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The Neptune Project



Synopsis

Nere has never understood why she feels so much more comfortable and confident in water than on land, but everything falls into place when Nere learns that she is one of a group of kids who are unbeknownst to them have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean. These products of "The Neptune Project" will be able to build a better future under the sea, safe from the barren country's famine, wars, and harsh laws. But there are some very big problems: no one asked Nere if she wanted to be a science experiment, the other Neptune kids aren't exactly the friendliest bunch, and in order to reach the safe haven of the Neptune colony, Nere and her fellow mutants must swim through hundreds of miles of dangerous waters, relying only on their wits, dolphins, and each other to evade terrifying undersea creatures and a government that will stop at nothing to capture the Neptune kids...dead or alive. Fierce battles and daring escapes abound as Nere and her friends race to safety in this action-packed aquatic adventure.

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Customer Reviews

I had really high hopes for this book. Kids that could live in the ocean, an underwater society, a perilous journey filled with scuba divers and spears. It had the potential to be really good. I only had one problem. Nere. She was a rather stubborn adolescent who failed to grasp the seriousness of many situations until it was too late. Because of her flawed thinking and the underwater action setting, I found I could not really relate to her. I also did not like the little romance theme thrown in the book. It felt rushed and a little forced. Overall not a bad book, but not a great one either.

Love love love it! Fantastic characters, wonderful plot - my middle schoolers are going to love this book -, I can't wait for the next - soon please! Update - my daughter loves it! Several of her friends have read it now too - consensus is : much better than twilight (we like characters who know, yes you are worthy) much better than hunger games, love the under water world - so interesting! Oh, and we really want to see Cam in book two!

I read this story in one sitting and enjoyed it very much. I, like a few others, found it hard to picture some of the characters, including Nere, since I didn't know their ages. But it didn't stop me from enjoying the book. I also noticed there wasn't a big climax (major fight scene with the bad guy) at the end because there wasn't a single bad guy through the story. They were on an adventure and they finally reached the end. I've never really seen this done (no climax) before but I didn't mind it at all. I think the age range here is quite wide since the story is limited in bad language and romance. I can see kids anywhere from eight and up enjoying this. I would absolutely read a sequel if one comes out. I am going to recommend this book to other writers in my writing group and at local bookstores. Very well done, Polly, especially for a debut!

I loved this book! I can't wait to find out what happens next. I would recommend this book to children and adults. I bought a copy for the ten year old boy that I nanny for, he read it in one day and immediately asked if there was a sequel yet. He's an avid reader and he loved it! I bought another copy for my 11 year old niece, can't wait to give it to her! I will let you know what she thinks. The characters were great, and the book is packed with adventure from start to finish. I can picture it all on the big screen! Please tell me that the next book is coming soon! Wendy Whelan

The Neptune Project has joined the ranks of those few modern books that will appeal to just about everyone. I loved it, my 13-year-old daughter loved it, and my 10 year-old son says he wants to read it. I've even recommended it to my mother. It's rare to find a book with such broad appeal, but

truthfully, this story has everything. It's action-packed, from first page to last. It has complex family and friend relationships, moral dilemmas, even a nice love triangle (but perfectly appropriate for tweens). I appreciate the strong female lead, but there are several dynamic boy characters, too. And I really love the setting. It's obvious that the author is a scuba diver. The descriptions are vivid and beautiful. But my daughter and I agree, we want to SEE this story - on the big screen. And we really want a Neptune Project series!

This is dystopian literature for the upper elementary reader. Not nearly as gritty or violent as many of the novels-turned-movies in recent days, but just as gripping. Even many YA readers will enjoy the unique premise. I am anxious for the release of book 2.

Interesting concept. Easy to read. Is the world headed in this direction?

This book series is literally my fav book series and probably the only book series I'm ever going to read. It's great for all ages but with younger kids I think a parent should maybe read it with them. But overall I love this book and can't wait to read the second one.

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