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Two years ago, the fiends invaded, with a devastating explosion that split the world in two. Even now, energy blasts strike without warning, destroying everything in their paths. The fiends hunt anyone unlucky enough to escape.

My name is Leah. An energy blast killed my group. It should have killed me, too. Instead, I woke up alone in the wilderness, stalked by the fiends.

My only hope is the red-cloaked strangers who call themselves the Pyros. They can do the impossible and make flames shoot from their hands, and are more than a match for the fiends. Right now, my one chance for safety -- and revenge -- is with them.

But they're keeping secrets from me. Like those skeletons hidden under their base. And the reasons I developed a psychic link with someone who can't stand the sight of me -- after he saved my life.

If I don't uncover the truth about why the world ended the first time, my new safe haven might go up in smoke...

Indestructible is the first in a YA post-apocalyptic fantasy trilogy, perfect for fans of Divergent, Angelfall and The Mortal Instruments.

Books in the series:

Indestructible (Indestructible, #1)

Ablaze (Indestructible, #2)

Transcendent (Indestructible, #3)

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Lola says

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Post-apocalyptic normally isn't really my genre, but the cover, the addition of magic and the fact that this one was written by an author I know made me want to give this one a try. At times it feels pretty much like a zombie apocalypse book, but then with fiends instead of zombies, but it's also different enough. The inclusion of magic and the background on the fiends, made for an interesting story. The story flows neatly, it was fast paced and well written. There are some great action scenes as well, the battles were pretty cool with the fire and the large monster like enemies. It kept my attention and I did enjoy this book, but while I enjoyed it, I didn't fully love it.

As this takes place in a post-apocalyptic, most of the focus at first is on surviving, but that's really only a small part of the story. The begin scene nicely sets the stage, but at the same time I wish the story had started a bit earlier, so we could've gotten more of a feel for this group of people, I think the impact of the first scene would've been bigger. It also feels like we're getting thrown in the middle of the story at times, there was so much that didn't quite make sense or wasn't explained and while I think that was partly intentional on the author's part, I just wanted to know more. There's also the direction the story takes at the end that I didn't like, one of the things I don't like reading about. And a decision they make towards the end of the book that felt so obvious like walking into a trap. The whole situation just made me uncomfortable.

Leah is a nice main character, but I never fully connected with her. Partly because the focus is so much on the story and due to the post apocalyptic world there isn't as much focus on the characters and making friends. I did like her willingness to fight and do what was needed, but even with everything she had gone through she seemed a bit too nice at times. And I wasn't quite sure which direction I wanted her to take, at times it seemed she would sacrifice everything for her friends, but while she killed the fiends she didn't want to kill a man, even though what he had done was ten times worse than what the fiends had done in my opinion. Then there is this twist with her later in the book and what she is and I don't know, I just didn't really care for it and so many questions were left unanswered.

Beside Leah there are some interesting characters that make up the cast. I just wished there was time to get to know each other. The book is pretty fast paced, so that means there is less time to focus on characters and relationships. I did like Nolan, although there was a scene at the end that I felt could've had a bit more impact. Then there is the daughter of Murray, who was so innocent and it was kinda interesting to see a character like that in this world. I am a bit mixed about Cas, he is so mean and even when we find out why and how he's hurting it just felt like too much. He and Leah are constantly fighting, but I didn't feel like they were really forming a bond, which I had hoped would happen. Cas was just a bit too unlikeable and I wish he stopped still to think or talk a bit more.

There is the world building. The main concept is pretty cool, a post apocalyptic world caused by energy blasts and big monsters that now roam the earth called fiends. Then there is the red sky and the fiends that hunt human and you have a pretty scary and interesting post-apocalyptic setting. My issue was that while it's interesting it doesn't make much sense, again I know we will probably get more answers later and it's the type of story where you find things out alongside the main character, but I just wanted more answers. From why the fiend were really here, why they acted this way to what they eat to why they hunt humans to why the pyro's base had all modern conveniences and how that worked as they only had a tiny island.

