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Immurement: The Undergrounders Series Book One (A Young Adult Post-apocalyptic Dystopian Thriller)



Synopsis

GRAND PRIZE WINNER of the 2016 Next Generation Indie Book Award for fiction
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The Sweepers are coming. The hunt for humankind begins. Sixteen-year-old Derry Connolly lives in perpetual fear of capture. The year is 2069. A scorched post-apocalyptic earth overrun by merciless gangs offers little haven. From the skies, mysterious hoverships manned by military clones prey on the young. When Derry's older brother goes missing, she must strike a deal with a group of cutthroat rogues and launch a daring raid to save him. But she soon finds out the world she knows is a lie. Keeping her brother alive means trusting the enemy and opening her heart to someone scarcely human. Immurement is the first book in The Undergrounders Series, a sci-fi dystopian thriller trilogy. If you like captivating apocalyptic tales, gritty complex heroines, and twists you won't see coming, then you'll love this fast-paced, end-of-the-world adventure!

INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR
What inspired you to write The Undergrounders Series?
I've always been fascinated by regimes and resistance movements, and the heroes who emerge from atrocities. I grew up reading every concentration camp escape story I could get my hands on. As an author, I find it intriguing to place characters—especially strong teen heroines—in dystopian, post-apocalyptic or sci-fi settings and watch what unfurls inside them as they go head to head with staggering odds. After spending several summers in Idaho, and learning more about Preppers and survivalists, the idea to plant Derry Connolly in a bunker community of homesteaders and mountain men took seed and The Undergrounders Series was born. Think of it as a young adult adventure series meets dystopian survival fiction!

Have you always enjoyed writing?
I grew up among rich storytelling traditions in my native Ireland and it was a natural transition for me to try my hand at writing. Irish legends are full of action, adventure, impossible missions, and unlikely heroes, and to this day nothing captivates me more than an epic story, whether it's an apocalyptic thriller or a fast paced action book. Any thrillers for teens along the lines of The Hunger Games or The Divergent Series are always a must read for me, only because I'm endlessly fascinated by the capacity of heroic individuals to rise above tyranny and change the course of history.

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Customer Reviews

I really liked how Immurement has such a very strong female lead. Derry is very capable and can kick a lot of *ss. She is also very conscientious of making good decisions even when she doesn't like the people involved. This book is definitely not just for girls. Immurement was a quick read because it was very suspenseful. Hinkens excels at the whole chapter ending hook that just keeps you turning the page. There is nonstop action throughout. The world building is definitely interesting, but I felt like a few things could have used more explanation, like how the scientists got started with their experiments to begin with and more about how their science worked. I also wondered about the reeducation center and how that came about. But maybe these are addressed in Embattlement: Book 2 of the Undergrounders series!

I stumbled upon this book series through an search and thought I would give it a try. I am so glad that I did! Immurement is an action-packed adventure with characters that are real and human (or have human qualities :) The main character, Derry, especially draws you in and becomes someone you are invested in. I am greatly looking forward to the next books in this series and for any other works from Norma Hinkens.

Excellent dystopian story! Lots of action, adventure and suspense. Kept me riveted and worrying about the characters and what in the world would happen to them next. My emotions were all over the place... in a good way. Very well done!

A very rough existence with infighting, mistrust, fear and little knowledge about what is really happening outside their bunkers. The truth is learned but the results are casualties and horror. Will they be able to work with people they don't trust to take on a common enemy? The first book has plenty of action and you see a budding leader forced to grow up quickly as who she loses her family and others she has come to care about and trust. Look forward to reading about the continuation of their struggle to align themselves with people they fear and who can't be trusted. They have a common enemy but will it be enough?

Immurement is a wildly entertaining read that keeps you hooked from the beginning. Derry is a unique and quirky survivor who has amazing loyalty to family, her fellow survivors, and don't forget her dog Tucker! She rises to the challenge of surviving this terrifying apocalyptic world and sets off on a rescue mission fraught with disasters. The author has twists and turns throughout which keeps the story moving! It is a fast, solidly entertaining read with just the right amount of suspense and adventure around every corner. I am certainly looking forward to the next book!

This is a very good book. There is action , friendships, mystery, and even more action. The characters are great and the story line is great. You can't help but pull for the the main character and hope the undergrounders make it. So grab your copy and enjoy reading.

I am a first time reader of this author and was wonderfully surprised with this post-apocalyptic novel. I loved the complexity of the characters, especially when it comes to the confusion of who to trust...clones, deviants or rogues?? The multitude of secondary characters helped pull the story along as you get drawn into how each of them came about and what position they will play further into the novel. As a dog lover, I was thrilled with one of the main secondary characters being a "dog" and the animal's importance to the main character. I was able to visualize the environment with the aid of the vivid setting descriptions. The action sequences were fast-paced, exciting and kept me turning the pages quickly wanting to delve into the next event. It touched on romance and relationships a bit, but without sex scenes (which even though I love reading them, it is a nice change to read an entire novel without them). The topics touched on like the practice of using

cyber-technology on humans gives the novel a great backdrop, since it is not too hard to image what science would justify in a post apocalyptic situation; and also how far humans would go to retain their humanity. I am absolutely beginning the second book in the series right now, and am anxiously excited to see where the author takes the tale in the next book. I will absolutely recommend this book and keep my eyes open for other works of hers!!

Just one of several books read of late that measured up to what other reviews made mention of and I thought was a great read. Well-written, fast-paced, engaging plot and well-developed characters are all elements I want in a good book and this one definitely delivers. Given the problem of having to find something most satisfying to read for a reasonable price since tightened the screws recently this one was a rare find and I thought deserving of the Next Generation Indie Book Award. Bottom line - a worthy read and one I wouldn't hesitate to recommend!

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