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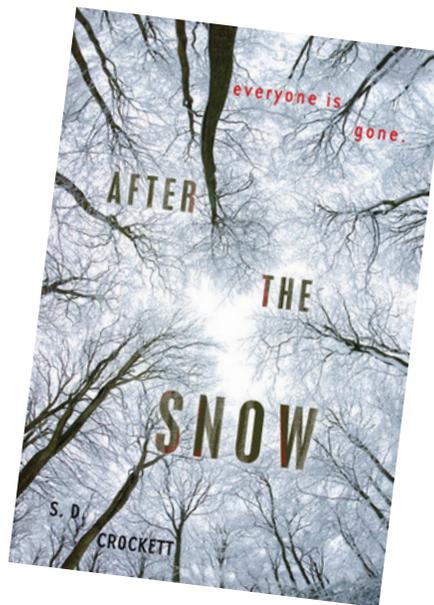
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Book Review

Title: After the Snow
Author: S. D. Crockett
Reviewer: Roger Layton
Publisher: Feiwel and Friends
Publication Year: 2012
ISBN: 9780312641696
Number of Pages: 288
Interest Level: Young Adult
Rating: Excellent



Review

Growing up is tough, but for Willo it gets a lot tougher. Living in a land where winters are getting longer and longer, one day his family is taken away and he must survive on his own. Facing the challenges of wild animals, hungry strangers, and the constant cold, Willo finds his way as best he can while facing decisions that force him to decide who he wants to be. Does he want to be more human or should he listen to the animal in his nature? Should he stay in the wild mountains or sneak into the city? Is he better off on his own or can he trust people? Lucky for him he has the skills necessary to live in a cold northern European country and good parents who instilled values that he can rely on, although that may not be enough.

After the Snow takes on tough issues and readers should be warned that there is violence in the world Willo lives in. There are a couple of instances of language that are in keeping with the setting of the story, but this is a novel for young adults. The story is fast passed, but challenging, because adventure comes with a cost.

*Contains violence and mild language.