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"A thrilling space adventure with an incredibly diverse cast. I couldn't put this sequel down!" --
TOMI ADEYEMI, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Children of Blood and Bone*

Discover book two in the sci-fi space trilogy that *Bustle* described as " *The 100* meets *Illuminae* " and Marie Lu called, "a high-octane thriller."

Emmett Atwater thought Babel's game sounded easy. Get points. Get paid. Go home. But it didn't take long for him to learn that Babel's competition was full of broken promises, none darker or more damaging than the last one.

Now Emmett and the rest of the Genesis spaceship survivors must rally and forge their own path through a new world. Their mission from Babel is simple: extract nyxia, the most valuable material in the universe, and play nice with the indigenous Adamite population.

But Emmett and the others quickly realize they are caught between two powerful forces-Babel and the Adamites-with clashing desires. Will the Genesis team make it out alive before it's too late?

Praise for Book 1 in The Nyxia Triad:

"A high-octane thriller . . . *Nyxia* grabs you from the first line and never lets go." -Marie Lu, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Young Elites* series

"Brilliant concept meets stellar execution in this fast-paced deep space adventure. I was hooked from page one." -Victoria Schwab, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

"File this book under A for Amazing." -Jay Kristoff, *New York Times* bestselling author

Nyxia Unleashed Details

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Karen says

Nyxia Unleashed was probably my most anticipated release for 2018! I loved Nyxia so much and couldn't wait to experience more of Emmett and the gang.

And, yowza!! Scott Reintgen did not disappoint! This second book follows Emmett and his surviving shipmates to the planet Eden where they mine Nyxia for the Babel Corporation. There they encounter the alien Adamites (well, actually, the humans are the aliens in Eden!)

The action and world building are just as impressive in this second book as in Nyxia and I loved every minute! Scott gives us two brilliant characters in Emmett and Morning and I couldn't get enough. I loved all the teens in this, but especially Morning who is such a great kick-ass heroine and leader. Paired with Emmett, the kid from the streets of Detroit, they make a formidable pair!

And that ending!! I need book 3 NOW!!! Ack! I highly recommend this series to all sci-fi lovers!! Well done, Scott!!

Thanks to NetGalley and Crown Books for the advance copy!

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

This just-published sequel to Nyxia is a fun YA SF adventure! Review first posted on Fantasy Literature:

(Recap of Book 1 in this paragraph; I've tried not to be too spoilery) Emmett Atwater, a sixteen-year-old African American from Detroit, has spent the last year on board a spaceship owned by Babel Communications, lured in ? along with nineteen other disadvantaged teenagers from across the globe ? by Babel's offer of immense wealth if he will travel to Eden and mine as much of the priceless mineral nyxia as possible on behalf of Babel for a year or so. Then he and the others can return home to a life of permanent ease. But Emmett and the other teenagers soon learn that the executives of Babel care only for their own power and wealth. During the year-long flight of the Genesis to Eden, the teens were pitted against each other in desperate competition for a place with the final group that would actually land on Eden. Manipulated by Babel, the competition became more and more ugly and deadly, until a final terrible twist just before the final group was dispatched to Eden in individual landing pods.

Nyxia Unleashed, the second book in Scott Reintgen's NYXIA TRIAD series, picks up right where Nyxia left off, with Emmett soaring through the atmosphere of Eden and landing alone at night on an unfamiliar planet with two moons, and with no one else anywhere in sight. Emmett eventually is able to connect with a few of the other teens, and they make their cautious way cross-country to a supply center, where they meet up with the other teens from their spaceship, as well as a young corporal who's been left in charge of Babel's supply center (one of the Adamites' demands is that the only humans allowed to stay on their planet must be children or teens). And they meet some representatives of the Adamites, who greet them with slightly unnerving good cheer. Soon the Genesis teens discover that, like Babel, the Adamites ? who actually call themselves the Imago ? have not been entirely forthcoming about their motives and plans.

I've always understood Babel's reasons. More money, more nyxia, more power. That makes all the sense in the world, but I never thought about what the Adamites got out of the deal. It always seemed like we were an entertaining sideshow. A permission granted to Babel so the Adamites could witness a miracle they've lost. For the first time, it feels like more than that. Thesis and the others are looking at us like we've come to save them. I file it away under *D* for *Dig Deeper*.

The teens haven't trusted Babel for many months, but are the Imago going to be any better? And how will the teens ever be able to get back home to Earth?

