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Grip: A SciFi Dystopian Thriller (The Slip Trilogy Book 2)



Synopsis

In a tumultuous world of population control, one illegal orphan has slipped through the cracks. Now, as a teenager, Benson Kelly has escaped certain death at the hands of the Department of Population Control, only to find himself the symbol of a rebellion, something he never intended. While trying to survive one day at a time, Benson seeks to unravel the tangled knot of secrets left behind when his father died, the key to which has something to do with his mother, Janice Kelly, recently escaped from the insane asylum. As the rebel group known as the Lifers continue to use brute force to send a message to the government, Benson's twin, Harrison Kelly, seeks to exploit a loophole that could be the key to freedom for his brother. All that's required is a simple act of murder. Meanwhile, Population Control's attack dog, a sadistic cyborg known as The Destroyer, closes in on Benson and his family. His directive: Kill them all. Faith, family and love will be pushed to the limits in the GRIPping sequel to Slip.

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Customer Reviews

Once again David Estes captivates me through this dystopian tale. I fell in love with this series with just the synopsis. I knew I would love it because I'm a huge YA dystopian fan. The writing was flawless and the story flows so nicely that you don't realize that you devoured the entire book in a few hours. I was so captivated in fact that I accidentally burned dinner because I was too engrossed with a chapter. We got introduced to some new players in this book and I have to say some new favorites. Michael Kelly was my favorite character in the last book and I cried so hard for him. My favorite in this book is Harrison. We are seeing him develop into a well balanced young man. He is struggling, flawed and beyond a doubt evolving into someone much more deep than before. I think he is turning into his father which is probably why I am liking him so much more. My favorite part of this book was when Destiny and Harrison get out of the hands of the Destroyer. It was a fast paced sequence of events that had me burning my dinner. Now I want to talk about the Destroyer. This is one twisted psychopath. I think he makes a great villain. I'm petrified of him and even had nightmares. He is just creepy and it makes me sad that this is fiction but his way of thinking is not. It gives me chills. Overall it is one of my favorite YA dystopian series. It is well balanced with action, love, and probability. I would recommend this book and series to all of my YA loving friends.

“You’re more than what the world says you are.”
(Kindle Locations 668-669). Pop Con continues to try to capture and terminate the Slip that is making headlines, showing how ineffective population measures could be. They sent in professionals. They sent in The Destroyer a psychotic cyborg and yet Benson Kelly still manages to escape their clutches. He has even come to symbolize the face of the rebellion against Pop Con and support the Lifers cause. Harrison has more of a role in book two of the Slip Trilogy. He really comes into his own. Harrison, who led a life almost completely opposite that of Benson, is quite impulsive but sticks to his guns when it comes to right and wrong. He may have been lied to his whole life, but he certainly sticks his neck out there for a Slip and what is right. Harrison is charming and witty and certainly thinks a lot of himself, but he doesn’t think twice about helping those he loves. I liked seeing the twist with Destiny. Estes came down a little hard handed with her situation and her feelings towards what happens, but it was interesting seeing a character put through so much and seeing how she reacts and how she feels afterwards. Destiny can rival Harrison at hovering and they are a great pair when evading capture together. Janice is one of the most interesting people in the book. The things she says kinda sorta

make sense but not really. She has the most fascinating insights and says the most odd things. I loved all the action and fighting and character development in this second book of the Trilogy and can't wait for book three and the epic finale I know is coming!

The first book reminded me a lot of Neal Shusterman's Unwind series. This second book is better & stands out more. I like the characters, but the one that really stands out is The Destroyer. (pictured on the cover) He's dangerous, psychotic, & angry. Because he's still so young, you almost feel sorry for him & wonder what in his life went so utterly wrong for him to turn out like this. At the same time, he acts like a rabid animal & should be put down. I wish the other characters had been as well-developed. Once again, the big secret (regarding the key) was predictable. I'm still looking forward to reading the last book, but not sure it's a series I would reread.

I wish that I could have forced myself to read this book more slowly! It's over and I'm sad about that. I have found that many series start off great, and then get progressively worse. David Estes' series don't have this problem. The first book pulls you in, then each book in the series just grabs you even more. Before you know it, you find yourself at the end of the series. I go through sort of a grieving period where I think about the characters constantly and feel so sad that it's over. I love this series so far! The characters are changing just as quickly as the world around them. One of my favorite parts is the articles with comments. Reading the reactions really makes me feel like a part of their world. Ok David, please tell me that I won't have to wait too long for the next book!!

I can usually put a book down for a while, even a good book, for a short while. I could NOT put this down. I think my family thinks I've left the planet; I've been so far 'in' I'm not sure I could've focused very long on the outside world (okay, emergencies excluded). I finished Slip in record time, and I thought it was excellent. Grip is that much better. Kudos to Mr. Estes for keeping the action going and, just when you think you've figured it out, WHAM! You know so little. For book 3, I'm just going to have to go 'dark' for a day, turn off my phone, internet, etc, because once I get my eyes on it I'm not going to be able to see anything else! Home run, Mr. Estes!

I'm going to be honest. I binge read this series from start to finish and I should have reviewed the second book directly after reading it so I would have the details fresh in my mind. But I couldn't. I HAD to buy the 3rd book immediately and now it's all just kind of running together as one amazing story. But. I CAN tell you this book was incredibly suspenseful with no boring downtime gaps, and

was equally as good as the first. Loved it!

Do you know how rare it is to find a YA series like this one? I loved the first one, and thought that it was an interesting premise. Usually, the second book in a series is more of the same stuff rehashed, or just plain worse. But I have to say - this book actually surprised me, and was even better than the first. There were interesting characters, none of whom had any love triangles (praise the Lord), and just enough suspense to keep me turning pages late into the night. PLEASE read this book, because you won't regret it.

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