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Climax

What is Climax in literature?

In literature, the climax is the peak in the pyramid shape of a narrative, the moment when the conflict reaches its highest point. This is sometimes called "the crisis". Beginning with the exposition, a narrative builds through conflicts, known as rising actions, to the climax. Afterward, the narrative swiftly descends into falling action, leading to the denouement (conclusion). Often, but now always, the climax is the last major plot event; everything else in the written work exists to "wrap it up" and provide resolution. The purpose of the climax is to allow the reader to grasp/think the significance of the protagonist's struggle and the choice/decision they've had to make.

Describe your novel's Climax below.