Nyxia Unleashed shifts away from the life-and-death game competition that marked *Nyxia*, which I think was a wise move by Reintgen. The focus shifts now to the Genesis teens' efforts to learn to trust each other again after the many months of often bitter and deadly competition on board Babel's spaceship while it was flying to Eden (called "Magnia" by the Imago), and to their exploration of Magnia and the Imago people and their culture.

Nyxia Unleashed is an interesting, solid follow-up to *Nyxia*, with some unexpected twists to spice up the plot. Each faction has hidden plans that shed new light on the entire book. The planet Magnia and its natives have some creative aspects to them, though they could have been much more fundamentally alien for my money. The Imago are described more like an unusual country of humans than a world of non-human aliens, with much that is familiar about their culture and society. Conveniently, humans and Imago are able to not only talk to each other (thanks to one of nyxia's odd properties) but also breathe the same atmosphere and eat the same foods. But I doubt the intended YA audience will mind that, and it does act as a mirror for how we as a human society often behave.

I've grown quite attached to the main character and narrator, Emmett, who tries to balance his justifiably vengeful thoughts against Babel and its executives with the desire, instilled by his loving family, to be a good person and find a better way. The racially, religiously, and sexually diverse group of teens that form the Genesis group can't all be distinct and three-dimensional personalities, but enough of them are that their interactions and relationships feel realistic. There's a clever but poignant moment where one of the teens uses an ancient, rather obscure Biblical story as inspiration for an unexpected change in direction.

Nyxia Unleashed has a bit of a cliffhanger ending, but not enough to put me off in any way. I'm definitely on board for the third book, *Nyxia Uprising*, slated for publication in April 2019.

I received a free copy of this ebook from the publisher and NetGalley for review. Thank you!

Tomi Adeyemi says

So after finishing NYXIA last week I pestered Scott for NYXIA UNLEASHED. I was so excited to have the sequel early but now I write this crushed because I loved the sequel and finished it in one sitting and now I can't pester him for the third book (or can I? we shall see lol)

But in all seriousness, sequels can be so hard and this is a sequel that doesn't disappoint. It gives us what we loved in book two but with a meaningful conflict that unfolds in interesting and unexpected ways throughout the novel. I love hanging with Emmett and the gang and I already can't wait to hang out with them again!!

Iulia says

Nyxia Unleashed was one of my most anticipated releases of 2018, and I'm glad to say it did not disappoint. I loved the first book in this series, and much like *Nyxia*, the second installment maintains the same standard for intrigue, dynamic plot and fantastic characters. I read this in one sitting, which does say something about its ability to capture and maintain the reader's interest.

As this is a second book and I very much dislike spoilers, I can only safely say that the world building pleasantly surprised me, especially given the point where the previous book ended. As for the characters, the familiar sense of team and friendship which was a central focus in *Nyxia* remains the biggest contributor to their development. I was a bit confused by the ending, however I'm very interested to see what happens next, when the final book of this trilogy is released. As a side note: I hadn't noticed it before, but this series is a bit similar to Red Rising, especially in tone and writing style, which is certainly a plus for me. I only hope the finale will do this series justice.

Scott Reintgen says

In just a handful of days, *Nyxia Unleashed* will hit shelves. I am pretty proud of this book. I wrote the first draft of it while I was abroad and thought I'd hit it out of the park. Second book slump?! Not this guy. I turned it into my editor and she replied a few months later. She didn't like the main conflict, or the side conflict, or the other side conflict... When I mentioned that was the whole book, she said that's what we need to talk about. It was pretty painful, but I would go on to rewrite 90% of the book.

As the book releases, I'll be visiting local schools to talk about failure. I'll talk about how everyone fails, and about how the important thing to ask isn't "Will I fail?" It's what kind of person will I be, how will I react, when things don't go my way. That first draft might have failed, but the second one didn't. I'm convinced that if you loved *Nyxia* (or even just liked *Nyxia* a little) you're going to find a LOT to love in *Nyxia Unleashed*. It has more of the characters you fell for in book one. It has more of those breakneck plot twists that you won't see coming. It takes you to a new world while still forcing you to wrestle with truths about the world we live in.

Thanks for joining both me and Emmett Atwater on this journey. Enjoy the ride.

Bitchin' Reads says

Update: 12/5/2017

LOOK AT THE COVER. *heart eyes* Ooooh, aaaah.

