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Book five in the blockbuster Maze Runner series that spawned a movie franchise and ushered in a worldwide phenomenon! Don't miss the highly-anticipated series conclusion that finally reveals the story of how Thomas and WICKED built the Maze.

Once there was a world's end.

The forests burned, the lakes and rivers dried up, and the oceans swelled.

Then came a plague, and fever spread across the globe. Families died, violence reigned, and man killed man.

Next came WICKED, who were looking for an answer. And then they found the perfect boy.

The boy's name was Thomas, and Thomas built a maze.

Now there are secrets.

There are lies.

And there are loyalties history could never have foreseen.

This is the story of that boy, Thomas, and how he built a maze that only he could tear down.

All will be revealed.

The Maze Runner and *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials* are now major motion pictures featuring the star of MTV's *Teen Wolf*, Dylan O'Brien; Kaya Scodelario; Aml Ameen; Will Poulter; and Thomas Brodie-Sangster. The third movie, *Maze Runner: The Death Cure*, will hit screens in 2018.

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Ricky says

*"They march on through the dust
Believe their leader, they can trust
In all the noise they lose the way...
-Kongos*

Well. This is it. The *Maze Runner* prequel we've all been waiting for.

I should warn you, though...it wouldn't be a Dashner book without a few moments that make you go all...

The original trilogy, those helped define the end of my time in high school and the start of my community college years (*Death Cure* having come out about a month after I started there.) Then came *The Kill Order*, which I loved when I first read it, but alone of the *Maze Runner* books, it's probably the only one I wouldn't re-read.

When news broke that there would be a new prequel focusing on the Gladers we know and love, well, you can imagine I was just as overjoyed as anyone else in the fandom.

After taking a few years to write *The Mortality Doctrine*, Dashner's finally given us *The Fever Code* in all its post-apocalyptic glory. Imagine, if you will, *Ender's Game* with zombie Cranks instead of alien Formics. That's the roughest, most high-concept summary of this book I could come up with. The primary difference, though, is that in between all the laughs and fun of Thomas, Teresa, Alby, Minho, Newt, Chuck, and more meeting up before the Maze, there's a ton of horror both physical and psychological. Physical because we're seeing the monsters as visceral as ever (especially after seeing the first two very stellar movies, with their creepy clicking Grievors and Cranks crawling all up and down the bloody walls!), and psychological because we all know what's coming if we've read the original trilogy first - and yet, we don't. Some of those WICKED people are every bit as wicked as you can imagine. Not gonna name any Randall names, but...some of those shucking klunk piles needed Launcher shots to the chest.

If Wes Ball doesn't get a chance to direct the *Fever Code* movie, this world's getting cheated.

Now that we have another year to wait until the *Death Cure* movie, at least we've got this book to tide us over. And what a book that is, one of the most intense, raw YA books of 2016 so far...and now topping my

list of favorite books of the year. For sure, just like the *Scorch Trials* movie won a Pinecone Award last year, this book's full-tilt, panic-inducing story guarantees it a win this year.

So, once again, a huge thank you to James Dashner for penning these books, helping set the stage for Dylan O'Brien to become this generation's next great action hero, teaching us all that "WICKED is good," and of course for just plain horror-fying YA literature like nobody else.

Claudia B. says

The one person that instantly came to my mind when I saw this book was Newt.

Imagine this: **Multiple POVs. Newt's desperate thoughts. Physical pain + psychological pain. (and double it all because he's my favorite)**

And me:

Vivianne says

This book was definitely the missing piece in this series, but I was left with more questions after reading this then going in. This book lacked the tension and twists the previous books had and it had some boring and weird chapters. It wasn't renewing enough for a book that was supposed to have all the answers. I'm really disappointed. The three stars are for Thomas and the other Gladers, the prologue, for the amazing writing style James has and for the few answers I did get.

The maze runner trilogy is one of my favorite series of all time. But if I must be honest, **it was sometimes like a weird dream.** Not that I didn't like that, but like in a dream there are not much logical explanations and that was a really big flaw of this series. After finishing the books in the trilogy I was left with a lot of **WHY?** *Why was the maze necessary for finding a cure? Why were there two teams? Why only boys and the other only girls? Why throw Thomas and Teresa in last? Why were they even special? Why would this help cure the disease? (I have a lot more but I will stop now)* So I was so happy to find out that this book was produced and that the synopsis was: **The story of how the maze was built.** Unfortunately none of my questions got answered. I also still feel like that this series has a wrong order, I mean isn't it weird that we already know the ending and what will happen? It took away so much of the tension in this book.

CONTAINS SOME MINOR SPOILERS FROM DOWN HERE. Major spoilers if you haven't read the other books in "The Maze Runner" series!!!!

