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A lost colony is reborn in this heart-pounding fantasy adventure set in the near future . . .

Sixteen-year-old Thomas has always been an outsider. The first child born without the power of an Element—earth, water, wind or fire—he has little to offer his tiny, remote Outer Banks colony. Or so the Guardians would have him believe.

In the wake of an unforeseen storm, desperate pirates kidnap the Guardians, intent on claiming the island as their own. Caught between the plague-ridden mainland and the advancing pirates, Thomas and his friends fight for survival in the battered remains of a mysterious abandoned settlement. But the secrets they unearth will turn Thomas' world upside-down, and bring to light not only a treacherous past but also a future more dangerous than he can possibly imagine.

Elemental Details

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Evie says

Elemental had me glued to its pages from the get-go. It's a thrilling adventure that sparkles with emotionally powerful moments, stunning visuals and eye-popping plot twists. This story really has it all: a phenomenal post-apocalyptic setting, long buried secrets, ruthless villains (that you'll just love to hate!) and characters you'll be cheering for. The best part? The unique, fresh plot line that is just as mysterious and exciting as it is thought-provoking and moving. Trust me, you won't be able to put it down!

When many years ago the Plague spread across the globe, a small group of people had taken to the ocean in a desperate attempt to escape its deadly embrace. The small colony settled down on a remote island (Hatteras). The members of the colony - the Guardians and their Apprentices - all possess the ability to read and manipulate air, water, fire or earth. They use it to find food, summon fire and predict the violent storms that often hit the island. Our lead protagonist, 16-year-old Thomas, is the only one born without an element.

When yet another storm is about to unleash its fury on Hatteras Island, the kids (accompanied by Guardian Lora) end up waiting in out on a neighboring island. Things quickly go South from there: Guardian Lora passes away during the storm, all the other Guardians disappear without a trace, and a band of pirates invades their island, burning their colony to the ground. And they are now after the kids. To survive, Thomas and his friends first need to learn the truth about the Plague, their colony and themselves.

Elemental is - quite simply - a really awesome book. The plot line is well thought out, original and captivating. Full of secrets and mysteries, it really keeps you on your toes all the way to the end. Essentially, it's a great survival story, with a splash of romance and a sprinkle of paranormal, set against a beautifully described, intriguing backdrop. I absolutely loved it!

What I really loved about this book were the characters and the intertwining relationships between them. I loved Thomas - he was such a fun character to follow! Even though he was the only one without an element - which was obviously very hard on him - he did not complain about it or feel sorry for himself. He worked hard for the colony, trying to help out in as many ways as possible. Despite growing up without a mother and being constantly pushed away by everyone, he seemed cheerful and hopeful. I genuinely liked him and thought he had a very positive attitude and good personality. Same goes for Alice. What an incredible girl she was! Fierce, sharp, resourceful, direct, kick-ass and unstoppable, she was ready to fight for the truth. She was honest, thoughtful and brave. And even though she was one tough chick, she was also sensitive to other people's needs and very caring. I absolutely LOVED the chemistry between Thomas and Alice. The air crackled with tension whenever these two were together and I thought they were made for each other!

Another aspect of the story that I tremendously enjoyed was the breathtaking premise - from the ruins of the world destroyed by the Plague to the remote island surrounded by vast ocean waters - the setting helped create a magical, eerie (often scary) atmosphere. The post-apocalyptic world was both beautiful and treacherous. Antony John's descriptions were vivid, crisp and very helpful in visualizing everything in my head.

All in all, Elemental is one of my top favorite fantasy adventures. Everything - from the great pacing to ever-present tension - was really good. I loved how the story gradually picked up speed, building up to a very emotional crescendo ending. Many questions were left unanswered, leaving me pining for more. I can't wait for the next book!

Danny says

Okay, anyway Elemental is about a small society of people who all have 'elements' (hence the title). Thomas however doesn't have an element... or does he? *dun dun duuunnn* Let me just say I'm not a fan of people having 'special powers' that are so predictable like earth, water, fire and wind. The only real reason why I got the book at all was because of the pirates.

Yay! Pirates =)

Anyway, once I got around to starting Elemental it took a while to get hooked. I read the first chapter like 20 times before getting started for serious. The world building is really confusing at first but that's only because the islanders don't know much. (view spoiler) It's confusing at first but it does sort itself out nicely. The romance... just no. I didn't feel any connection between Thomas and Alice or Rose. The whole love triangle thing was not cool. I like Alice (probably more than I like Thomas and definitely more than I like Rose) but pairing her up with Thomas doesn't work. A lot of characters are introduced but mean very little to the story. Thomas himself was a very average character and there's nothing specific that I can use to describe him - and that's not because he's ever so complex. Still, it wasn't like there was someone who I can't stand since Thomas and Alice were the only recurring characters. I like the little hints that are dropped and the book's easy to finish after the first few chapters. Events happen in a logical sequence and there's no awkward silences or large plot holes. There are no real boring bits either apart from the very beginning and while the story wasn't very thrilling I am curious to see how things are going to work out and the pirates bring a unique flavour of threats.