Then I kept imagining the fiends as some kind of magma elemental, which is probably my own fault, as they

never got described that way, but it seemed weird they got killed by fire. Then there are the pyro's and so much of what they are, why they have these powers and how they can cause fire was left unexplained. It also seemed weird that everyone is struggling for survival, but they have everything while they only live on a small island. There is also a lot that happened in the past that is relevant now, but we only get bits and pieces and it felt like I always knew just too little to fully make sense of it. the big bad evil guy seemed to have no motivation or reason and just seemed too stereotypical evil. Overall I just wanted to know more, but I probably have to be patient and wait for the next book.

To summarize: while this book is a bit out of my reading comfort zone I did enjoy it. The pace is well done, the story flows well and kept my attention. I liked it, but didn't love it, it just seemed to be missing something for me or maybe it's just that isn't the genre for me. I liked the characters, but wish there was time to get to know them. The world building leaves a lot of questions open and while that's probably intentional I just wanted to know more. I will be continuing the series and am curious to see where the story goes next as even with so many questions remaining I felt like a large part of the plot was resolved in this book already. I would recommend this book to fans of fantasy and post apocalyptic books who are looking for something a bit different and like figuring things out alongside the main character.

Jessica says

While this isn't my first book by Emma L. Adams, this is the first YA I've read of hers and in short, I thought this book was AMAZING. It's not often a book can keep me guessing like this, and I had a TON of theories about a lot of things the more and more I read. I loved Leah's journey from isolated survivor to being a part of something, a BIG part. I found Leah-- along with the others-- to be especially easy to identify with because her of journey. What I really loved about INDESTRUCTIBLE was how often the reader is reminded of what life was like before, with specific references to iPads and school and everything else. A lot of the dystopian/post-apocalyptic stuff I've read fails to do that, and I think it really helped ground the reader in a world otherwise filled with cracks in the surface of the Earth and flying monsters. And let's be honest, there's never a shortage of monsters in Emma L. Adams's books. 5 amazing stars to the first book in this series! I can't wait to read the sequel!

Crina (Reading Addict) says

deep siiigh This has very high ratings and a good cover, even though I can't say that it has the most original idea that I've ever read and also the way in which is written left me asking myself why I wasted my time.

This for sure is a book for YA readers, especially young young adult readers. The characters seemed so plain to me, and so many of them... and all of them blended together and created a mess with dozens of heads. I can't even remember their names. The plot was also SO predictable and I felt like I've read this story in a different shape of form in so many other books and series. Yeah, I know, a completely original book doesn't exist... but when you read a novel and you have ten in mind because this one is like a mix of all of them, that is not right.

The writing style was boring, the dialogue was meh. It doesn't have suspense, things happened and I didn't care... people got hurt and I didn't care. Can you imagine how invested I was? And I read this because of those high ratings! And I dunno know if those people have read a different book or I have read too many.

Allie says

You can find my review where I talk about why I rated it 3/5 stars more in depth in the following link:<https://thehufflepuffnerdette.wordpress...>

Lillian says

I received an eARC of this book from the author via Lola's Blog Tours in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of this review.

Indestructible by Emma L. Adams is the start of an exciting new dystopian series. I really enjoyed this book though I can't really pinpoint any one reason as to why. At the beginning of the book, you are dropped into the middle of the plot. Leah has just survived an energy blast that killed the rest of her group. It should have killed her too, but it didn't. Now she's on the run for her life, away from the fiends. The only people she can trust are the two strangers in red-cloaks that just showed up to save her, but they have a devastating secret.

Leah is a great character! She is smart, self-reliant, and despite losing everyone and everything she's ever cared for she keeps going. As she learns more about the people in the red-coats and what surviving the energy blast means for her, she embraces it. She doesn't take a minute to feel sorry for herself. Instead she focuses on living her life to the fullest and avenging those that she loves. Honestly she rocks!

The red-cloaked strangers are the Pyros. They can survive energy blasts because they are like living flames. Pretty cool, huh?! They take Leah in and begin training her in how she can harness her power and fight the fiends. But they hold secrets, secrets that aren't willing to share which puts Leah on edge. I can say that I had a hard time with who to trust in the book as did Leah.

