



The Fearless

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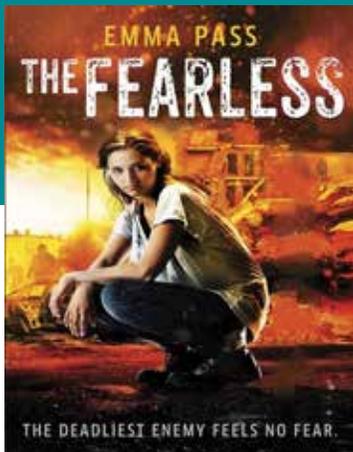
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Book Review

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Excellent

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Society has been invaded by the Fearless: human beings injected with a scientific serum that makes them immune to all emotion. As the emotionless monsters kill and pillage communities all over the world, Cass and her family escape to a man-made island off the coast of Britain called Hope Island. The small community of survivors are safe for several years until Fearless breach the seawalls and take Cass's little brother Jori. Cass is desperate to save Jori from becoming Fearless, or worse, dead. She escapes the island with a prisoner named Myo and returns to the mainland. Cass and Myo encounter terrifying obstacles and several run-ins with the Fearless, but eventually Cass is reunited with her brother.

The Fearless has a fast-paced and action-filled plot that doesn't stop until the last page. Each chapter cleverly ends with cliffhangers that compel readers to continue following Cass and Myo on their perilous journey. Not only do Cass and Myo encounter danger at every turn, but they also face ethical and moral dilemmas. These issues help develop their personalities and support themes of loyalty, family, honesty, friendship, love, and trust. Even though Cass and Myo are on the same journey, they have contrasting motives. Each faces challenges and moral struggles differently which helps readers explore many perspectives. This novel will appeal to teenagers who enjoy action, dystopian, or doomsday novels.

*Contains severe language, severe violence, and mild sexual content.