"Stephen, Stephen, Stephen. My name is Stephen.

He figured he had two things to hold on to: his memories and his name. Surely they couldn't take the first away from him, but they were trying to steal the second. For two days they'd pressed him to accept his new name: Thomas."

This book had me crying, JEP CRYING, the first 6 pages. I've always loved Newt in the Maze Runner and this epilogue was emotional and heartbreaking.

The first 200 pages were almost boring (with the exception of the prologue). They weren't exciting, full of action and tense like the other books where. I was actually disappointed while reading. This book wasn't as I had expected The Fever Code to be. I thought it would maybe contain short stories from all the Gladers about how they came with WICKED and how they then came in the maze. For some reason I didn't expect Thomas to be the main character of this whole book. It just described how he lived with WICKED and that he builds the maze, didn't we already know this? I got so tired of reading that Thomas was feeling alone and that he hated WICKED. Not that I didn't feel sorry for him but **I didn't care reading about almost every class he took and how many tests he had to take.** I wanted some Newt and Minho inside!!!! I was also annoyed that Thomas is kept in the dark so much, I understand from WICKED's point of view but as a reader I was so annoyed! The first 200 pages aren't renewing enough for a book that was supposed to have all the answers. I did like to read about what happened in the maze before Thomas and Teresa came in. Though I found the chapters about this way to short, I would have liked some more!

"But why do they keep us separate?" Newt asked, and the sadness in his voice broke Thomas's heart. "Why all the tests and the games and the cruelty? I hate them."

Besides Thomas's daily classes and tests there were also some scenes about Thomas building friendships with the Gladers. **I enjoyed reading about Thomas building the friendships** and how cute and innocent they were as little children. But I don't understand the purpose of letting them run in the hallways when they weren't allowed? Was that also a test? I just don't understand!? But I liked reading about Thomas, Teresa and the others as children. Five year old Thomas and Teresa, cuteeeee.

I once again loved Thomas! He's a great main character.

Unfortunately I never really liked Teresa. I never understood her in the previous books, I always thought she was distant and maybe even a bit haughtily. She did some things that I wasn't a fan of. But she redeemed herself in the first part of this book. She's very smart, curious and badass. I loved her and Thomas their friendship in this book! But from page 200 **she got all annoying again**, keeping things from Thomas and believing everything WICKED said. And then she sold Thomas out, and I went back to hating her again. I also intensely hate dr. Paige!! I hated how she never answered Thomas, was just trying to smooth talk things like killing 19 people, how she manipulated everything, how she used every single person as a test subject and for what becomes clear in the end.

I loved Chucks role in this book. I always wanted to know more from the kid and he's so cute and funny. **All the other Gladers and the characters from group A had a relative small part**, which I was kind of angry about. This book was supposed to give us more inside on them but I didn't really get that. I only liked the few parts about Newt.

After the boring 200 pages The Purge happened.(view spoiler)

I missed Dashner's writing style so much. I don't know why but it just appeals to me. No unnecessary details but still enough to not make it boring and still have an interesting world building. It lets some to my imagination! It's also really fluent and I liked the short chapters. I will definitely read more from him in the future. I do, however, have to comment on how James described the disease and how WICKED is trying to find a cure. This is absolute bullshit, it could never happen like this. But I also kind of liked how he created this totally unrealistic Kill zone.

I thought this book was supposed to explain to us the quote: WICKED is good? But all I read about was child abuse, imprisoning, and physical and mental abuse. WICKED IS **NOT** GOOD!!! Even if the whole world is dead you can't do this to the only people that are the only ones that stand a chance to survive, the Munies. I don't get that WICKED can be this cruel to children.

Things I got wiser: (SPOILERS don't click if you don't want to know the plot!)
(view spoiler)

4: Grievors carried a mutated form of the disease that also the immune could get, the syringes contained the antidote. (Don't understand this because then they would have an antidote for the flare, right?)

5: Chancellor Paige and Teresa are terrible traitors.

6: Teresa didn't get her memories wiped before going into the maze.

7: Confirmation that Deedee is infect Theresa.

8: What happened to Newt's legs.

9: That Thomas is not on WICKED's side and is trying to save his friends. (hide spoiler)]

"You were always my favorite, Thomas." Dr. Paige said. "Let's get him prepped."

Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says

Um. I sat here forever trying to figure out what I want the stars to be. I will just go with the three star rating.

I LOVED reading about the group again and reading about how some of them were taken and their ages. Those WICKED people really are evil. I'm guessing they picked the right name.

I just can't believe the kids lived all of their years there and just ugh.

And that creepy guy coming down the hall, "Save Me, Save me" Well, I don't remember if that's exactly what he said but along those lines.

