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Everland (Everland, Book 1)



Synopsis

London has been destroyed in a blitz of bombs and disease. The only ones who have survived are children, among them Gwen Darling and her siblings, Joanna and Mikey. They spend their nights scavenging and their days avoiding the ruthless Marauders -- the German army led by Captain Hanz Otto Oswald Kretschmer. Unsure if the virus has spread past England's borders but desperate to leave, Captain Hook hunts for a cure, which he thinks can be found in one of the survivors. He and his Marauders stalk the streets snatching children for experimentation. None ever return. Until the day they grab Joanna. As Gwen sets out to save her, she meets a daredevil boy named Pete. Pete offers the assistance of his gang of Lost Boys and the fierce sharpshooter Bella, who have all been living in a city hidden underground. But in a place where help has a steep price and every promise is bound by blood, it will cost Gwen. And are she, Pete, the Lost Boys, and Bella enough to outsmart Captain Hook?

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Customer Reviews

Book Review: Everland by Wendy Spinale Everland is a steampunk, real world spin off of Peter Pan, and I absolutely love the idea of this book. Integrating real world problems like disease, wars, and hunger makes it unique. When you start reading the book, you can distinguish the similarities from this book from the popular children's story about Peter Pan. The book starts off with first person view of Gwen, who lives with her siblings Joanna and Mikey. Gwen is fifteen years old and has to take care of her siblings because her parents are supposedly dead from a disease that overtook London. Required to take care of her family, she is forced to grow up. She goes off into the dangerous city to scavenge and fight for her life. Marauders also known as soldiers are patrolling for kids to kill and use as experiments for a cure. Throughout chapter and chapter, point of views are changed with Hook. Captain Hans Otto Oswald Kretschmer is head of the German army. His main mission to find a cure in England's Borders. Capturing as many kids to find a cure for himself, not caring for his army. All the adult in England have died but kids seem to be immune. Later on in the story, they find out Gwen is the key to the cure and goes out hunting for her. Jumping back to Gwen's point of view, Joanna, her sibling, was taken and her goal is to get her back. When planning to get Joanna, she meets Pete and Bella who are apart of a gang called Lost Boys. The Lost boys have been hiding underground since the disease outbreak, hiding from the marauders. Pete and Belle have their own specific characteristics that connect them to the story "Peter Pan". The lost boys take in Gwen and Mike, and help them get their sister back. During the endeavor, they encounter obstacles. I loved this book. I have a soft spot for anything steampunk theme. If you enjoy realistic theme integrated into story tale fiction than you will like this book. Adventurous, fast paced book that any age can enjoy.

the very different tale of Peter Pan is sure to become legendary! I loved this off beat tale with its flying zeppelins, goth like technology and fascinating retelling of an oft told fairy tale. The author leaves just enough of the Peter Pan story so that the main characters are recognizable, yet makes a novel hard to put down. Children and adults will love the action scenes!

I was not entirely sold on this book when it came in my Owlcrate box last year since I am not into Peter Pan and retellings are usually hit-and-miss with me but decided to give it a try for Owlcrate-a-thon (Owlcrate readathon). I am glad I did. It is sort of like The Walking Dead meets Lord of the Flies. This story revolves around Gwen (never called Wendy in this retelling) trying to keep her siblings, Joanna and Mikey, alive after a plague wipes out almost everyone in England and possibly the world except for young children especially boys. This plague started after Queen

Katherina of Germany had her son, Captain Herman Otto Oswald Kretschmer, or Captain HOOK, invade England and destroy a weapons lab that contained the virus that killed or sickened just about everyone. Captain HOOK and his Marauders now search for survivors which are mostly young boys so they can be experimented on in hopes of finding a cure. When out scavenging for food one day in Everland (old London), Gwen runs into Pete and Bella when trying to hid from Marauders and they follow her home to discover Joanna has been taken by Marauders. Gwen and Mikey decide to join Pete's group, the Lost Boys in the Lost City, in order to get help rescuing Joanna. Gwen, despite her age and gender, appears to be showing none of the virus' flesh-eating symptoms which leads them to think she is immune and the key to finding a cure that is starting to affect a third of the Lost Boys. Once Captain HOOK finds out about the possible "Immune" he will stop at nothing to get Gwen so he can return home a hero. It was more of a dystopian novel (one of my favorite genre) than steampunk to me and the references to the retelling of the Disney movie Peter Pan were the famous lines reused in a totally difference context most times than in the original story. The end-of-the-world scenario reminded me of The Walking Dead in the way they had to fight for their survival against not only disease but other survivors and Lord of the Flies in the way that it is a colony of children and there is some in-fighting. I loved this book and cannot wait for the sequel. I gave this book 4 out of 5 stars on Goodreads.

Everland is everything you could want in a Steampunk retelling of Peter Pan. I particularly loved the Lost Boys community and the emphasis on valuing people as individuals and respecting their contributions. Of course such a community is not without conflict and that was realistically shown as well. But resourcefulness and an inclusive mentality, which are hallmarks of the Steampunk genre, shone brightly in every scene with the subterranean society. Action, danger, cool Steampunk gadgets and world building, and a touch of romance made this book a classic in its own right.

I've read alot of raving reviews from book critics on EVERLAND before it actually was distributed to the stores, so I preordered my bookon . I was "Hook"ed from the cover to last page and enjoyed every delious element of the story. It was filled with our favorite childhood characters , each with a unique or magical ability, and an exciting storyline that is full danger, courage, and epic bravery. With each new page, I felt more pulled into the story. This is the best book I've read in ages and I'm buying more for gifts. Twelve or seventy, this story is for everyone who believe in the power of the imagination.

I enjoyed Everland quite a bit! The story was entertaining and the characters fun to read about. I did think that this book was a little violent for young readers, but as an adult it didn't bother me very much. Can't wait for next book to come out!

A different take on Peter Pan. This book is undeniably innovative, in the way that the story of Peter plays out in a London that can be seen as a cross of Steampunk and Dystopian grandeur.

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