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When Harper discovered the truth about Bid Day, she inadvertently painted a target on her back. Now Constance, the infamous espionage unit, wants her and her friends kept quiet at all costs. She and Eli are being sent out into the Fringe, where they'll face damaging radiation, violent gangs of survivors, and be forced to fulfill Recon's sinister duty.

After her first deployment goes bad, Harper is racked with guilt and paralyzed by fear. Out there, it's kill or be killed, but the real danger is inside the compound. Eli is determined to protect Harper, but that means tearing down the walls he's worked so hard to build.

The only way to avoid a brutal death on the Fringe and escape Constance's control is to flee to a neighboring compound. Eli wants to risk it all for Harper, but to choose her, he'll also have to give up his only connection to his past.

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Fabi says

3.5 stars I'm loving this series.

Monica says

While I find the story line interesting, the second book just drags.

I have to wonder, that if Jayden is such a threat to Riley .. why doesn't Eli take her out! It's not written that there is a body of people in charge (although there is a 'council', but they aren't in the story as characters). So it's just ONE person causing all this internal turmoil? It's not like Eli couldn't rally up a take over.

The story did get good when Eli finds his brother and the ending is interesting .. what happened to dome 119 where Eli and Celdon have escaped to .. so

I'll probably read the third book just to wrap this up, but I can't really recommend the series, unless you're really good a scanning the text.

Missy says

Enjoying this series

This book wasn't as quick of a read as the first one. I love the story and the way everything was heading but sometimes I had a hard time reading about how Harper and Eli kept giving each other butterflies and how they kept wondering if the other was thinking about them. I suppose that's kind of how it should go in a story when they can't fully express their feelings. It didn't stop me from enjoying the story just slowed me down a little. Can't wait to see where the next book takes the characters.

Sheila gullick says

Loving this series!!

Loving this series!! So full of twist and turns. A page turner. Harper is so strong willed. All the characters are great!! Full of action

Laura says

3.5 stars

Finally Harper gets sent outside the compound. I was really looking forward to this event and honestly I was a bit let down by it. It just didn't feel as exciting or as creepy as I imagined it would be and it didn't feel traumatizing enough to support Harper's reaction. There was such a feeling of get in and get out, or rather get out and get back in as was actually the case. I feel like after living my entire life inside a glassed in facility I might want to just hunker down somewhere with a good view and take it all in before rushing right back.

Overall this was still enjoyable and I'm interested in seeing how everything progresses.

Destiny Ciera says

I could look up and write down every good word in the dictionary in every language and it would not be enough to describe the amazingness that is this series!!! By far hands down my FAVORITE series I have ever read. I started it for the first time in October 2015. It is now June 2016 and I have read through the entire first four books a total of 3 times already and am on pins and needles waiting for book 5 to release in two weeks!!!!

There is a lot of profanity in this book and I don't like profanity at all and usually deduct AT LEAST one star for it and for as much as is in this series it would usually be 2 stars but the story and the characters are SOOOOOOO good that they add like another 8 stars so...clearly, even with the profanity there are still not enough stars to give this series.

I'm not going to write any spoilers or anything. For a summary I'm sure there are plenty of reviews below that tell more about what it is about but I just wanted to add my stars to the pot and say that ELI and HARPER are the best written characters I've ever read and Tarah Benner has done such a great job getting into her characters' heads and making you fall in love with their energy, their determination, their fight, even their ugliness. The plot has so much going on but you never feel overwhelmed by it. I like that the main characters don't always agree and don't always like each other. I think one of my favorite things about Harper and Eli is that- when they don't agree, they both have passionate reasons behind their sides of the argument and both are equally wrong and right. That is such a real world concept that is rarely clear in stories. I think because the author has an option on the issues they write about and it's hard for them to legitimately write unbiased for an opposing side. Benner accomplished this. She didn't compromise on making an easy gray area for the characters and she also didn't lean towards one or the other. She really got down to the nit and grit of disagreements with them the way people do in real life. Her side characters also come in on the story telling. She gets into several different POV and the same thing each time. You can really feel for how each of the characters are similar and different from each other. I did feel like it was getting a little busy with all the POV but at the same time I appreciated getting into those characters' minds and getting more pieces of the story.