2.9 stars for a promising start.

Aliesa says

4.5 stars

I liked, nooo scratch that. I **loved** Elemental.

I don't know why but now I am sure I'm a science fiction addict.

ELEMENTAL. I liked scifis but I never thought I would love this book the way I loved other scifi books I've read. Though the first few pages seemed a little boring, I find it all really promising. You know when you encounter a character who's disappointed with basically everything about his life. That he knew he lacked something almost everyone had. It'll made you look forward having to see him be the most powerful of them all, and stuffs like that.

What really bugged me is the ~~obvious~~ love triangle. Honestly, I've been shipping Alice and Thomas and I roll *roll* my eyes whenever there's a scene about Thomas and Rose being sweet and the like, i just DON'T. LIKE. THOMAS. AND. ROSE. UGGGH! And what really hurted me was when Alice was all bruised up and Thomas don't know if she was still alive or maybe dead and he what he did wasn't what I had expected. It seemed like he care, but not the care he must've been given Rose if she were in that situation. :(But I'll figure it out myself if I'm going to love Thomas and Rose together in the second book or maybe my dream of

Thomas and Alice together would be granted ♥

Sooo,

COVER: 7/10

WRITING STYLE: 7/10

CHARACTERS: 9/10

STORY: 10/10

ENDING: 10/10

I really want to read the second book right now. I just can't get enough of the preview and kewwwwl.

I wish I could organize my reviews later in my life, so yeah.

-Ax :*

Val Richards says

The book as a whole flowed well and ended in such a way that I am looking forward to the next installment. The characters are relatable and interesting. For the YA readers, there is adventure, sadness, humor, friendship, and a little romance.

It is another dystopia story line with a creative approach. There are many secrets, some which were revealed in this story and other's I'm sure will be revealed in the future. I recommend this book to any young adult and to adults that like to read YA books.

As a side note, I really like the cover of the book. It caught my attention when I was scanning for a new book series to read.

Aleeeeeza says

oh, cripes, another dystopian! the premise does sound cool, but i hope this one isn't just another one jumping onto the bandwagon.

Sheryl says

I was thrilled to win an advance copy of Elemental by Antony John. I got into the story and stayed up too late reading and finished it in a day and a half. The story begins with a small colony of plague survivors and centers around a teen who feels he does not fit in as he seems to lack the "elemental powers" valued in his

community. I like the character development and unfolding of the story as this teen begins to know himself and understand how he has been misinterpreting what happens around him. There is the power of friendship, loyalty, sacrifice and danger as well as the beginnings of a young love triangle. It was interesting to have a deaf character and I enjoyed the sibling relationships. I wondered if the children were going to have to survive on their own as they tried to figure out the truth of their world and as they learn to control their varied powers. There are layers of deception and still some secrets untold at the end. This book is a great set-up for the rest of a series. I'm looking forward to finding out what happens next!

Laine The Librarian says

What would you do if you had the power of the wind? The power of the water? Can feel when a storm is brewing in...10 miles in the sea!! Can move rocks and find vegetables in the Earth with ease?

Yea...I would love it too!! All that power...all that respect.

But what if you were one of the unlucky ones that didn't get the power? Not an element, nor a regular? What would you do then?

Set in the future where the almost whole population of the United States is wiped out due to the plague but a few survivors with unlimited power of the Earth set on a cozy little island of their own. All can do just about anything with their specific power...all but one. And when something tragic hits their little garden of Eden, their powers won't be enough to stop it...but can the One Without Power save them all?

Lectus says

Via <http://onlectus.blogspot.com/2013/03/...>

I looove Avatar: the last air bender and that is why I picked this book.

By the way, is this a series? Because I'd love for more books to come.

As you know from the summary, in this colony everybody can summon an element but Thomas. Obviously, he feels like shit because of that. On top of that, the other people would never touch him as if he doesn't deserve human contact for not having an element.

One night a storm comes and the elders and the kids (age 16 and below) have to split. The elders, called the Guardians, stay in the colony and the kids go to a refuge one island over. On top of that, pirates show up looking for "the one" (not Neo) and burn the colony down.

The obvious pattern of thought here is to think that "the one" is Thomas because he is the only one who is different. So, why would the pirates want the one a kid who has no power/abilities/element?

Now there are just about six kids to fight the pirates and survive. Ah! But there's something else, on this island where the kids sought refuge, their powers seems to enhance. What is about the island that help their element manifest?

In the middle of all this, there is an undercover love triangle going on. Alice and Rose both like Thomas. Who will Thomas like back? While Alice is fierce and wild, Rose is delicate.... just like her name. I liked the

romance because it was very pure and sweet despite the hints and killing looks that Alice and Rose would let come out... catfight? No yet!

