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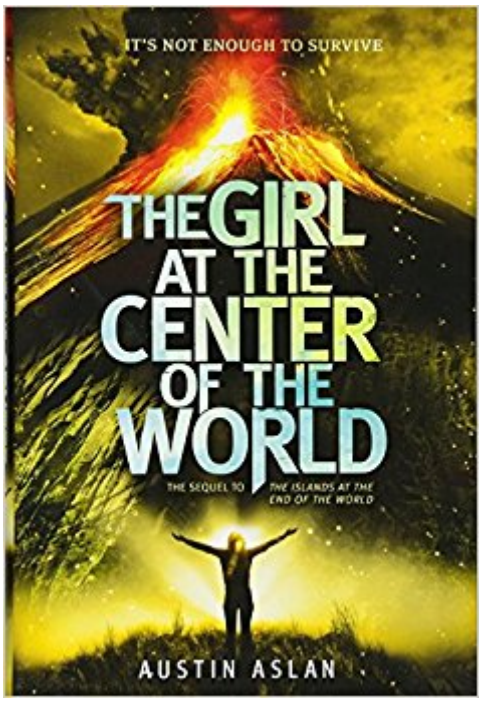

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Synopsis

In this fast-paced, exhilarating sequel to the acclaimed The Islands at the End of the World, Leilani and her family on the Big Island of Hawaiâ ™i face the challenge of survival in the world of the Emerald Orchid, a green presence that appeared in the sky after a global blackout. As the Hawaiian Islands go back to traditional ways of living, people must grow their own food and ration everything from gas to bullets. Medicine is scarce; a simple infection can mean death. Old tensions and new enemies emerge. And one girl, Leilani, is poised to save her world.

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

Grade Level: 7 and up

Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Upâ "Leilani's epilepsy gave her the ability to communicate with the entity protecting the Earth in The Islands at the End of the World (Random, 2014); now she must face the consequences of her decision to keep it here. Humanity may be safe from its own folly, but it continues to struggle without its conveniences, especially in isolated places like Hawai'i. To survive, Lei's community returns to the old ways as opposed to the selfishness and turf wars of others. They are far from safe though. When real trouble surfaces, the tension increases three-fold, gripping teens straight to the end. Once again the tyrant sheriff appears, and this time he wants Lei. Yet, a greater threat comes from the mysterious voice that wants to send the Orchids away. While certain elements are sci-fi,

this postapocalyptic novel is steeped in realism. The book devotes much of its time to the difficulties of this new life, and as various parties share their experiences, Lei questions whether she is doing the right thing. Not all is bleak though, for there are moments of happiness, especially when romance finally blooms. Lei is a remarkable character who carries the weight of the world on her shoulders, but she hardly does it alone. VERDICT An engaging and poignant follow-up with weighty and powerful themes of survival, cooperation, and human nature.â ”Rachel Forbes, Oakville Public Library, Ontario, Canada

Kirkus Reviews(6/01/15)"... Sharing its predecessor’s strengths, a suspenseful plot and compelling characters with emotional depth, this sequel effectively depicts the true and lasting costs of violence, even when its use is justified. As in the prior book, the ways the characters react to growing chaos remain entirely convincing, and the setting is vividly realized. Â Â Â Â Â Exciting and fast-paced entertainment with a thoughtful subtext asking readers to ponder the interconnectedness of life on a fragile planet. (Science fiction. 12-18)"

I was right: he did get better. The use of language to build imagery is like poetry. Okay, so I don’t really like poetry, but this story is a joy.

Fascinating sequel...and now I want another! Very imaginative but realistic story about life in Hawai’i when there are no electronics or world wide communications, no phones, TV or so much that we take for granted. Characters I cared about. Evil bad guy and his followers. Smart, strong but vulnerable teen age girl heroine. Intriguing scenario.

This was a terrific sequel. My whole family liked it, and my daughter will read it again. I have a line of people waiting to borrow the first one and will have to buy a physical copy of this to lend out too.

Love this sequel. I wanted to follow the adventure of these characters & get to know them better & know I can. Lots of action here & a strong & smart heroine. I ordered it for all the YA girls in my life!

It was a good book but I didn’t enjoy it nearly as much as I did the first one.

This is an excellent sequel to the islands at the end of the world. I was spellbound by both and could not put them down.

My husband got really into these books and said he'd really recommend them! :)

I waited 8 months to get my hands in the second book, and it was worth it! Great story for all ages!

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