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I need this pretty much now. My bookhangover from *Nyxia* is still amped up and doesn't appear to be letting up any time soon. :'(

Scrill says

*“We’re weapons. They made us this way.
And we’re coming for them.”**

Now that Emmet and the rest of the genesis crew members have made it to Eden they discover that just Babel has more up their sleeve for them than just harvesting Nyxia. While navigating the tenuous relationship with the Adamites and the dangers that the planet presents the team must decide who they trust.

The Story-

Picking up right where the first book leaves off the team struggles with what Babel has put them through to get there as well as adjusting to their new home. The crew carries on with their assignment while continuing to grow closer as a team as well as stronger with their skills with nyxia.

What really drives this story is the mystery. Not the type of mystery you would find in a thriller or a murder, but in the anticipation of a twist you just know is coming. And boy, those twists can throw you a loop. Though there was one that wasn’t quite wrapped up in this book so I am aching for the next book. Because, Scott, **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS??!**

Anyway, the book is non stop as we are lead from uncovering secrets to fighting for their lives. This YA sci-fi book tackles more than entertainment but brings in themes that cover family (blood and the bonds that go beyond that), homophobia/coming out, war/genocide/death, large corporation takeovers, and so much more.

The World Building-

Not only does Reintgen have a crew of multicultural kids, but has brought us a alien world that mirrors some similarities to the humans cultures but expanding with their own traditions, beliefs and society. The adamite society has sort of a rural feel but we are also introduced to fun new technology that Babel supplies which provides for a juxtaposition of it all that is smoothly introduced as the story progresses.

The planet itself is just so interesting from it’s double moons to its creatures.

The Characters-

Since this book narrows down to just the remaining crew, we are allowed time to get to know our characters a little bit more. It’s still mostly told from Emmett’s point of view so it is still somewhat limited to his observations, but the bond that the crew makes goes deep and grows as they must rely on each other because that’s all they’ve got. I think my favorite part about these characters is that they are fierce and brave, but can still stop to mourn those that they lose.

If you’re looking for romance between characters there’s a few pairings in here that just work so well together. I didn’t expect it, but there is some heart wrenching scenes where they kids hold each other up emotionally with just a squeeze of the hands, a nod of their head, and even with just putting themselves in harms way just to save the other.

The Soundtrack-

Portugal. The Man feat Richie Havens & Son Little – Number One

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? Sh3lly - Grumpy Name-Changing Wanderer ? says

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Nyxia (The Nyxia Triad #1): ★★★★

Thank you Random House/Crown Books and Netgalley for providing an eARC!

This book doesn't come out until July (yes, read another one crazy early), but I couldn't resist. I won't go into it because it's too early and spoilers and all. But, I do think it delivered, and was a good second book in a trilogy. It's different from book one enough to keep things interesting. It didn't feel like a "filler" book at all. STUFF HAPPENS.

I like how Morning is a strong female character and Emmett is not too testosterone-y to let her take the lead. He knows she is better than him at some things (a lot of things haha) and he acknowledges her abilities without any struggle.

There is a lot more with the Adamites and their planet! Cool stuff. The plot thickens and Babel must go down! Good stuff. :) Book three, here I come! (Whenever it releases... no rush or anything.)

Also, if you like Pierce Brown or Scott Sigler's Generations trilogy, this has a similar vibe. It's its own thing of course.

Previous post:

So excited!

^^^^^ That's me on the left.

Kaylin (The Re-Read Queen) says

Hello darkness my old friend... ?

(Look, literally no one is more disappointed by this rating than me. **RTC**)

I loved the first book so I am P U M P E D

Niki Hawkes - The Obsessive Bookseller says

[4.5/5 stars] I'm really pleased with this sequel. The story seems more in line with what I think people were expecting from the first book: highly-trained teens dropped on an alien planet to mine Nyxia. There was less competition in this book than the first, and I missed a bit of that head-to-head drama, but the good character dynamics remained strong. What it offered instead was a new world to explore – complete with diverse flora and fauna, a fascinating planetary history, and indigenous beings with a breathtaking culture. *Nyxia Unleashed* was filled with countless moments of wonder and awe.

The world-building was superbly done and by far my favorite element of the book. There was so much creative and beautiful imagery throughout that I'm left with a solid vision of this alien world. Very well done. The natives were a lot of fun to learn about, especially when their culture clashed with our earthen norms. It was an experience for sure, and one that truly transported me.