The book has some other interesting intrigues as well. For instance, Griffin, Thomas's brother is a seer. Also, although everybody has an element not everybody can control it as they wish which causes some friction.

I love the writing, the way the story is told, the intrigues, the way everything is waved and comes together at the end. In short, I'm in love with this book.

I wonder if this is a series because it doesn't say this is book 1 but the way it ended, there's room for more. And I hope so :-)

Jimmy Grimaldi says

This book embodies my favorite type of story, where the world is so different from what the reader is used to and the characters are placed in a situation where they have no idea what is going on. The storyline was engaging with a large majority of it being action. While the plot and characters were solid, I felt that they could have been more developed since so much happened during the course of the story.

Harlee says

DNF at page 97. I hung on for as long as I could, but I can't go any further. I'm realizing I'm not a huge fan of stories that don't give us as much information as we need to know. What is this plague? Why are there so few of them? How long has this colony been established? And WHY do they have elements? Admittedly, I don't think even these kids know any of this stuff. I attempted to flip through and see what happens but I'm not really even interested enough to do that. So many books, so little time. I'm sorry I couldn't finish it, but it's on to the next one.

Maria says

Usually, prior to buying a book, I always check the reviews and ratings in Goodreads. However, that was not the case when I purchased this one. I saw it one time in a bookstore, read the synopsis at the back of the book, and that got me hooked. I like anything that says "magic" and this one reeks with 4 magical elements. What else can I do? But I didn't read it right away because I choose to read Steelheart first.

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Shelly says

I haven't really heard a lot about this book so when I started and finished reading it, I wasn't disappointed or overly pleased. I feel quite neutral about this book which is really strange for me. Let's start with things I didn't like (bad news first). I didn't like the romance. At all. It was really weird to say the least. At the very beginning of the book the main character (Thomas) likes one girl who is clearly repulsed by his lack of elemental control. Then when Thomas learns that another girl likes him, he starts to like her too but he also

still likes the other girl and I got really confused. I wasn't even sure what was happening. The romance part of the book also looked as if it appeared out of nowhere. It's as if the author just decided that he should add romance and he just added it into the book. This book also had no major plot twists. The book was a little predictable. Not predictable enough that I could guess exactly what would happen but predictable enough that I wasn't shocked when certain events occurred. Now onto things I enjoyed. I really liked one of the main characters, Griffin. He was awesome, that's all I should say. In terms of the writing, I really liked the setting of the story. It was interesting to see how the author brought all the elements to life. I also enjoyed the writing style itself. Overall, this book was neither terrible nor amazing. I would recommend it to anyone who loves anything that has to do with the natural elements. I'm not sure whether to read the sequel but I most likely won't. The ending of this book was not a very big cliff hanger and I wasn't really eager to read more.

Whitley Birks says

There's not much to say about this book. It was just so utterly dull. For a book that had *that* amount of action, I feel like nothing happened. What we know at the end of the book isn't much more than what we know at the beginning. So many questions are brought up, and only a couple of them are answered. People keep secrets *just* for the sake of keeping secrets, and out of spite that other people are keeping secrets, which doesn't really make for an enjoyable read. I'm not wondering "why aren't they telling" because I know the reason will be "because the author said so." And there's really nothing else going on to hold my interest. The characters are all dull, what we see of the world isn't interesting (because all the interesting bits are withheld), and the few bits of mystery frustrated me instead of interested me. I really didn't care, because I knew it would all be solved once the right people got over themselves and had a simple conversation. Really, that's all it would take. And that's boring.

Neil (or bleed) says

As much as I want to love this book, I just can't. It wasn't bad and I reckon others will enjoy this one but for me, I wasn't hooked by the story. I only care less about it, seriously. And the only things that I am interested were the truth about Thomas's (the main character) powers (Does he really has no elemental power or he has?) and the truth about all the lies their families fed to them which I, of course, will not state here.

The first few chapters was slow for me. It arrived to chapter 16 and it was getting interesting and then boom the story followed a sine wave from that chapter. But this sine wave has small positive amplitudes and that's not a good news.

Anyway, maybe my expectations to this book was just high so I really expecting a lot. It sounds Avatar-ish (not the blue one) yet it wasn't. Even the characters can have elemental powers there are no water bending, air bending happened, whatsoever. Likewise I think what they can do with those powers are still essential.

There are times that I really don't understand what is happening so I back read, sometimes I don't because I don't feel so. They talked and talked and talked and explained the secrets and mysteries in this book and I only grasped half of it. The world building is ranging from vague to okay for me. It seems lacking or I just have so many thoughts rushing on my brain when I'm reading this so it seems one.

I don't know anymore.

I can't feel within me the feeling when I'm enjoying a book I'm reading. What is wrong with me? or with the

book? *sigh* Nonetheless, I still want to read the second book but not any sooner.

Sam 2/3 says

It was a very suspenseful book and had very many details. Their elements and how they could use them were different than I had seen in other books similar to it. It is probably my second favorite book.
