

Title: *Dustborn*
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Genre: Science-fiction

Reviewer Name and Grade: Dasun A., 9th Grade
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Dustborn is a post-apocalyptic story of a young woman called Delta of Dead River. Living a difficult life in the vast deserts known as The Wastes, she is one of many who are constantly searching for resources. In the Wastes, it's almost impossible to trust anyone. People will kill for any advantage. There are dust squalls, geomagnetic storms, and solar flares where she is living. It's almost like hell. What makes her life harder is the fact that she is bearing a huge secret. As a child, she and her best friend Asher were branded a map to the Verdant, a paradise. Unfortunately, only the "god touched" can read it. In the story, Delta's sister is pregnant, and has gone into labor. The pack believes she can't deliver the baby by herself, but she delivers the baby, and her sister dies in the process. On the way back to her Dead River, her village, she finds out it's been attacked by dark clothed men of the loyalists. Everyone was tragically brutally murdered, or kidnapped. Asher and her mother are kidnapped, so Delta takes the baby that her sister delivered, and goes on a treacherous journey to save her family. Along the way she helps others including an old childhood friend. On the way Delta is captured by the evil loyalists. She must then choose to try to trade the map info for her people. Delta is very brave and smart. She is determined to overcome all the difficulties she faces and finally she succeeds. Another main character is an old woman named Harlie, who lives by herself. She is courageous. The plot is casted beautifully and has plenty of twists and turns. Characters This book is a very interesting Science Fiction/Thriller enjoyer, and I would definitely read this again.

Did the plot (for fiction) or presentation of information (for nonfiction) keep you interested?

Yes

Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?

Just right

What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?

Grade 8 and up

What type of reader would you recommend this book to?

Fiction reader

What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?

No comment

Rating:

I rate this book 5 stars because it was written really well, and I enjoyed it.