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Society has been ripped apart by environmental decay and the battle scars of progress. Solar storms, extreme weather, barbaric tribes and outcasts rule the planet. In the 22nd century, no one lasts in the Wilds for long.

Shielded from this world, teenager Luca C. Mariner lives a privileged existence in one of the last remaining Megacities. Yet his tranquil life is about to be shattered as Luca and his friends are thrown into the brutal reality of the Wilds when Earth is attacked by a merciless alien alliance.

Luca, fragile humanoid Ceiba and feisty Asia-Mae are catapulted into a thrilling adventure of intergalactic and deep sea mystery. They must battle against time and use their strength of friendship to become leaders of a new resistance. But is it too late to restore moral order across the universe and ultimately save humanity from imminent collapse?

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Lorraine says

A fast-paced, well written book, with plenty of unexpected twists and turns.
An amazing read from a multi-talented author.
I can't wait to read the next installment in the series.

I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

vvb says

I found this to be a good start to a new series that takes place in the future that includes aliens.

A big cast is introduced and established well in this story. However, there is a focus on the main character, Luca, who holds special abilities and qualities that presents him as good hero for this series.

Alliances and friendships are made and strengthened amidst action scenes.

I was tickled to encounter a kind of black smokes monster that shows up in the story that reminded me of the black smoke monster from the tv series Lost.

And, there is a spark of a budding romance.

Koeur says

<http://koeur.wordpress.com/2015/01/06...>

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Review: I just couldn't get through this. Really jumbled story line coupled with stilted dialogue. Definitely made for the YA crowd.

Michael says

A rip-roaring ride for mid-teens into sci-fi.

A relentless chase, written in cliff-hanger style, exploring the characters' abilities and emotional uncertainties in a world that appears to be coming apart.

Some very big issues are touched on in the closing chapters that may confuse and overwhelm readers, and it felt a little hurried (despite the fast pacing), in order to finish it.

However, the author leaves a tantalising hook for further books in this series.

Holly Cave says

First off, I'm not generally a big reader of young adult fiction (although I love Gemma Malley's stuff) but something about this drew me in straight away. The pace is fast and the story just keeps giving. Without wanting to give too much away, there's always a surprise around the corner, and I hugely enjoyed delving into the world of Acacia Burj and the crazy landscape of the Jungle and the Wilds.

Luca, Asia Mae and Ceiba (as well as the rest of the cast) are convincingly real and are very well-thought out characters. I'd also say that it's also good to see such strong female role models as Asia Mae and the other girls and women in the book, particularly given that it's within the sci-fi genre.

In short, I thought this was a great read and I found it really hard to put down. I'm sure that younger readers would love reading it - will try it on my 10-year-old god-daughter and see what she thinks! I hope there are more books to follow...

Andy Harris says

thanks to goodreads for the preview copy

this is a fast paced, well written and interesting book with a futuristic story for older children/young adults

good debut, never boring, recommended

Lauren says

I received this book as a Goodreads Giveaway.

I wasn't sure what to expect from this book but was pleasantly surprised. It is extremely futuristic and it took me a little while to get used to all the unusual words and ideas in the future world. Once I did I became engrossed in the whole story. It was a fast paced and I enjoyed the multiple view points throughout allowing us to see all that was happening. I also liked how the characters all linked together, Asia Mae becoming friends with Sumer who was also Elliot's sister and Phateon's girlfriend then Luca becoming friends with Phateon, I think it rounded the whole thing off well.

You may be inclined to put a sci-fi label on this book, but I'd say the scientific/futuristic element of it isn't the main story. Watching Luca develop throughout and learn more about himself seemed to be just as important. Also the idea that everything is not as it seems with places like the Wilds and the Jungle.

From the ending I will assume that this is a series. If that's the case I look forward to reading the rest of the story.

Overall a great read and I give it 4 stars!!!

Rachelle (RavenclawRachelle) says

This book was not for me; the target audience is most likely younger teenage boys.

The writing style was very simplistic and the plot was convoluted and not as well thought out as I would have liked. I felt the author did not spend enough time explaining certain concepts.

The characters felt very hollow and I would have preferred if the author had spent more time fleshing out the character development so some of the later plot points were more believable.

I will not be continuing on with this series.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.
