

Tris is brave and very selfless, she doesn't think she is selfless because of not wanting to be Abnegation but that is not the case, Tris would do anything to protect the people she cares about, that may not be the true definition of being in Abnegation but if she tried she could do it.

Tris defiantly fits in at Dauntless due to her fearless attitude which I give her a jaw-dropping applaud too, especially when she had knives thrown at her!! That defiantly made me look up to her even more!

When Tris got her tattoo in Dauntless of the birds she says this about it:

"Three birds flocking toward my heart. Representing each member of the family I left behind" Tris Prior

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Tris would do anything for her family even though she left Abnegation.

My favorite video of Tris is with Four, it also shows a lot about her and defiantly makes your little feelers hurt if you've read Allegiant, I won't give it away because that would just ruin everything but it does indeed show how selfless and brave Tris really is after you read it.

Tris, like the others, showed me how to be brave and selfless but she also showed me to show no fear to those who want to hurt me but not be stupid about it. Also, like the others she showed me how to love unconditionally but without saying any spoilers Tris showed me how to even if someone did the worst thing possible.



Tris Prior (played by Shailene Woodley) training in Dauntless

4. Clary “Clarissa” Fray/Fairchild

When it comes to the movie or the TV show of this book franchise, I am not a *huge* fan (the movie I am not a fan at all), I can stand the TV show, it is more of a guilty obsession more than anything. The book Clary will always be my favorite. I do love the actress choice in the TV Show and movie, they were both great choices and they play Clary well, I don't really have a favorite perse but I do love them both.



Lily Collins on left (Movie Actress) and Katherine Grace McNamara on right (TV Show)

I read The Mortal Instruments series waaaayyyy before the movie even was considered. I haven't even touched the last book because I don't want it to end yet, though, in all reality I need to read it because I want more Jace and Clary action.

Anyways, the parts of Clary I love are she is very brave and a fighter but very compassionate and loving, she is determined to do what is right but willing to break the rules if necessary to get the job done, and she is just a kick ass Shadowhunter.

What Clary taught me the most is about love, the deep love that knocks your breath away and makes you second guess yourself.

"When you love someone, you don't have a choice. Love takes your choices away. Clary Fray
Clary's journey to love is defiantly complicated but she never gives up and is determined and very compassionate about it.

This video is from the movie but shows the fight

5. Lissa Dragomir and Rose Hathaway

Okay if you ever saw the movie for this book *Vampire Academy* let me say it is so far off that it could fly to the moon and back, the casting is great but the storyline didn't follow the book, I've wanted a movie for this book for years.

Anyways, the reason I included both these heroic characters into one is because Lissa and Rose are more together than apart due to the bond they share (magical bond) and I have learned a lot from both of these characters, I also can relate a lot to both of them.

Lissa doesn't feel she can fit in anywhere because she didn't find her Morroi power, but when she did it was different. I was Lissa who didn't fit in for the longest time and still kinda am. I could also fit in with Lissa never feeling happy (though she lost her family, which I cannot relate too) but I could relate to never feeling happy.

Rose fit in more with the Dhampir but I could relate with her with wanting to protect her friends at all costs and become a stronger person.

Rose and Lissa both inspired me to become stronger at all costs (whether due to having to survive or just anything) and be there for my friends. Rose inspired me to be strong and have a sense of humor doing it and not to be a doormat to others, no matter what crap they throw at you. Lissa inspired me to be strong even when happiness is fading, Lissa also inspired me to look for happiness even when it seems it's gone.

This isn't the movie actors of Lissa and Christian but the video is really good and one of my favorites (if you click over to YouTube it says in the video description who the

actresses/actors are):



Zoey Deutch as Rose and Lucy Fry as Lissa



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