So, while the world-building and diverse cast of characters were enough to satisfy this harsh critic, I admit the logistics of the plot – primarily the “grand scheme” on all three sides of the conflict, were a little thin. It required a “just go with it” attitude at times and made me nervous that the final book isn’t going to culminate to the satisfying ending I’m craving. It doesn’t lessen how I feel about the wonders this book showed me (truly awesome), but it might play into how I feel about the series as a whole depending on how the complexities of plot are handled in the final book. Fingers crossed.

It’s also worth noting that I really like the narration of the main character. He has a lot of depth that comes from good backstory and continues to get better as he’s shaped by these experiences. I especially love the whole “file this under C – for creative” thing he’s got going on because it speaks to a deeper coping mechanism that allows him to compartmentalize trauma and just get things done. I’ve never seen anything quite like it, and I love it.

Series status: Going strong. It has the potential to end up among my all-time favorites. You’d better believe I’ll be hounding for a copy of the final book, asap. :)

Recommendations: As I said with the first book, this is an awesome recommend for Red Rising fans who don’t mind all of those gritty components watered down to fit a YA market. It has the same competitive edge, interesting characters and camaraderie, and overall atmosphere. I’m a fan.

*I'd like to thank Random House Children's, Scott Reintgen, and Netgalley for the chance to read and review an early copy of *Nyxia Unleashed*. Approval for this title made my day!*

Via The Obsessive Bookseller at www.NikiHawkes.com

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megs_bookrack says

Nyxia Unleashed is the second book in The Nyxia Triad. Just like the first book, I absolutely loved this and gave it **FIVE** well-deserved stars. This is a YA science-fiction novel that is incredibly inclusive and has a strong undercurrent of social commentary which I thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

In this book, our MC, Emmett Atwater and the rest of the kids from Book One have now arrived on the planet they have previously known as Eden. Throughout their training, Babel, the corporation they work for, had taught and prepared them for meeting the aliens, who they called Adamites, of this planet. Once on Eden, the kids are assigned local emissaries that ultimately end up teaching them in the true ways of their planet, which they call Magnia and refer to themselves as the Imago people. They travel through the various communities of this planet meeting with the peoples and learning their history, political structure and immediate societal issues. The kids, disenchanted with Babel Corporation, after their excruciating training period, begin to realize that Babel's goals are much more sinister than they had previously expressed. Without giving too much away, they must ultimately decide who and what they are willing to fight for.

What happens next will change the fate of worlds. We are genesis.

This novel is much darker than the first as the subject matter settles down and becomes more serious. Throughout the book I had an incredible feeling of something ominous just at the edge of the horizon. As the storyline began to unfold, I had no clue as to where it was leading. I loved learning about the Imago and experiencing the wonder of learning about their society, past and future. This story is an excellent examination of colonizing powers, indigenous populations and how people choose to treat other people.

Do we treat others with the dignity they deserve, regardless of where they come from?

There are some things a person should never stand by and watch...Pops taught me that much.

The above are thoughts of Emmett Atwater, our protagonist. Emmett is such a sweet, precious little cupcake. He is a great kid, raised by loving parents in the city of Detroit, where although poor, he never lacked for love or a strong kick in the backside, whichever he needed more. Seeing Emmett grapple with good versus evil, standing up for what he believes is right, overcoming adversity, is such an enjoyable thing to read. I loved watching him gaining strength and confidence throughout these two books and I am so excited to see where the third book takes him. He could lead a revolution, this one!

The other kids working with him are from all over the world - we really have everyone represented here - there are kids from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, South America, Europe, we have LGBTQ+ characters and we get to learn a bit about all of their perspectives; it's a great thing to see in a YA book. We learn the most about them in Book One but I thought it was important to bring up again here for people searching for diverse representation in their books.

I'm an angel without wings. I'm a demon without fire.

The ending of this book was **INCREDIBLE**! I have no idea how I am going to make it until next April waiting for the last book in the series. (*cue letter writing to publisher begging for early copy...*) We are on the edge of a major precipice here - a battle of good versus evil - a battle where fates and worlds will indeed be changed. Are the kids on the right track? Have they made the right choices? Are they siding with the right people? I DON'T KNOW!!!! But I am incredibly ready to find out! If you like sci-fi, if you like diverse books, if you like books with a point, please, please, please pick up this series! It deserves all the love it can get!

