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In the year 2051, some people have a second pulse...

Like all who have "the pulse," Faith Daniels and Dylan Gilmore have telekinetic powers—they can move objects with their minds. But there are five "second pulses" in the world who have an even greater power: Almost nothing can harm them. They are virtually indestructible.

Both Faith and Dylan have the second pulse. But the other side has second pulses, too, and they've been training for a war that has been brewing their entire lives. As Dylan executes a plan to infiltrate enemy grounds, he'll have to face his only weakness, and a family secret that will threaten his very existence.

Together, Faith and Dylan are the only hope this world has left, but they must go their separate ways in order to accomplish their plan. Will their love survive?

With richly developed characters and heart-pounding action scenes, the second book in Patrick Carman's Pulse trilogy continues the electrifying dystopian story of love and revenge.

Tremor Details

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Sarah says

Oh dear. I really didn't enjoy this book, and I'm not looking forward to the third one. At first I was pretty ambivalent, I didn't care about the characters, I didn't care what happened to them, but there was nothing really offensive happening. If anything I was just confused, as I really didn't understand what was happening.

Then I started to get quite annoyed and bored.

Prisons being lifted into the air, the throwing around of washing machines and train cars with just their minds, random air attacks, and other such rubbish just irritated me.

"Clooger, stay low, Airspace is crawling with drones. Must be thirty of them now. They're on to us."

Sounds like Top Gun but it really isn't. Give me Tom Cruise any day over this.

Marie says

COVER!

Pulse was absolutely fabulous. I hope this one is even better!

SO EXCITED!

Trisha says

"He comes only to kill, this man without a heart. Now you must run."

I remember very little about book 1, only that I didn't like it. So color me surprised when I actually enjoyed book 2.

Dylan and Faith, Clara and Wade, Meredith and Gretchen. There is a race here as things start to gear up. A lot of secrets are finally revealed and the story definitely is pushed towards what will be it's conclusion in book 3. I definitely plan to read it.

Anna Bubolz says

Review

I really enjoyed this book. I liked that it didn't have an overload of action in it. I thought it was awesome how much characterization took place in the book. I would definitely read the next book in this series.

Plot

Faith is forced to join a group of drifters in their fight against another group who is wanting to destroy the states. Faith trains all day with Dylan, her boyfriend, and gets stronger and wiser with each training session. Meridith, the leader of the drifters, has a plan to make Dylan go into enemy territory and find out their plans. When Dylan learns when the enemy is planning on attacking the states, Faith, and the rest of the drifters come in for the rescue. They fail. After the rescue mission went wrong Faith, Dylan and her friends hide away and wait to strike against the enemy once more.

Characterization

Faith changed a lot in the book because in the beginning all she wanted in the world, was to kill Clara. Towards the end of the book she started to want revenge slightly less, but she did still want to kill her. Faith also changed because she could control her emotions better towards the end of the book, which made her seem like a more mature person, instead of an immature teenager.

Recommendations

I would recommend this book to girls and boys who are thirteen years old through eighteen years old. The book has no foul language which makes it an appropriate book for some middle schoolers. I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone who hates all things romantic because the book does have some romantic parts in it.

Haley says

2.5 stars

Tremor was not as good as Pulse was. I lacked the romance and excitement of the first book. It was still pretty fast paced, but the 3rd person omniscient POV was really starting to annoy me and I ended up skimming a lot. I really hated when it jumped into different peoples minds. I didn't know who was thinking what. The story just jumped around way too much. I really don't like knowing what everyone is doing or thinking in the story because it's not engaging. I don't want God's POV. I want only one of two people's POVs. Michael Grant is the only author who does a very good job jumping to different people's POVs because he always uses chapter breaks to separate them. Carman used everyone point of view in the same paragraph with no separation.