That ending! I mean we all know what happens, at least the ones that have read the Maze Runner books but that was just cold. But, I still liked to see where it all came from, the before of where they were when they

landed in the maze.

Kelly Brigid says

“You look bloody fantastic for three in the morning.”

“*WICKED* was never going to stop. They were never, never going to stop.” **Apparently, neither was Dashner.** I have a strange attachment to this series, despite disliking most aspects of it. The Maze Runner was one of the first young adult series I read, so it’s a shame I have such negative opinions towards it now. The story itself is intriguing, but I loathe the writing, and couldn’t look past all the the plot holes. The sole reason I read *The Fever Code* was so I could receive answers to the many questions the trilogy left me with. This prequel unfortunately, didn’t clear up any questions about the plot, and added nothing significant to the series. Nearly all the information presented was already known, and there was only one element that was partially eye-opening. I was also expecting this book to be written in different point-of-view’s, so I was gravely upset when ninety-nine percent of it was in Thomas’ perspective – who still has about as much personality as an animal documentary narrator.

One of my biggest complaints is Dashner’s writing. I was truly hoping that his writing would have improved, but I was disappointed. It’s as monotonous as I remembered it being in *The Maze Runner*. I also found it exhausting to read from Thomas’ perspective. He has no distinct personality, and isn’t nearly as intelligent as he is suggested to be. His ignorance is incredibly frustrating, especially considering that the reader is already aware of *WICKED*’s intentions. Which brings me to my next issue ...

Nothing new or relevant is uncovered in this backstory. I was expecting answers to questions such as, why are the trials necessary? How exactly do these variables lead to a cure? Why is the government wasting all its resources on constructing mazes and having children complete puzzles, when they can be doing something relevant with their time and money? Why not try virtual reality? This worked in Dashner’s other series! The approaches taken to find a cure are foolish, and I find it difficult to believe that the decisions that were made, came from intelligent scientists. With all the advance technologies and knowledge at their disposal, a maze filled with robotic slugs was their best solution? Why not try meaningful research?

This novel was approximately 350 pages, and bore me to sleep. Perhaps I’m being a bit harsh, but I simply wasn’t invested in the plot. The vast majority of the story revolves around Thomas’ dull classes that I didn’t care for. It’s quite repetitive, and wasn’t very intriguing. Although the last quarter of this novel picks up and we’re presented with some action, it unfortunately didn’t entice me, since I already lost nearly all interest in the plot, 200 pages prior the finale.

A small revelation occurred in this novel that was never expressed in the other *Maze Runner* books – **the Grievors’ stingers contain mutated variants of the Flare virus ... and WICKED has an antidote for this.** By that logic, shouldn’t the scientists have found a way to develop a stronger serum based from that antidote? An antidote that could maybe cure the whole world and make it irrelevant to create a maze? Why didn’t *WICKED* invest all their efforts in that instead? Oh, how this series drives me insane.

In spite of the dozens of problems I had with this book, there are a few aspects I enjoyed. I promise you I'm not a heartless critic! I loved how we were able to see my little Gladers once more! I truly missed Newt, Minho, and Chuck! I was willing to forgive how absurd it was that practically every character from the series makes an appearance in this prequel, because I adore these characters so much. I was hoping to read a decent amount of this book from Newt's point-of-view, but although this didn't happen, I was still glad to read his prologue. I was also pleased to of had more insight on the Purge and what Thomas and Teresa's roles were in it. The details regarding this momentous event, as well as the background of WICKED, were obscure in the original trilogy, so it was nice how more information was provided.

I don't know what to think about The Maze Runner books any more. At a glance, the series is quite mediocre and doesn't have a compelling plot, nor unique characters. Yet, I still find myself being entertained by the story. Would I recommend this series? No. The plot holes are too immense to look past, the writing is too simple, and the protagonist isn't very agreeable. However, if you ever do decide to read these books, I wouldn't suggest reading The Fever Code first, because it does display many elements that are a mystery for most of the novels.

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Oh shuck it, the cover and synopsis have been revealed!

Olivia says

one word - NEWT

Macarena Yannelli says

Este libro necesitaba ser publicado en el 2014/15 y no la otra precuela insulsa. Después de tanto tiempo ya el interés por los personajes es casi nulo. El libro no llega a responder ni por asomo la cantidad de preguntas que te deja la saga, sino que te crea aún más incógnitas (lo cual no es malo, pero con podría haber respondido ALGUNAS preguntas, saben).

Mucho relleno, fácilmente podría haber sido una novella corta o un libro de 150/200 páginas. No 400.

Reseña completa en *Gracias a los libros*.

Miranda Reads says

Why, why, whyyyyyy do I keep torturing myself with these novels?

Deeeeeeeep Breaths

This book **added nothing of value** to the entire series. Why? Cause we're able to piece together the entire plot from blatantly obvious foreshadowing (or would that be back-shadowing?) from the original trilogy.