Thank you so much to Crown Books for Young Readers for giving me the opportunity to read this book early. It was one of my most anticipated books of the year so I am very grateful!!!

ORIGINAL REVIEW: What!? HOW!? How am I going to make it until next year to see what happens!? OMG- this took it to a whole new level. I can't even right now...I must sleep. That ending left me physically and emotionally exhausted ????????????

Full review tomorrow...stay tuned...and if you love sci-fi and haven't started this series yet, please do!

Chelsea Humphrey says

Considering how badly I fail at enjoying the middle installment of trilogies, I think the fact that I gave this one 3 stars really shows how top notch Reintgen's writing is. Even though I didn't enjoy this one QUITE as much as I did *Nyxia*, I think it's a really important book that highlights so many wonderful things, mainly a robust diverse character list that is neither forced nor cliche. I found so many wonderful themes encouraging here, especially toward the teenage population, such as the promotion of female empowerment in a position of leadership, the connection of teens in a non-sexual form of intimacy, and the bonds we share beyond blood that make us family. It could be that maybe I'm in a funk with some of my reading, but if you enjoyed the first book in the series I highly recommend continuing on with this one. I'm anxiously awaiting the finale and can't wait to see what other places the author takes us!

**I received a review copy from the publisher via NetGalley.*

Carrie says

Nyxia Unleashed by Scott Reintgen is the second book in the young adult science fiction fantasy *The Nyxia Triad* series. In the first book of the series the Babel Corporation had recruited ten teens including Emmett Atwater. The group was from all around the world and didn't know why they had been recruited but when offered a contract with the company that would change not only their own lives but their families they had to accept.

The contract was offered to get the recruits to leave Earth and travel to a distant planet called Eden in order to mine for Nyxia. The inhabitants of the planet would only welcome children to their home so the teens were needed to seek out the new resource for Babel. The catch..only eight of them would make the cut to call the new planet home and they had to prove themselves all along the journey.

Now *Nyxia Unleashed* has picked back up with Emmett and the other survivors of the journey right after the end of the first book. Those that have made it to the distant planet are still weary of Babel and their broken promises but now have found that the Adamite's have their own agenda. Being stuck between Babel and the Adamites the group wonders if any will be able to make it out alive and back home.

Looking back at starting this series I had thought it sort of reminded me to other books out there but now after finishing the second I can safely say it has completely broke out of the mold and has captured a life all of it's own. I did think though that to me the characters still don't really stand out and have each of their own personalities shine, they instead seem to be overshadowed by the action going on to where I need to remind myself who is who sometimes. Perhaps that's just me though but speaking of the action... I have really

enjoyed how much the series has changed and progressed from book to book, definitely not stuck in a rut. I'll definitely also be waiting to see what happens in the story next.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

Emer says

I do like this series.

I swore I wasn't going to read this because I had completely forgotten the plot of book one so I said to myself, I won't preorder it. Nope. I'll wait until book 3 is released and do a massive series read... Then somehow it's like a minute after midnight when this is released and I find myself downloading it so apparently my word counts for naught!!!

This was possibly a slower paced read than book one but I'm currently super fatigued and unable to focus on anything for seemingly longer than two minutes this week... Although I do recall my friend Gabby saying she found book one a slow burn too... So it's probably true to the writing style of Reintgen as I was in a real reading blitz when I read book one in a single night so make of all that what you will ?

Anyway, if you liked book one then I think you'll enjoy this. It's a solidly enjoyable YA sci fi romp. It's utterly daft but totally engaging. And I found it a pleasant diversion during a tough few days.

Damn can't believe I've to wait for the third book now...

Solid three-star-made-me-happy reading experience

Melanie says

1.) Nyxia ★★★★★

“As the descent begins, I hold on to one truth: I am more than what they would make of me.”

This is such an amazing YA Sci-Fi series that is so beautifully inclusive with some very important themes and discussions. The writing is amazing, I pulled around thirty quotes for this review alone. The characters have completely stolen my heart and soul, and they are a tier above most in all of literature. This series is amazing, and this second installment was everything that I wanted and more.

Nyxia Unleashed follows a crew of kids from all over the world that have been tested extensively during their journey to another planet. A company named Babel gave contracts to kids from needy homes, whether

that be love, money, or even health care. Babel picked kids that they believed they could mold and shape into whatever they wanted, but *Nyxia Unleashed* shows that Babel might have completely underestimated the power of teens. And this book picks right back up after the final events in *Nyxia*, where they have landed on a brand new planet, Magnia.

