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# Book Review

**Title:** Flashfall  
**Author:** Jenny Moyer  
**Illustrator:** Kathleen Breitenfeld  
**Reviewer:** Carly Schmutz  
**Publisher:** Henry Holt and Company  
**Publication Year:** 2016  
**ISBN:** 9781627794817  
**Number of Pages:** 342  
**Interest Level:** Young Adult  
**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Set in a futuristic, dystopian society, *Flashfall* is an adventurous, fast-paced read telling the story of two oppressed teens, Orion and Dram, who rebel against their overlords and change the course of their world in the process. Orion and Dram are Subpars, assigned to mine a precious element called Cirium, which the central government collects—they are told—to create a barrier that protects their world from the intense radioactive rays of the sun. The barrier does not protect the Subpars and they are dying from over-exposure, or Flash Fever, every day. Orion and Dram are exiled to a dangerous outpost where they meet other rebels and learn that the minerals they are collecting are used to enslave and inhibit their people. The rebels band together to escape this oppressive society. Eventually, the rebels develop a serum that can cure Flash Fever and escape into a free area. Dram and Orion fall in love and marry as free people, preparing to go back to free their captive friends.

*Flashfall* will keep readers engaged throughout the entire novel as every moment of the story is full of intense, high adrenaline moments as the characters struggle to survive against seemingly insurmountable odds. The book centers on the positive, meaningful message that it is important to stand up for the good and be loyal to those you care about. The author easily transports readers into her unique world and exciting story. This book may not be fit for younger readers as it contains heavy violence, frequent and graphic deaths of main characters, and some minimally masked descriptions of unprotected underage sex. However, *Flashfall* can provide a good experience for readers seeking a thrilling, imaginative story with likable characters and a satisfying and hopeful conclusion.

\*Contains mild language, severe sexual conduct, and severe violence.