Secret Government Agency to get rid of virus? **Yup, figured that one out in the first book.**

Maze is designed by children? **Hinted at and later confirmed in book 2.**

And on....and on.....and on.....(you get the point).

AND WE STILL DON'T GET THE IMPORTANT ANSWER

WHY is there a freaking **MAZE** used to solve a viral zombie infection?

How in the world does that even make the least bit sense? Sure, they sprout off some mumbo-jumbo about brain patterns due to decision-making skills but **even I can smell that bull.**

MAYBE the scientists could take the millions of dollars they spent on creating movable 40-foot walls, spider-slug-robot hybrids, and insanely specific mind-wiping drugs...and INVEST it in something else - **LIKE ACTUAL RESEARCH.**

I did (semi) enjoy reading about the childhood of the Maze Runner characters. It was a bit interesting to see how deeply WICKED manipulated their lives but even that fell short - mostly cause Thomas had (still has) as much **personality as a pancake** and Theresa was (and still is) a **back-stabbing wench.**

Wasn't a fan before, *definitely* not now

Audiobook Comments

As far as audiobooks go, it's not a bad one. But the plot just soured everything for me.

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Annie P. says

Este libro me gusto bastante.

Odié mil veces más a Teresa, a Brenda y la Dra Paige.

Amé mil veces más a Newt, Minho, Chuck y Thomas.

Cruel es una mierda, ya lo dije.

James Dashner, por favor, nunca dejes de escribir sobre Thomas.

P says

Running toward this book is like...

Give me.

julieta says

"Tell me that we'll survive this," he said when he could finally get the words out. "Tell me that we'll get in there, and get our friends out."

"We will survive," she replied. She brought up her hands and held his face, looking into his eyes. "I promise."

Yeah, I wish.

I was kinda hesitant to read this but it turned outt being very interesting. I wish I could remember more about the original trilogy though but it's been like four years or so and the movies have messed it all up. However, this book was able to fill in some blanks from the previous ones: that was really satisfying.

I find it ridiculous how every fucking character from the books was here too like Newt, Minho, Chuck, Alby, Thomas and Teresa were all friends before the maze? Cute but **really?**

Also, why does Dashner hate Teresa so much? She is always the bad one in and outside the trials, it seems. I love her anyways.

(view spoiler)

Yonaily says

Hold one...

Wait a minute...

Am I wrong or does it say this book will be published in two years?

Is that a *six*?

I think I need new glasses.

Perhaps this is all a joke.

Yeah....there's no way I can wait till 2016 to read it.

Hell no!!

Angel Koychev says

wow... that was definitely worth it. I was afraid it was going to be too short...I was afraid it was going to be repetitive..well it was everything but! I sincerely hope there will be another chapter!

C.G. Drews says

Well, I admit...this was disappointing. I absolutely LOVE The Maze Runner so I was really excited to have (A) more time with Thomas, and (B) GET MORE ANSWERS WOOOO with this prequel. And it mean it partially worked out??? Yay Thomas. Nay answers.

The biggest issue was that I KNEW ALL THIS STUFF ALREADY. Sure it took me the 3 original Maze Runner books to piece together the backstory but *I still knew it* from those books. So this felt entirely redundant. **To the point it was actually boring?!** And I *hate* saying that because I loved the original trilogy so much. But I just keep looking at this book and saying "HELLO WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOUR FACE???" Which is probably rude and I swear my mother raised me with manners but, ya know, I have my off days.

ALSO NOTE:do not read this book before The Maze Runner. It's chock full of spoilers for the original trilogy that'll make them actually rather anti-climatic. So yes. Read this *after*. Not before.

But it was still good to be amongst the boys again!! I loooove Minho and Newt and Chuck, so reading about was squishily happy. It was also amazing to read Thomas' childhood. LITTLE BABY THOMAS. And like mostly he was treated as a prized test-subject growing up...but like when he was 5 they tortured him to get him to forget his original name and like, hello, my heart is breaking here. POOR BABY THOMAS MUST NEEDS BE PROTECTED FROM THIS WORLD. oh and we also find out Thomas' real name! Which is (view spoiler)

And I'm STILL confused how the trials even get a cure!? I know they've tried explaining this in the other books to but...I still don't get it. Like how does putting a bunch of kids in a maze actually create a cure? IF YOU KNOW, PLEASE TELL ME IN THE COMMENTS BECAUSE I AM CONFUSED.

So basically my investment in the characters' lives was the thing I really liked about this book. Everything else? Eh. No so much. I just wish there'd been more action? Or *something*. Honestly not much seemed to go down at all.

Jetzabel says

OH MY GOD

JAMES YOU'RE THE BEST
