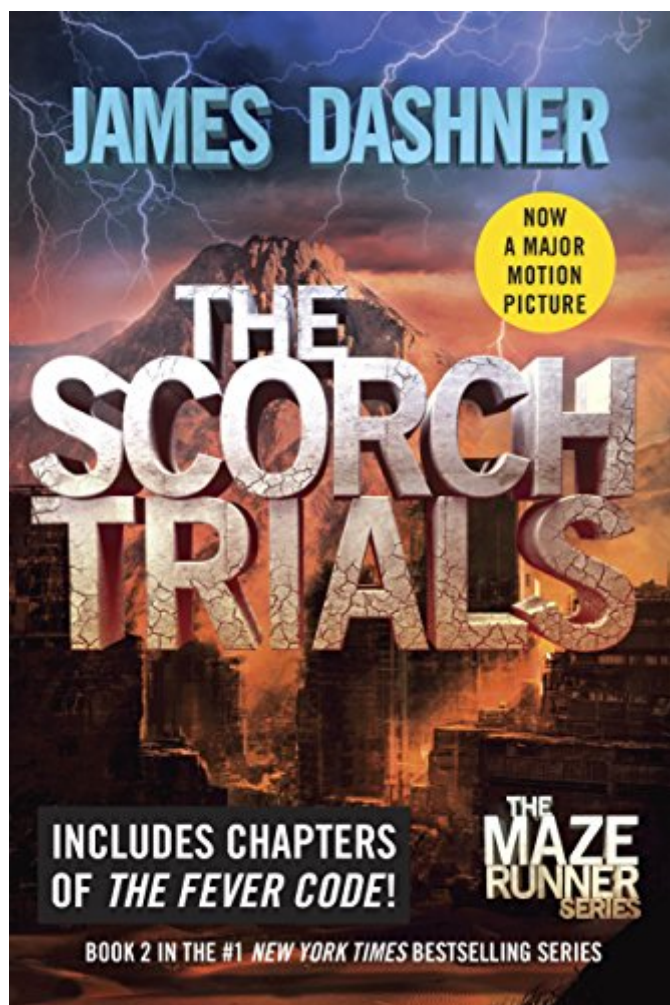


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The Scorch Trials (The Maze Runner, Book 2)



Synopsis

The second book in the blockbuster phenomenon The Maze Runner series now features chapters from The Fever Code, the highly-anticipated conclusion to the MAZE RUNNER SERIES—the novel that finally reveals how the maze was built! Thomas was sure that escape from the Maze would mean freedom for him and the Gladers. But WICKED isn't done yet. Phase Two has just begun. The Gladers have two weeks to cross through the Scorch—the most burned-out section of the world. And WICKED has made sure to adjust the variables and stack the odds against them. Friendships will be tested. Loyalties will be broken. All bets are off. There are others now. Their survival depends on the Gladers' destruction and they're determined to survive.

The Maze Runner and Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials are now major motion pictures featuring the star of MTV's Teen Wolf, Dylan O'Brien; Kaya Scodelario; Aml Ameen; Will Poulter; and Thomas Brodie-Sangster. The third movie, Maze Runner: The Death Cure, will hit screens in 2018. Also look for James Dashner's edge-of-your-seat MORTALITY DOCTRINE series!

Praise for the Maze Runner series:

- A #1 New York Times Bestselling Series
- A USA Today Bestseller
- A Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of the Year
- An ALA-YASLA Best Fiction for Young Adults Book
- An ALA-YALSA Quick Pick

"[A] mysterious survival saga that passionate fans describe as a fusion of Lord of the Flies, The Hunger Games, and Lost." EW.com

"Wonderful action writing—fast-paced—but smart and well observed." Newsday

"[A] nail-biting must-read." Seventeen.com

"Breathless, cinematic action." Publishers Weekly

"Heart pounding to the very last moment." Kirkus Reviews

"Exclamation-worthy." Romantic Times

"James Dashner's illuminating prequel [The Kill Order] will thrill fans of this Maze Runner [series] and prove just as exciting for readers new to the series." Shelf Awareness, Starred

"Take a deep breath before you start any James Dashner book."—Deseret News

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Customer Reviews

After reading The Maze Runner, which I found absolutely brilliant, I naturally went straight into the sequel. Unfortunately, I found the Scorch Trials quite a trial to read. Whereas The Maze Runner was full of mysteries that I pondered and couldn't wait to be resolved, The Scorch Trials seemed to put the characters through a whole lot of suffering and death for no reason other than for suffering's sake. There wasn't the same degree of mysteries and questions, and the setting of endless desert didn't even begin to compare to the brilliance of the maze in the previous book. Seemed to be a lot less character development as well, but could be explained as a consequence of spending the whole book on a journey. Still, a disappointing read on the whole, and a rather too repetitive ending.

So I'm pretty sure this book gave me more questions than answers and the ending left me cranky because of reasons, but for the most part it was an enjoyable read. This really is a cool dystopian world and I do enjoy trying to figure out what the heck is going on. Thomas is a great MC and I really love reading from his perspective. He is a great character and the kind of character it is very easy to root for. It's amazing how much he has been through and how he

continues to persevere. I also love Newt and I really missed him in this one and wish he had gotten more page time. Then we have Teresa who was a character I LOVED, so if you've read the book I'm sure you know I'm not thrilled with some of the developments concerning her character. That was probably my biggest struggle with the book. I was so frustrated with the things surrounding her. Also, the kinda sorta love triangle wasn't exactly my cup of tea, but whatever. The other thing that got to me a bit was that it did feel like a filler book in parts. Sure we moved along and got some answers, BUT there were aspects that felt repetitive to me. As a whole I liked the story and I found myself listening at every chance I got. I mean it's bananas and so much is going on. It's just when I think back on it, I wish more had developed in the answer department. The audio for this one is awesome. Mark Deakins is great and does a fantastic job with all of the different character voices. I'm always engaged and hooked. The Scorch Trials is a good follow up to The Maze Runner. While I enjoyed the first book more, I still really enjoyed this one as well and I can't wait to see where the series goes next.

The Scorch Trials...how can I say it? I'm a little disappointed and a little intrigued at the same time. The disappointment part? Well, I feel like I know NOTHING about what's really going on in this series. It's like being handed a box, someone describing what's in it in a roundabout way, and then opening it only to find that it doesn't make sense what you're looking at. I'm just totally confused as to what this WICKED means. I'm even more confused about why they had to go through the Maze and The Scorch Trials. I'm confused why Thomas was placed in that room by his so-called friends. Why he likes Teresa? What is it about her other than his connection in the past? And why she does the things she does? Every character, even when they know stuff, are very cryptic. My questions and aggravation are endless with this book. The intriguing part??? It goes along with the disappointment. Let's just say I couldn't stop reading it because I was so hoping to get some inkling of what's really going on. I held on to hope like Thomas from the very beginning that the answers will be revealed. Unfortunately, there was none. I have no idea what's the purpose of the kids going through so much turmoil and dying. Is it even worth it what they're doing? I hoped that Mr. Dashner would have revealed something, anything, to show the tribulations that these kids are going through are worth the means to the end. I didn't mind the Maze Runner being so mysterious, but this one only makes the mystery more aggravating because more is added with no resolve. I would give it two stars because of my aggravation, but I gave it three because it did keep my attention. Admittedly, it was an exciting read. Didn't care too much for the monsters and zombies, but it's an

element that oddly enough brings 'life' to the book. Will I be purchasing the final installment? I'll think about it. I just feel like I've been lead into a story with a lot of secrets that the author is not willing to share. Makes me wonder will the third book reveal anything at all.

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