

I Am Margaret



Synopsis

Look, if you don't pass... said Bane, "I'll have to see what I can do about it. Because... well, I've been counting on marrying you for a very long time, now, and I've no intention of letting anything stop me!" IN MARGO'S WORLD, IF YOU DON'T PASS YOUR SORTING AT 18 YOU ARE RECYCLED. LITERALLY. Margaret Verrall dreams of marrying the boy she loves and spending her life with him. But she's part of the underground network of Believers and that carries the death penalty. And there's just one other problem. She's going to fail her Sorting. But a chance to take on the system ups the stakes beyond mere survival. Now she has to break out of the Facility - or face the worst punishment of all. Conscious Dismantlement.

"Great style and very good characters and pace. Definitely a book worth reading, like The Hunger Games." Eoin Colfer, author of 'Artemis Fowl'.

"An intelligent, well-written and enjoyable debut from a young writer with a bright future." Stewart Ross, author of 'The Soterion Mission'.

"This book invaded my dreams." SR. MARY CATHERINE BLOOM O.P.

'I Am Margaret' is the first book in the series and was one of 2 runners-up for the CALA Award 2016. Book 3 in the series, 'Liberation', was nominated for the Carnegie Medal Award 2016 and came 3rd in the CPA Book Awards.

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Customer Reviews

This is the first book in an EXCELLENT series. It is similar to the Hunger Games in that it is a dystopian future fictional world in which children's lives are taken by the government and used, but even more believable. It is set in the near-future, maybe 50 years from now, I think. It is worse than Hunger Games as far as what the government actually does, and the massive scale of deaths. To me, it is far scarier to consider; this definitely sounds like it could happen in the not-too-distant future. But, it is more hopeful AND less violence-is-the-answer than The Hunger Games. In general, over the entire series, there is a stronger message of faith, integrity, hope, and forgiveness than normally found in Dystopian fiction. This is a breath of fresh air to me. I just finished the whole series, and I think I will start reading it all through again. I would highly recommend it for all those who are moved by strong characters with integrity despite weaknesses, and Dystopian future novels, in the vein of Brave New World by Aldous Huxley and 1984 by George Orwell.

This book was well written and kept my interest until the end. Many books I read a bit, skip a bit and then end up putting it down. I loved the whole series. I could see it appealing to a wide age group. We need more literature like this.

Thoroughly enjoyed this fast-paced novel! Along with a thrilling plot and intriguing setting, I enjoyed the deft strokes Corinna Turner used to create vivid, memorable characters that were often as relatable as they were heroic. I especially appreciated her treatment of faith in this dystopia setting, which set it above many other works of the genre (for something so elemental, it appears largely ignored in most, or poorly handled); while she didn't shirk pushing her characters into hard decisions and making difficult moral choices, the consequences and complications of each were well illustrated as well, always revealing the humanity of the characters. Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable read!

I truly liked the book a lot and will continue the series. I'm a reading teacher and I believe my students would really like this, boys and girls alike.

I thought the author thesis statement was clear, and had great building to the climax and resolution. I was surprised at the swearing and bad language many of the Catholic characters used, but maybe the author thought the Catholics needed to say that to avoid being caught. I hope the other books don't have such bad language.

Ordered the Kindle version this afternoon and sped through it. Phenomenal! So worth the read with an exciting plot. It was extremely dark in spots, be warned. But it does make you think about what you would do in Margaret's place. How strong is your faith? Pray that you are not put to the test. Looking forward to book 2.

Well written and well paced. It lives in a dystopian future that is within the realm of possibility. Loved the natural way the Catholic faith was integrated within some of the characters lives.

This YA novel of a dystopian future Britain - in which those who aren't smart enough, genetically perfect enough, or politically correct enough are "dismantled" to provide spare parts for those who made the grade - is a compelling read.

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