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When two missing Recon operatives returned to the compound, speculations ran wild about where they had been. Harper is certain they're infected with a deadly virus, but she's locked away in the cages, facing ten to twenty years behind bars.

Blaze thinks Harper has a shot at being released, but nobody can save Eli from Constance. Jayden is torturing him for information on his brother's whereabouts, and as Constance's newest lackey, Celdon is caught in the middle.

When an outside hacker breaches the compound's firewall, Celdon becomes an unwitting participant in the drifters' scheme to bring down Recon.

In the explosive fourth chapter of *The Fringe*, bullets will fly, loyalties will be tested, and the compound will face a war on two fronts.

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Laura says

3.5 stars

Minor Spoilers

Definitely better than the last book. Finally a big event which will likely turn the tide for the members of the compound and it seems likely that the next book in the series will have to feature more events outside the compound.

I feel like the characters showed a little bit more emotion and someone finally gets what's coming to them. Although one scene in particular was really sad, as it involved a character who I was just beginning to consider a favorite.

I do find it a bit far-fetched that not one but two characters discover a family member outside the compound.

Really looking forward to seeing what consequences arise from the act of terrorism that took place. I really think it's long past time that the lower ranking classes inside the compound stage some sort of revolt.

Donna says

I was fortunate to get an ARC of this book.

I am a huge fan of Tarah Bennet's books and this is perhaps my favorite. This is the fourth book in the series and is told from the perspectives of the characters, something I had to get used to, but it was a good choice. It allows you to really get to know each of them. Celdon's perspective was especially interesting, knowing his actions and what motivated him.

This is a well written book, fast paced, with characters you care about. We find out more about Owen, whose perspective is also told from him.

Harper is so close to her friends she is willing to dash into danger for them. Thank goodness Eli is there to save her from herself.

Eli and Harper each go through dangers to their lives. I don't want to spoil the plot for you so you will just have to read it. You won't be disappointed.

If you have been following Eli and Harper, Celdon and Sawyer and Owen in the previous books this is a must read.

I thought this would be the conclusion but as I saw the developments toward the end I could tell this was going to need another book at least. So there will be more adventures, dangers and life changers to come in this story. I am now waiting anxiously for the next book.

Kayla says

ok, so wow. I am a huge Tarrah Benner fan. I've yet to read anything of hers and be disappointed, book 4 included! The writing is just impeccable. I read ALOT and very very rarely do I find an author who allows me to easily disappear into the story. Ugh I just love love!

Anyway! Lockdown: yes! I loved getting to dive deeper into Harper's and Eli's relationship. We really get to see them fall into one another and it's beautiful. I've been in love with these two since book 1 so I am very pleased with the way their story is unfolding.

Usually, I'm not a huge fan of constantly changing perspectives, but with Tarrahs writing, it's easy to keep up and it flows. That being said, I really enjoyed seeing things from Owens point of view. I enjoyed his personality and we really get to feel the love he has for his brother.

I enjoyed watching Celdon learn more about where he came from and discover things he never would have dreamt. He's a good friend to Eli and Harper and I appreciate that about him, but Celdon is my least favorite character.

Sawyers story was interesting and the romance kindling towards the end was precious. I'm looking forward to seeing that unfold a little more. I felt like Sawyers role was a little more solid and involved in book 4. It was nice :)

The introduction of a few new characters was fun, but for me, unnecessary. I love the main characters and they are enough for me!

But, like I said, it was fun to meet them.

The story was, of course, fantastic. I was very pleased with the advancement of the overall storyline. I'm eager for book 5 to see how all of this will unfold, but at the same time, sad because book 5 will be the end :(I read this book in one sitting and could not put it down! I would definitely recommend this series to anyone who is looking for a realistic, well thought out, fantastically written story of young adults living, surviving, and fighting for their lives in a futuristic post apocalyptic world. You will not be sorry.

I received an ARC for an honest review

Lyra says

The cursing got worse and worse, more cursing less action..when you can't think of words or actions just use the f* word**

Liked the series at first..... now too slow and the cursing has increased ...just not enjoyable, not a fun ride anymore

RD Marie says

I received an ARC for this honest review.

I hope Tarah Benner never stops writing! From her Defectors series to the fourth book of The Fringe series, it is obvious how much she is growing as an author. Give her another 20 years, and watch out! The place her

mind goes when writing these dystopian novels is amazing.

