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## Book Review

### Flashfall

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Dependable

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Young Adult

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Generations ago, a cosmic event formed the flash curtain, a toxic wall of deadly radiation. Sixteen-year-old Orion is a Subpar, a race of humans has adapted to be able to withstand greater levels of radiation exposure. Subpars are expected to mine the tunnels near the deadly flash curtain in order to protect the city of Alara. Orion and her partner Dram work in the most treacherous tunnel trying to secure enough curium to grant themselves and their families passage to Alara. But when newcomers arrive at Outpost Five, Orion discovers that the promise of freedom and the world as she knows it has all been a lie. After a rebellion, Orion and Dram are face deadly creatures, exposure to the elements, and deadly odds. When Dram and Orion finally find safety in the mountains, a promise hangs in the air of the continuing battle to ensure the freedom of loved ones left behind.

This novel possesses a fascinating plot line with lots of potential, but it's disappointingly underdeveloped. The opening chapters are gripping and intense, immediately pulling the reader in and making them desire to uncover more. However, many aspects of the book seemed rushed and abrupt. The love story between Orion and Dram had very little building development. Furthermore, very little deep characterization occurs. The ending of the book seemed abrupt and on an unrealistic course. After spending the entire novel trying to get everyone to freedom, Orion and Dram basically abandon their friends from Outpost Five in a wasteland hideout. Regardless of the shortcomings, this novel is an enjoyable read for anyone who wants to get lost in a fast-paced story with a fierce female protagonist.

\*Contains mild language, moderate sexual content, and moderate violence.