The fiends are like mindless monsters that came through the divide, a crack in the Earth's surface. They kill without thought and they particularly like Pyros. At first I thought these creatures were zombie-like, but they are more like demons or gargoyles. Hard rough skin, talons, horns, the works! They are actually pretty scary and the author does a good job of conveying the threat through Leah as narrator. You can feel her terror.

I don't want to give too much of this story away as it is a relatively short book. The author does a fantastic job with Leah as narrator. I was fully immersed in the story. Albeit a little confused at the onset....but then again so was Leah. As the reader, you feel what Leah feels as she experiences it: her terror, her strength, her fight. It's fantastic! So why 4 stars instead of 5?

While the book was fast-paced and an exciting read, I was lost at the onset, dropped into the middle of the plot with little explanation. There wasn't a lot of world-building or explanation til towards the end of the book and then it felt like an info-dump. I would have liked to see more world-building throughout the book and some explanation about the fiends.

Overall I really enjoyed the book though and have every intention of continuing the series! That ending....be warned it's a cliff hanger. I need the next one ASAP! If you enjoy young adult dystopia, than I highly recommend you check out this book!

Megan says

Actually really good first read for a trilogy.

I'm not a massive lover of dystopia they just seem all the same to me and the whole doom and gloom world ending stuff isn't something I take pleasure in reading.

This is a good start, there are a lot of parts that frustrate me. Information is dripped down and not explained properly and there are a lot of questions

No romance in this, there are two possibilities and then they don't really materialise as such which I didn't mind too much.

Curious to continue the next book!

Tonja Drecker says

This is one of those books which dives right into action and keeps the pace high and tense most of the way through, while throwing in tons of fantastical creatures and amazing worlds.

The opening scene has a teenage girl, Leah, looking up to find herself as the sole survivor after an annihilating blast with no idea as to why she's still alive. The first pages grabbed, and I had no trouble sympathizing with Leah as she sits there confused and fearing for her life. There wasn't much background information offered during the first chapter. In some ways, this follows the main character's own knowledge--Leah herself isn't fully aware of everything. But I did have some trouble delving into the world and felt like I just had to blindly believe everything that was going on during those first chapters.

But I held on and little by little the history and circumstances surrounding the world are divulged. It falls together like a puzzle, forming a multi-layered plot. There are quite a few twists and turns, making it hard to pin-point the real villain or how big the threat truly is. Several of the other characters have their own agendas and stories, which adds to the depth and mystery.

Action with a 'kick-butt' heroine is key in this story, and it's entertaining to follow Leah as she slowly discovers who and what she is. Her attitude is fairly believable as she tries to figure out what's happening, learns more about herself and discovers that the world around her is not what it seems. She's tough, likable and has a good heart--a heroine to cheer for.

The story takes place on Earth, and the small hints at modern day life before dooms day (two years before) help to add a familiar feel to an otherwise very foreign world. The descriptions are just enough to help picture what's going on. I would have liked a little more scenery to help ground the changes and bring them to life (see modern more obvious against the destruction which came), but the author does a great job in bringing the 'new' world to life and it's harsh surroundings. There were a few things which were left unexplained, but I'm assuming the next books in the series will fill in these holes.

The monsters and battles are a treat. The fiends radiate danger, and it's no trouble to fear for Leah and her new found friends' lives. There's a mountain of fight scenes and tons of tension. A hint of romance is thrown in, but this remains in the background as the threat Leah faces dominates the plot. Her comrades and the friendships they develop weave around this, rounding it off with the right amount of determination and heart.

Summed up, this is a fast paced, enjoyable read for fantasy and science fiction fans who love strong female characters, mysterious heroes, tons of danger and a monsters who are almost impossible to defeat.

I received a free ARC copy in exchange for an honest review.

Raven_Blake (dreamy addictions) says

Same Review Also Posted In My Blog: Dreamy Addictions

Well, I did like this book but It wasn't amazing enough to love it. I just wanted to give this a try after I was intrigued by the blurb because I'm a total sucker for dystopian books. Indestructible really has a lot of potential but I felt something lacking in it. Even with the interesting plot and thrilling action, it failed to excite me. The characters weren't bad but they could've been much better. Nonetheless, it was good and I think the problem lies in the execution of the story and also the characters.