I still loved the whole concept of a Pulse that lets people move things with their minds, as well as themselves. Telekinesis, levitation, flying, and even the 2nd pulse that makes some one invincible. The invincible thing reminded me of 13 Days till Midnight, a previous YA book by Patrick Carman. The second Pulse is like a shield of indestructibleness, but has a weakness.

The world building I still consider dystopian, though it's not survival or resistance to government. There's 2 States in what is the US. These State are big cities that utilize space. Other cities have been zeroed. No more electricity or water. The States were made to save the planet from people. The book is only 47 years in the

future, so it's not too far off. There's tablets that can alter in size.

I still like the character Hawk the best out of all the characters. He reminds Cody from Unremembered by Jessica Brody. Genus kid that is amazing at math and likes to invent things and hack things. Faith is okay, but really bent on revenge. I like Dylan, mostly because in the first book he was really great. Swoon-worthy, even.

The book had action/thriller elements, but it was sci-fi overall. We find out something major at the end that could make book three really interesting. I recommend this series if you like Unremembered by Jessica Brody, Blackout by Robison Wells, Gone by Michael Grant, Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi. If you enjoy the show Tomorrow People, or the X-Men movies.

Cover Art Review: I like the prison tower rising up in the air. It's a cool image. I wish the cover was embossed.

~Haley G

My blog:

http://breathlessbookreviews.blogspot...

Lindsay Cummings says

This author is so talented. His stories are so unique!

Kylie ???? Yay Apocalypse says

I have just read Pulse, and let's just say I will grin and smile like an idiot when I get my hands on this book. I call the "Pulse" in the book the Force like in Star Wars because They are almost the same thing.

MaKena McClone says

Personal Response:

Just like the last book, this book was filled with excitement and adventure. I really enjoyed this book because it was very suspenseful throughout the whole book. Also, this book was just as good if not better than the first book. This literary piece was intriguing and makes you wonder about what could really happen to the United States in the future or even the rest of the world.

Plot Summary:

Faith is now living by with the drifters, or rebels, and Dylan is training her how to use her second pulse. She also seems very unpredictable because of all the pent up anger about her parents and best friend being murdered by the twins, Wade and Clara. Hawk and Clooger do some spying on the twins, Gretchen, and Andre. They are all staying in an abandoned prison and have an army of first pulses and then Wade, Gretchen, and Clara who are second pulses. Eventually Dylan goes to the prison under a plan formed by the drifters and is being monitored by Hawk, Faith, and Clooger--who are in the woods outside of the prison.

After being in the prison for a while, the Quinn's plan goes into action and they are moving the prison. Faith and Clooger travel along with the prison, and they are all headed toward the States. Faith eventually kills Gretchen, but she gets hurt in the process. Dylan gets manipulated around, and his mother dies along with his father who is also the twins father but not biologically. The book ends with the twins and their real father, Hotspur Chance, are after Dylan and Faith. Faith, Dylan, Hawk, and Clooger all go into hiding for a while. Recommendation:

I would recommend this book to those who have read the first book. Also either gender could really read this, but there is a slight bit of romance in it, so that might be a turnoff for the male species. I think that this book would be good for all teenagers because there is some mild swearing, and romantic content. I gave this a five out of five because this is an extremely good book just like the rest of the series.

Mrs. Hrubik says

Tremor is the second book in a series. I enjoyed the first book but was greatly disappointed in the second. The series went from exciting and unique to what felt like a template for popular teenage dystopian novelsthe save the world mentality met by a weird love triangle and a highly predictable protagonist.

Amanda says

To be honest var uppföljaren till "Pulse" något av en smärre katastrof i mina ögon (och jag som verkligen älskade första boken!!).

Dispositionen var usel, karaktärerna ensidiga och love-storyn fick mig att skämmas över att jag ens ödslade tid på att läsa boken.

Så tråkigt verkligen! Hade så höga förväntningar och så blir det bara skit av det. Ångrar lite halvt att jag läste del 2, för nu börjar jag tvivla på om ens ettan var så bra?? Eller är det något jag bara inbillat mig??

