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# The Undergrounders Series Books 1-3: Boxed Set Immurement, Embattlement, Judgement



## Synopsis

Only takes courage to do most anything. It's time to make your mark." Big EdThis is the boxed set of the three books in the award-winning post-apocalyptic *Undergrounders* Series by Norma Hinkens. If you like gripping apocalyptic tales, gritty heroines, and twists you won't see coming, then you'll love this fast-paced, end-of-the-world sci-fi dystopian thriller!Book One: *Immurement*The Sweepers are coming. The hunt for humankind begins. Sixteen-year-old Derry and her brother live in perpetual fear of capture. The year is 2069. A scorched post-apocalyptic earth overrun by merciless gangs offers little haven. From the skies, mysterious hoverships manned by military clones prey on the young. When Derry's older brother goes missing, she must strike a deal with a group of cutthroat rogues and launch a daring raid to save him. But she soon finds out the world she knows is a lie. Keeping her brother alive means trusting her enemy and opening her heart to someone scarcely human. Book Two: *Embattlement*The *Undergrounders* prevail. But war has just begun. Against all odds, Derry and a handful of survivors escape the malevolent Doctor Lyong's clutches, but victory proves bittersweet. No one knows if Owen is dead or alive. Forced to find new recruits Derry makes the treacherous journey to Shoshane City, home of the mysterious riders. Mutiny and sabotage are afoot and Derry finds herself caught up in a desperate struggle to save the city from being destroyed by The Ghost, a dangerous rogue who swears allegiance to no one. Time is running out to save Owen, and tensions are rising between Jakob and the devastatingly handsome Sven, who may turn out to be a deadly distraction. Will Derry emerge victorious from the showdown at the Craniopolis, or will the price of freedom mean sacrificing the one she loves?Book Three: *Judgement*The mighty Craniopolis falls. But a darker shadow takes its place. A shocking revelation rocks the survivors to the core. With everything at stake, the factions unite, but motives are suspect and mistrust runs deep among former foes. Rumors surface of a murderer at large within the city and Derry's leadership as head of the new Council is challenged when the sweeps resume. Aided by the mysterious archer, Lou, Derry devises a last-ditch plan to pull off the unthinkable and strike at the heart of the Sweepers' regime. But, there's more at stake than Derry realizes, and the forces she encounters are even more deadly than she imagined, forcing love to make the ultimate sacrifice. The *Undergrounders'* final stand unleashes a chaos that can only end in death or victory.**INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR**What inspired you to write *The Undergrounders* Series?I've always been fascinated by regimes and resistance movements, and the heroes who emerge from atrocities. I grew up reading every concentration camp escape story I could get my hands on. As an author, I find it intriguing to place characters "especially strong teen heroines" in

dystopian, post-apocalyptic or sci-fi settings and watch what unfurls inside them as they go head to head with staggering odds. After spending several summers in Idaho, and learning more about Preppers and survivalists, the idea to plant Derry Connolly in a bunker community of homesteaders and mountain men took seed and The Undergrounder Series was born. Think of it as a young adult adventure series meets dystopian survival fiction!

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## **Customer Reviews**

It's a rare treat to find a book that's so engaging, you drop everything to read it non-stop. I don't think I've ever done it with three books in a row like I just did with this trilogy. Yes, the story is that good. So is the writing, both spare and descriptive at the same time. The characters are fully formed, their actions and dialogue always in keeping with their personality and motivation. And the twists and turns provide page-turning action that keep your eyes glued to the page. For those who don't normally like YA fiction because you're not that interested in teenage concerns, don't let that deter you. You easily forget the protagonist's age as you're drawn into the intricacies of the story.

The dystopian circumstances of a post apocalyptic earth from natural disaster as well as non-natural scientific tyranny don't leave room for teenage angst and parental power games. If your pre-prejudice against YA fiction is that strong, mentally add five years to everyone's age and you'll be good to go.

These books move at a fast pace and it's been a while since I've read a trilogy that kept my interest to the very end. If you liked the Hunger Games, then you'll probably like this 'against all odds' trilogy too.

Lots of good characters with many twists and turns in the plot. A very good read that I did not want to put down.

This is a 3 book box set and although I have, at this time only read the first book in the series I can not wait to dig in to the second and third book to find out what happens. Book one is such an amazing read. Every once in a while an author will come around and blow me away with their writing and this is what Ms Hinkens did when I read the first book 'Immurement'. This is a dystopian read set in the apocalypse era and survivors are forced to live underground as above ground is way too dangerous. You could get sucked up by the sweepers and need to watch out for the rogues. What an exciting, suspenseful unpredictable read this was. I felt it was a little slow in the beginning but stick with it because the book takes off after the first chapter and you will be enthralled with the plot of the story. Ms Hinkens has such raw talent, her writing skills are amazing and there is never a dull moment in this story. I am looking forward to reading more of this authors work.

Not on ku, goes with a trilogy of books, listed below. Decent enough post apocalyptic but felt some things missing explanation or lead up and just in general a bit off. The Undergrounder Series Books 1-3: Boxed Set Immurement, Embattlement, Judgement Book One: Immurement Book Two: Embattlement Book Three: Judgement Got on mailing list probably when got That Moment When: An Anthology of Young Adult Fiction which she is in. Somehow manage to get all 3 books so basically the trilogy just not in one set.

Action. More action. Adventures forced on an intelligent youth through an end-of-the-world scenario are narrated by her as we, the readers, live her present and her struggle to understand, learn, act on what she's learned to survive. Life lived in the immediate, breakneck motion across emotions

only barely sketched out but breathlessly felt while the world the narrator/main character lives in takes on all possible hues of trust and mistrust, loyalty and betrayal, life and... something that may or may not be life. The many plot twists in a seemingly hopeless tangle entwines throughout all three books, going from discovery in the first book into battle in the second. Not just one battle, and none are easy. Always something that twists in the story to keep the plans of the protagonists in an uproar, never a certain moment. As the plot thickens, the first person narrative technique keeps the reader glued to the totally involving action, which continues on into the third book, but in this last part there are even more characters, a well done gathering of the different viewpoints (even though the narration is still captivatingly first person), and a lot of tying up all the loose ends... Or at least **ALMOST** all of them... The girl who began telling us her and this dystopian world's story has finally become a young woman, after all she's gone through, and not all the characters survive in the end...

I was taken in completely with the story and the characters. I loved it and could not put it down. Derry may be flawed and she definitely makes mistakes, but she does learn from those mistakes. The story flowed really well and is quite marvelous and unique. I just could not put this book down. It has a suspenseful flavor that goes throughout the story and does not let you go. With Norma Hinkens' descriptions I could just see the scenery as she described it. It was so clear to me and that also made the book tremendously enjoyable. This final chapter wraps everything up in an exciting ending to the series. You really know these people as friends and partners in their quest through these books. They've become real throughout this series. This whole series was wonderfully done with exceptional story telling and writing. I thought the writing terrific, the storyline was amazingly clear, and I definitely would recommend this book to not only YA, but everyone. Good reading from beginning to end. This is a marvelous, well-written story, another plus on Norma Hinkens book list.

In this dystopian futuristic world, a catastrophic world event has made living difficult for the survivors. If only that were all they had to deal with! Instead the main character of this action packed story goes in search of her missing brother and takes the reader for an emotional filled ride that continues through all three books till the satisfying conclusion.

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