Lockdown is a great continuation of this series. The story is told from the perspective of five different characters, and is amazingly written. I'm not sure how the author keeps straight what is going on with each character, but the battles seem real and the writing is impeccable. Each character has his/her own emotional battle, their own outward battle, and collectively, the battle within their entire civilization. At the end of every chapter I found myself saying out loud, "Damn, that's good writing!" I love how emotions are not described, but shown. The world this author creates is described so well it's entirely possible to see in your mind's eye.

I highly recommend this series and will be waiting very impatiently for the final book.....hint, hint, Tarah Benner!! :)

amanda eriksen says

1 &1/2 hours

This book took me 1 & 1/2 hours to read this book now I have to wait for # 5 to come out now..

Ashley Riddle says

I loved it! I randomly stumbled on these books when they were suggested by Kindle. We've seen many different types of post apocalyptic books but I don't think I've ever read any like this. Of course there is internal government corruption but the way it trickles down to the lower ranks in this series is interesting. I've flown through all 4 of the books so far and couldn't put them down. As the books progressed we get to see more and more sides of the story, which I found very interesting. By Lockdown we are seeing the story narrated by 5 different people and amazingly it wasn't distracting or confusing. Every person has their own distinct voice and I think Tarah did an amazing job making that clear. I'm dying for the 5th and final book now which should be out later this year. These books really need more recommendation because they are really good for someone who was just writing part time when she started them. The other thing that amazed me was that nothing was too futuristic, everything she incorporates into the books comes from real life and research and at the end of every book Tarah explains some of her reasoning and research to back up what she has written.

Stefanie Watkins says

Good book

This book was very good, it was interesting to see how the author was going to keep it going since this is the fourth book. I can't wait to read the last book to see how it all ends

Patricia Tomoney says

Getting better and better

Lockdown is by far the best in the series. The development of Eli and Harper's love story finally comes in to play. It was worth the wait. Adding Owen's point of view truly gives more meaning to his side of the story and he is now better understood. I can't wait for book five and its conclusion!

Sheila gullick says

Really great series

Really great series. Full of action. Great story lines. Always full of twist and turns. Strong characters. Ready for the next one

Dodiegregoire says

Great series.

Sierra says

*** I received an advance copy of this book in exchange for my honest review***

Lockdown continues in the storyline of Harper and Eli but adds in three additional character perspectives of Sawyer, Celdon & Owen. This was actually done well, and the story still flows well between characters.

Much of the story takes place with Harper & Eli in separate locations. This does seem to help mature their relationship and much of the annoying bickering is finally over. There also is an additional romance that finally develops and a different side of Owen that is shown through hearing his inner monologue.

Recon still is my favorite in this series. The mental and physical tension between Harper and Eli was never re-matched for me in any of the other books in the series. I also originally thought this series was a YA Sci-Fi. After reading Lockdown, I can say it is definitely not. The profanity seems to increase in this installment. This might have somewhat to do with the fact that Harper begins the book in lockdown. The romantic scenes take it a notch up and is a little more explicit than I am used to for general Sci-Fi. I typically like to keep my books PG 13, but this series seemed to change in this installment:/

With all that said, I still greatly enjoy the Fringe series. I feel it gives a realistic view of a dystopian future and the social and political relationships that can develop when man dominates man to his injury.

Leslie Ackers says

Tarah Benner has done it again! She's woven a story together so intricately and perfectly that it will keep you flipping page after page to find out what is going to happen next! You get to read about all the characters, we as fans have grown to love: Eli, Harper, Celdon, Owen, Sawyer, and Caleb-as well as introducing us to some others. The last third of the book keeps you on the edge of your seat and it will make you wish that her fifth and final book in the series would come out tomorrow! This read is just as great as her previous three and I cannot wait till the fifth one is written!! Strongly Recommend!

Angela says

WoW! SPEECHLESS!

This book may be my fave in this series yet! Finished it in one day, I simply couldnt put it down!! So many twists and turns, so much action, just wow! Cant wait to see how this ends!

Erika says

This is quite an entertaining read, though I might be a bit biased because I was literally desperate for Lockdown to come out.

The setting and characters are well described and elaborated, as is the case in the rest of the series. The story is so well paced that it's almost impossible to put the book down once you started reading. Having five different PoVs is something I found pretty entertaining as well, especially since they are written in a way in which it's fairly easy to distinguish between each of them.

The only reason I'm giving it 4 stars instead of 5 is the fact that, IMHO, there were some missing opportunities in the plot development -which I won't get into detail because I'm afraid of spoiling anything for you!

All in all, I think this is an excellent sequel for the series and I absolutely recommend you to read it.

I received an ARC for my honest review.
