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The Variant Saga: A Dystopian Sci-fi Epic



Synopsis

200 years after the world ends, their future begins. In 2157, a mysterious gas known as Variant spreads across the globe, killing or mutating most organic life. The surviving humans take refuge in an underground city, determined to return home. But after generations of failures and botched attempts, hope is beginning to dwindle. That is, until a young scientist makes a unique discovery--and everything changes. Suddenly, there's reason to hope again, and it rests within a group of genetically engineered children that are both human and Variant. Terry is one of these children, modified and trained to endure the harsh conditions of a planet he cannot begin to understand. After years of preparation, Terry thinks he knows what to expect. But the reality is far stranger than anything he can imagine--and what he will become is far more dangerous. Read the series one reviewer Donald G. Simpson says: "This is one of the best put together science fiction books I have read in years. The character development is strong from start to finish. There are no loose ends or rabbit trails ... everything ties together. The only regret I had in reading this book was when I looked and saw there were only eight pages left...I can't wait to see if there is a follow up to this great start. You will not believe it is this author's first book!" The Variant Saga boxset includes all four books in the series. 1300+ pages. 1,000+ five-star reviews. Find out why people are so intrigued by this thrilling dystopian, science fiction epic. You won't believe the twists and turns this saga takes!

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Customer Reviews

Review for the Amber Project: Terry has just turned 7 and is going to start "school." He has grown up in an underground city and does not know that when he goes to school, which is actually more like a military boarding school, he will never see his mother and sister again. Once there, he begins to learn more about his city and the world around them. 200 years previously, almost the entire population of the earth was wiped out by a gas called Variant. The survivors built an underground society that is now deteriorating. Terry is different than most children in the fact that he has been genetically engineered to be able to breathe the Variant gas. Although he does not know it, he spends his childhood being trained to one day go above ground. He and his classmates are humanity's last hope for survival. I absolutely loved this book! I love dystopian anyway, but this one was pretty unique. It did take me a while to adjust to the writing style but once I was about halfway, I started being unable to put the book down. The character development was a little slow for me and the pace was a little odd. The story is told over many years as Terry grows into a young adult. I really enjoyed the book the most once Terry actually went to the surface. Things picked up quite a lot at that point and I was really eager to find out what happened. The ending was really fantastic - a great resolution and I am definitely quite eager to find out what happens next :-)

This book is a rare treat. The author spins a tale of two worlds on the brink of extinction in such a realistic way, readers can virtually see everything he's writing. It has your action, adventure, fighting, and a little comic relief thrown in occasionally as well. It's incredible to me that this was his first foray into professional writing. Anyone who enjoys science fiction will thoroughly enjoy this series. It was definitely hard to put down. I spent my entire weekend reading, to the exclusion of everything I was supposed to be doing (oops, sorry honey). I recommend this series to everyone with the ability to read; good for all ages. I look forward to more by this author.

The Amber Project: Holy dystopia! The Amber Project is a great dystopian journey. This is a genre I love to read and sometimes get a little iffy on how much it will differ from others in the same genre. The author sets the setting so that you are right there. The characters all feel incredibly real. You will connect with them very quickly. Humans are trying to keep their race going while living

underground. The earth has been destroyed by the gas, Variant. During the entire story you are given snippets of audio recording from past and present regarding Variant and the various experiments the scientists and the military have been working on. During all of this you live and feel what the genetically altered kids are going through. You see why and how they are taken from their homes and sent to a place where they are trained like soldiers. And finally you experience the changes that they face internally and externally. They are forced to go to the surface for a mission. Many things are unknown and very dangerous. The journey they take and the uprisings going on below the surface are sure to keep you stuck on the story. The ending is very well written. It's enough to wrap up this story but more than enough to keep you waiting on pins and needles for the next. This is my first story by JN Chaney and absolutely, under no circumstances, be the last. Well done!

Transient Echoes: Just wow! I need more! This story picks up a few years after The Amber Project. We find out that Terry has been transported to another planet. Mei is working at the ruins but also has her own agenda on trying to find out what happened to Terry. The point of views go back and forth between the unknown planet and Earth. The world building is incredible. Earth is still nothing like we know of it today and the way the author describes the new Earth and the unknown planet that Terry is on is hard to resist. We get to experience Terry's trials as he decides if he is going to continue to survive or not. And on the other hand we see Mei and John go through their own trials deciding if they need to move forward or not, on the low, to try and find out what happened to Terry. Both sides meet great new characters and many new journeys start. I have to warn you that this story is not like The Amber Project. Our characters have grown and are in completely different areas of their lives. I love how Transient Echoes compliments the Amber Project. It's different and exciting! Kudos to JN Chaney for another great story!

Hope Everlasting: Oh my gods! The story just keeps getting better and better. Each installment in this series is different from the other one. The world building expands in the greatest way and each new character is full of surprises. All the characters add something unique to the story that will keep you on the edge of your seat. And best of all...who can you trust? Loyalty and trust are huge in this story. Everyone is in search of the truth and an impending war is upon us. Our characters from Earth are right in the middle of the mess. Everlasting is a city full of technology and power. This city cannot breath the Variant air. All of the other natives to Kant are more primitive and with many different religious beliefs. When all of this clashes things really get out of hand. It's a very emotional book that just does not stop. There is the perfect combination of emotion and action to make this an incredible addition to this series. Sending kudos to the author on this one! Well done!

The Vernal Memory: An outstanding conclusion to this series! Just wow! The rebellion has made themselves known to our

Earthling characters. For me, I found trust and loyalty were major factors in the story in general. Once again I found this to get stronger throughout this story. Throw an intense amount of greed in there and you have the perfect twist to an amazing ending. Terry has set out to help Garden (the rebels) find a weapon to help stop the Leadership in Everlasting. John Finn (Terry's best friend from Earth) is helping Everlasting to locate Garden to bring the rebel leader in. Mei Curie (our other Earth best friend) is working on locating a cure for the Variant air. When all of them end up on different sides of this war the rollercoaster of action and emotion get intense! All of our Earthlings have made special bonds and friendships with natives of Kant. This is a place of the impossible becoming possible. Curiosity and countering traditional thought is what brings this book out on top. The twists and turns in this story are more than enough to justify the late nights spent reading this series. Once again this author has given us another amazing story that makes this series absolutely extraordinary. Bravo!!

JN Chaney is a new writer for me. I bought the whole series but the first book made me doubt my choice. I kept on and then the story became more than interesting. It kept me late at night because I wanted to see what was coming next. The whole concept of the story was very good and the execution excellent. The characters kept developing and the descriptions of the environment very imaginative. The presentation of the chapters was clever and the quotations at the beginning of every book show that the writer knew what he was writing about. I recommend it to anyone who loves a good adventure combined with lots of plausible sci-fi.

This is a must read for all science fiction fans and then some. I really enjoyed this series. The characters were fully developed especially the three main ones Mei, John and Terri. The book follows them from age 7 and on. Three friends who formed a bond that took them from early and sometimes painful school life through adulthood. While on an adventure one friend was lost and found alive and well on another planet or parallel universe. Friendship was the motivating force of the series. It was hard to put the books down until I finished them. Very good!

It took a while to get to read book four in the series. I almost saw the young boy, Terry, grew up, become a man, become lost on an alien planet and now eventually able to return to earth, instead settling on Kant (i.e. if one can call adventuring on Kant as settling down). I have never read as fascinating a dystopian series such as this Variant Saga. Somehow it is something rather rare and unique in this genre. And it is a series that will always evoke warm feelings of wonder from me. Now

in box set form, you simply cannot pass this set by. Enjoy.

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