I doubt I've read this series for the last time. It REALLY needs to be made into a movie! I've told her several times on her website and I continue to hold to that. This would make an EXCELLENT movie! It's full of action, political scheming, twists and turns, romance. It has everything you could want in a book or movie. Super love and super recommend!

Cyn (semi-hiatus) says

I at least commend this series for having normal names. Take notes, YA authors.

Entertaining enough. Will continue, if nothing else, because I purchased them. At least they were on sale lol

Jacqueline Patricks says

Meh. There's a growing mystery surrounding the compounds, but honestly it took me FOREVER to finish this because none of it really grabbed me. There's lots of elements I should like, but it just sort of falls flat. None of the characters are all that compelling. The world isn't as scary as it should be. I just don't FEEL it. And the timeline seems very off. Eli talks about mugging people when he still lived in the Fringe as a gang member and all the guy had was some credit cards in his wallet. Seriously? This was supposedly years after the nuclear war and people in the Fringe are scraping by without an infrastructure or electricity and yet people are still carrying credit cards? In the first book, he talks about how he was brought into the compound at about 15ish and Harper was brought in as a baby, and apparently he remembers her when they were in the orphanage together at some point. Yet Harper is maybe 18ish and he's 25ish when the story starts. Then in this book, he mentions that Harper was brought into the Compound after him. Huh? It was as if the author either forgot her timeline, or she didn't like the idea of a 30 something dating an 18 year old.

And the timeline of the nuclear war/s is funny. There's maybe 3-4 generations of people in the Compound as I can figure, so maybe 50 years since it was officially bad outside, yet Eli seems to remember the world how it was before the war/s? How would he know? His parents could have told him things but he'd have no personal memories until afterwards.

Just really frustrating when added to the fact that the characters are just all frustratingly unclear.

christina sears says

Ok. Will not continue with the series.

This is an ok book. The interactions between Eli and Harper is like listening to teenagers talk about relationships. Ugh!! The first book was a little more promising with Eli but he turned out to be a typical YA brooding love interest. I like the concept of the compounds and fringe but I think it was either not thought out well at some spots then in other spots a little too much thought was put in. I do not think I can read the last book this was a little too typical of a plot line.

patty bergemann says

Good but frustrating

It's hard to review these book. I love to story but hate that they just stop. You have to wait a year for the next installment. Books need a beginning a middle and an ending. I read recon loved it but having to wait so long I lost the emotional connection with the characters and story line. I like reading a whole novel at one time, wow, the good ole days when you could just read a whole book. I won't read installments again. I like books like I said that have a beginning a middle and an end. I gave it 5 star's because it is good. Personally I hate when authors think putting half books out is a good thing. It's not like a tv series when they leave you hanging for a week, were talking waiting a year to finish a book. No thanks...

Dave T says

Just as good as book 1.

Tara continues her plot development by throwing Eli a family twist and throws in a sudden twist at the end with compound 119. She just keeps drawing the reader in deeper.

Stacey says

Props to the author. I gave Recon 3 stars (for many reasons I spelled out in my last review), but many things I complained about before improved with this second book. The romance was still prominent but it felt more realistic and didn't detract from the overarching plot the way it did in the first book. Also the setting and other world building was even better (my favorite part of Recon) so that excited me. I still hate the writing style but it's tolerable. I've read worse. The pace and energy and tone of the story more than make up for that. I'm definitely reading book 3.

Brandi says

I love this series! I'm gonna start the next book when I buy it. I just love how Eli and Harper work together. They love each other they just don't know that the other has feelings for them. Great book series I'm dying to read the next one.

Dodiegregoire says

A good read -- this series sort of reminds me of hunger games.

Vindya Donahue says

I Thoroughly enjoyed this perfect sequel to "Recon". I would rate this as my best realistic Dystopian series yet. The story builds up smoothly soon after where "Recon" ends. This book swept me into a whole other universe, I could identify with both the main character's feelings of pain, fear, sadness, desperation and happiness. The chemistry between Eli and Harper is tender, the suspense palpable and the plot absorbing.

The story and the story telling ability were so attractive that I had a hard time putting the book down. If you enjoyed authors like Marie Lu, Veronica Roth, then Tarah Benner should be added to your favorite list. Thanks for a super written story.