The story takes place after two years when earth is invaded by alien creatures called Fiends and most of the human population are killed by the energy blast. The book begins with Leah and her group attacked by an energy blast leaving her the only survivor from it. Leah feels guilty when she wakes up to find she was the only one left alive when all of her friends are dead. On her journey to find human shelter, she was attacked by fiends but surprisingly she is saved by two red cloaked strangers who calls themselves Pyros. Humans avoid Pyros because of their strange powers that can easily kill a fiend. During the attack, she gets hurt by a fiend but she was healed by a pyro who can't really stand the sight of her. At the Pyros base, she meets the leader of that base named Murray and also learns some shocking facts about herself.

The book focused more on the story but less on the characters and their relationships. There's not much depth in the characters that's why I wasn't able to connect with any of the characters in the plot. Leah is a character who is brave and stubborn. I really liked her but I couldn't able to connect with her. Cas is a character who is a total jerk and always acts rude towards Leah without any reason. I expected Cas to be someone like Four from divergent but he was nowhere near him. Nolan and Elle are pretty much ok for supporting characters. There is a hint of romance between Cas and Leah but you won't find much in it which is really disappointing.

The plot is good but it lacks originality and suspense. Even with some twists in it, most of the parts are quite predictable, and I've also felt some parts a bit confusing and rushed. The story moved in a fast pace which left so many things unanswered and there isn't much world building too. As for the writing, it was quite good. It was my first book from the author and her writing style is pretty easy to understand. The whole book was written in Leah's POV but it could've much better if there was Cas's POV too.

Overall, I liked it! The book ended with a cliffhanger but I don't think I would continue with the series. It was really quite an interesting book but I don't know whether I should recommend it or not. If you like to read this book, then do give it a try.

Feminista says

What a horrible book from this author.

The writing was so poor, the dialogues, the heroine's thoughts, they all sounded juvenile.

And that plot? The heroine spends most of the book confused by everything, people lie to her, she only gets half answers and by the end of it, I am not sure what is happening.

Siobhan Davis says

This is my first book by Emma Adams and I enjoyed it. I adored her writing and the imaginative world she has created. It was vivid and visual and I had no trouble imagining it all in my head. The magical elements added an intriguing fantastical element to the story, and I found them original and engaging.

It took me a while to warm up to Leah, but by the end of the book I felt like I understood her better.

The plot isn't wholly unpredictable but it was still a good story that held my interest despite the fact that this wouldn't be my normal type of read. I was a little confused at the start as to what was going on as it's pretty full-on straight off the bat, but after a few chapters I had settled into the story and was hooked.

My biggest complaint is that there is no romance, and I don't usually enjoy post-apocalyptic or dystopian stories unless there is a healthy dose of love and some swoon-worthy male leads! However, if you are the type of reader that prefers an action-packed story without any romantic complications then you will love this book.

Thanks to the author for providing a copy of this book, via Lola's Blog Tours, in exchange for my honest review.

Actual rating 3.5 stars.

John Harris says

An excellent storyline but the juvenile actions of the main character make it a mediocre read.

Aldii - perfectioninbooks says

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The Writing:

I liked the writing. This was easy to read and fast paced.

We read all the book from Leah's POV, which is great, but I definitely want to be in Cas's mind and read his POV.

The Story:

While reading this I had The 5th wave vibes. Which is not bad, and if you liked that book I would say you might like this.

If you expect some romance, you will not find that. Which is kind of weird because we are used to that, but I didn't miss it. There is so much going on, you try to know more about the situation and you just don't think in the romance. But, I must say I think there is the beginning of a romance. There are some hints here and there but it's not the main thing. (view spoiler)

This world has aliens, crazy human and Pyros. I liked the concept of Pyros, these super-more-than-human that have super-strength, super-speed and can control fire.

There are lots of fight scenes and action.

As you might have guessed from my rating, I liked the story and all its components.