Jag har på riktigt ingen aning om hur jag upplevt ettan om jag läst den idag. Kanske hade jag hatat den då? (Ja, antagligen hade jag det)

Men ja i alla fall: Rekommenderar fortfarande ettan till alla som älskar dystopier (*hint hint emma*), men skippa del två! :)

Ashley says

I enjoyed this book. At this point it seems this is a two book series, and I hope that does not change. The ending of this book was great, and so I would like it to remain the last in this series. I definitely liked the first book better, but the ending of this book makes up for some of its shortcomings.

I normally love multiple perspectives in a book, when done well. But I felt like the transitions were sometimes awkward and confusing. Perhaps having an empty line between sections told from different perspectives would have made the transitions a little easier to follow.

I LOVED how various characters had different secrets that they were keeping from each other (and the

reader) until the time was right for them to be revealed. The hints alluding to these various secrets are probably the reason that I got through this book so quickly.

Faith was a little frustrating sometimes, mainly when she was trying to go rogue. I understand her frustration with essentially being a instrument to serve some larger purpose in a fight that is not her own to accomplish something that has not even been revealed to her. I felt for the teenagers on both sides, to be honest. They were essentially the ones with ALL the power, but they were calling NONE of the shots. However, Faith, Wade, and Clara all spent so much time bitching about their goals/purpose/abilities that it became REAL tiresome. You're either with a cause or against it. There really is no point in constantly disparaging the people making the plans and moving the pieces on the board when you have consented to be a piece on the board.

That said, the adults were also frustrating at times for the same reason. They were relying on these kids to do EVERYTHING while consistently keeping things from them, and sometimes even downright lying to them. It made for a sort of weird dynamic.

Overall, I would recommend this series. The books go by quickly and are worth a read. I feel like the plot overall was a little ambitious for just two books. But I did like the world building. I am happy with the ending, but there were many loose ends. So, if you like your book endings to be wrapped up in a bow with all the problems solved, these books probably aren't for you.

yueyang says

Faith Daniels and Dylan Gilmore are part of the drifters. She is always mad and enraged and takes it upon the people with the first pulse. When Clara and Wade are found with their father, Andre and their mother, Gretchen, and a group of first pulse at a maximum security prison, (abandoned, of course) Faith, Dylan, Hawk, and Clooger goes to stop what they are doing. Dylan goes to meet his Andre, his dad and help as an inside man, while everyone else waits outside and strike when the time comes. Faith has goes, and that is to kill Clara, the girl who killed her best friend.

Tremor was better then Pulse, because it was more exciting and had more action behind it. It was a little sketchy in the end, and the way the book was ended was a awkward and didn't quite fit. Killing off everyone, like Meredith and Glory came as a little shock to me. It gave me the impression that the book was ending at Tremor and that didn't mingle well with the ending. I was surprised that when Wade met her he didn't just attempt to kill her. Otherwise it was a good book. I recommend this book to people who enjoy futuristic, fantasy, and adventure books. I recommend this book to both boys ad girls.

Melissa says

Wow what a follow up. This book doesn't disappoint, we pick up where we left off. I was so excited about this book and ahhh so in love.

Dylan is a beast in this book. He becomes so much more amazing. He is willing to do whatever it takes to protect he states. He gets a bomb dropped on him that will surprise us all. A twist in the plan but no fear he has Faith to keep him grounded. He is going into enemy territory, and he is going to take them all down. It's so hard to not fidget, to not break down and just take out the twins. They are horrible as is their mother. As

the plan becomes more and more clear he is more than convinced he can't let this happen but his weakness is keeping him weak. He will triumph and it will be amazing.

Faith is just as amazing if not more in this book. She is focused, angry and wanting to take down Clara. That's her focus, which is great to a point. She is sick of waiting around taking Meredith's orders/half truths. When Dylan goes undercover she is following, she will stick to orders because she won't risk him. What is she willing to do for him? Anything is the answer. They become so much more in this book. The twists and turns you can't keep up with.