“They made us into weapons. It will be their downfall.”

This series also has the best main protagonist in YA, I swear it. Emmett is a black boy from Detroit, who joined this space program because it was the only way his mother could get the medical treatment she needed. He constantly is filing stuff away mentally with a system his grandma taught him, and he is never embarrassed or shamed for showing emotion. Music also plays a big role in Emmett's life, and it's displayed so very beautifully. Emmett is just an amazing main character, and one that I've been searching for

Morning is my new favorite character of all-time, I swear. She is so strong, so powerful, so amazing of a leader. She's a Latinx girl from Cali who has completely stolen my heart. She (and her doors) blew me away. Like, the fight scenes with Morning are legit some of the best fight scenes I've ever read in YA. And seeing her be so hard, and so soft, and so everything in between, is something I don't even have words for.

And the romance in this book? Lord, I can't. So perfect, so pure, so everything. It makes me want to scream “OTP forever” at the top of my lungs, off the rooftops. And the moments that these two share, whether its fighting back to back, comforting each other over past pain, or just cuddling and being there for one another. I love it all, and I ship Emmett and Morning so hard, it's unreal.

Magnia is a planet that has two moons and, depending on the years, the planet changes not only names (Magnia and Glacius) but natural disasters and weather. The kids that landed are supposed to be mining Nyxia, a new super resource and is a substance that can create anything, and Babel has created a treaty with the indigenous people on Magnia, the Imago. Basically, their planet is slowly dying from lack of females, so they promise to allow these kids to mine so that they can instill hope back to a planet that no longer has children. Well, at least that's what Babel is saying, and Magnia is agreeing to.

“It doesn't surprise me that Babel's out here playing the role of colonizer, slapping labels on the originals and pretending they created it all in the first place. It's pretty standard procedure for folks like them.”

This book heavily talks about colonization, and how disgusting people can be, while also taking everything from natives of the land they are about to steal. Babel even made up a name to call the Imago people, which the crew doesn't even realize until they get to know the indigenous people. And these kids all see, first hand, what this new planet and its inhabitants are like, and it's not so much different than any of them. And the crew also see how Babel has something much larger than anyone else expect in store.

This story also puts a heavy emphasis on social hierarchy and systemic oppression and what that means for the individuals that the world will deem as lesser. How some people are just born into the right last name, with the right money, with the right looks, and with all the privileges that these things give.

“Is this how people talked about me when I lived in Detroit? Am I like the beggars? Don't

give me too much of a handout or I'll be encouraged, I think darkly."

But *Nyxia* is just such a gift of a series to the literary world. That crew I kept talking about above? I already said that Emmett is black, and Morning is Latinx, but the rest of the crew? So much beautiful diversity. This crew has queer (gay and/or bi) side characters, side characters wearing hijabs, a pregnant teen crew member, Asian crew members, and so much of the characters talking about their experiences outside of The United States. So many of these characters are all dealing with grief, trauma, PTSD, and abandonment. This book is on another level, I'm telling you all.

Trigger and content warnings for murder, death, gore, blood, violence, depiction of PTSD, abandonment, kidnapping, torture, animal death, talk of past outing, talk of past homophobia, genocide, colonization, loss of a loved one, loss of a friend, and war themes.

My favorite aspect of this book was the constant spotlight on found family and unconditional love, trust, and support. These kids, from all different backgrounds, upbringings, ethnicities, religions, come together and create this bond that is so believable and so amazing to read. Like, this book just feels so real, that I'm wondering if there is an organization like Babel out there and if these kids came together and (hopefully) really saved a world!

"I sit there long after she falls asleep, thinking about the family we've forged, not through blood, but through steel and chaos. I never asked for any of this. At the beginning, I fought hard against it. But now that they're mine, now that I'm theirs, I'd do anything to keep them from being taken."

Overall, I loved this. The wait for the third book is going to be so hard, but this second installment was everything I wanted and more. I mean, Scott Reintgen still ripped out my heart, but in the best way possible. This is easily my favorite YA Sci-Fi out there, and I hope you all give this series a try, because it's so worth it.

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The quotes above were taken from an ARC and are subject to change upon publication.

Buddy read with Lilly, Cierra, Scrill, Solly, & Lori! ❤

You guys, I never win anything, but I actually won an ARC of this on a Twitter giveaway from Scott Reintgen himself!