The Characters:

Leah: She made me think of Tris from Divergent sometimes. I think these two characters have things in common, just a few, but they are different. I liked this character. She is down to earth and cares for other people. She tries to do her best. At the beginning, she knows nothing about fighting and she considers going into the fight but then she realises it wouldn't be a good thing and just does what other partner said. And that was great because she wasn't stupid. I just said that and I have no regrets. Then in the book she learns to fight and other things and she becomes kind of reckless (which was kind of exasperating) but at least she knew how to fight.

Cas: He was mysterious. We don't really know him and has this bad attitude all time. But once you find out his past and story you understand him better. He was worried for others and there are these little moments when he shows that he is not this iron-man.

There are other characters such as Nolan, Elle, Jared, and Murray which are part of this story too.

Over all this is a good sci-fi, dystopia, post apocalyptic book, easy and fast paced read, with an interesting world and good characters.

If you enjoyed The 5th Wave, I think you might enjoy this.

“Humans could once fly. Now all we can do is run.

But I'm done running.”

Eliza Jones says

Doesn't disappoint!

I really loved this. Non-stop action, awesome superpowers and an unexpected mystery that will keep you on your toes during the whole book.

Dorothy Dreyer says

Indestructible is a dystopian fantasy that grabs a hold of you, thrusts you into a manic world of action and danger, and doesn't let go. And the moments where you've been given a chance to let your heart slow down don't ever last too long before you're thrown back into the action again.

Leah is a girl who loses everything when an energy blast rips through her town. Now taken in by a band of folks called Pyros, she comes to find out the truth about who she is and what she can do, as well as whom to trust and whom not to.

There is a lot of mythological weaving in this story, which I quite enjoyed. Adams does a nice job of simultaneously answering questions that pop up during Leah's journey and adding new questions as a result of those answers. I found myself wanting to discover exactly what happened in the past to bring this cast of characters to this point.

Many of those questions go unanswered, however, as the book ends in a cliffhanger, guaranteed to have readers anxious to grab the next book in the series.

Sophia says

Just in case one thought apocalyptic survival of earth quakes, floods, famine, and the break down of government and society was tough enough, poor Leah and the rest of the surviving humans must deal with sudden mass-destructive random fiery explosions and fiendish creatures that have entered earth through the wide divide in the ground. Indestructible hit the ground running and thrilled with action, intrigue and a gritty YA post-apocalyptic adventure story that is first in a three part series.

Leah has been surviving for two years with a rag-tag group of refugee survivors until the day one of those fiery explosions kills everyone in her camp. She should have never survived the explosion or the fight afterward with two of the fiends. Not only did she survive, but she somehow summoned fire and sent one of the powerful creatures flying. Joined in the fight by mysterious cloaked figures in red who have similar powers, she decides to go with them to learn about her new power and learn how to fight the fiends.

As Leah slowly learns the secrets about the hidden and powerful people living secret from regular humans, she realizes that nothing is what she thought before. She has to gain the knowledge and skills quickly so she can do her part even as betrayal and mistrust plague the group that is fast becoming a new home and new family to replace the one she's lost. But can she trust them particularly the irascible Cas?

This one was off and running with an exciting opening scene leaving me to slowly catch up and learn the world building and situation the main character finds herself in. It was unique and I appreciated all the mystery surrounding Leah and the others. There is definitely a YA feel to the story, but I enjoyed the action and connection to the other characters.

Leah is a strong heroine who has learned to be tough and change to fit the new gritty, darker world she finds herself living in. She is assertive without being stupid or impulsive which was a refreshing change from other YA heroines.

The group of characters and camaraderie was nice particularly when Leah went from being alone to part of a group.

I liked the way the author teased out the reveals and twists in the story. There is foreshadowing and hints so they don't come out of left field, but help build the tension. The story is the first segment of a longer story, but I appreciated that it ended in a thrilling part without feeling like an abrupt cliffhanger. I'm eager to see where it goes.

All in all, this was a fantastic start to the trilogy and I definitely recommend it to others that enjoy YA dystopian adventure stories.

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