Everything happens in this book so fast, the revelations will make you gasp, the love will make you swoon, and the ending will just push you over the edge wanting the next book immediately. Ah this book had so much going on, and it was all amazing every single page. I can't wait to see what happens next!

Katelyn says

O Tremor...I got some things to say to you... and most of those things are good!

Firstly, beautifully written. Completely comparable to the first book in the series, you won't be disappointed if you enjoyed Pulse then read Tremor. The storyline is taking some of the same interesting turns the first book took, its certainly not slow.

Secondly, and I have to mention this, Faith and Dylan. I love Dylan so much; he is a relatable character with this aura of reliability? Not sure if that's the word for it, but I like him. Faith on the other hand, I was really annoyed with, especially in Tremor. It was all revenge that, anger this, blah blah blah I'm-not-going-to-acknowledge-the-rules-cause-I'm-a-second-pulse. She was on the edge of total snobbishness and that's not something I value in my heroines. I also don't figure that finding out she has a kryptonite is going to knock that girl off her high horse anytime soon.

Thirdly: Hawk, Clooger, and Meredith. I enjoy Hawk so much; he is easily one of my favorite characters. I'm worried about him being an Intel, I want to know more about this. Clooger was just funny; him and Hawk together are amazing. Meredith, I was really surprised to find that hands down I loved her 'one on one' sessions in this book the best. The 'flashbacks' to her time with Hotspur Chance and Andre were very enlightening and brought a depth to the storyline I really enjoyed.

Those were the words I had to say and now I'm a leaving on a Jet Plane...that is until book three comes out!

Beth (YA Books Central) says

I am just absolutely fascinated with dystopian young adult novels. They all seem to have the perfect mix of romance, drama, and excitement and Tremor is HIGH on the list. WOW. I absolutely loved Pulse when I reviewed it so I knew I couldn't wait to get my hands on the sequel, Tremor and I was so right. Tremor is a phenomenally written young adult dystopian story. The characters are incredible and the plot is so full of twists and turns. I also love how technology has evolved so much in this futuristic world. Technology plays

such a huge part in our society now and just the thought that one day it could affect us like it affects these characters is....WILD..

"EVERYONE FEELS THE TREMOR. FEW KNOW ITS POWER."

It is very rare for a sequel to overcome its predeccsor but Tremor does. I believe it was even better than Pulse and really brings you into the story and the characters lives. The characters are all so phenomenal and are so deeply woven into this story.

"There will be five. Five second pulses, he had told her. No more, no less. It is ordained. Two will be twins, so really in a sense, there will be four. One of these two is a doppelganger, a black mirror, a balance."

Faith is just a remarkable character who is strong, independent, and has overcome so many trials. She is a survivor who knows exactly the risks she has to take to overcome the evil in the world and help to bring justice to this new world.

Dylan...ah where do I start with Dylan?? We really get to know him and his background in this story. If you read my review for Pulse then you know that this is exactly what I was hoping for. I wanted more Dylan and Faith and to know more about what has made them who they are today. Their love is just incredible. Patrick Carman writes their stories in such a way that I feel as though I am experiencing all these heartaches and emotions with them. I just love it.

There are also some new villains that are introduced in this story and boy are they villains. Of course Wade and Clara are still evil and UGH they make me so mad. I am hoping that one day they get exactly what is coming to them...(that is all i will say about that)

Of course, Hawk is back and he is one of my favorite characters. I love that he is so quirky and so intelligent. He plays an important character who is just fun loving and every reader will adore him.

There is so much action and intensity in this sequel and I found myself turning pages deep into the night. I just had to know what was going to happen next. Patrick Carman is such a talented writer and his characters are so rich and phenomenal. I cannot say enough how much I loved this book!!! I am already itching for the conclusion! I have to know what happens next...like NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!