

The Unknown

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The Unknown is a dystopian book about 8 children being kidnapped. Suddenly waking up in an unknown environment, with all they know ripped away from them, how will they fare? The novel explores the experiences of each individual child, and how they cope with the situation. As the story progresses, there are many instances of action and reflection. An interesting part of the book is the Star Room, where each child faces their own unique difficulties and must overcome them.

The premise of the novel is very interesting. With normal children being taken to an unfamiliar environment with new rules and ways of living, their responses are expected. Even through this, however, the plot of the novel is mysterious and unpredictable to a first reader, a welcome change in contrast to many other formulaic novels. *The Unknown* subverts those expectations, and would be highly recommended to those that tire of books that are essentially the same.

I found this book to be excellent. With an interesting premise, and various plot twists and turns, I found myself surprised at various instances. With mystery and heart-pounding suspense, the narration was excellent. Now with a second book, the sequel deserves its own review. J W Lynne is an amazing writer, and uses many intricacies and techniques to fully capture the reader. Riveting plot and character development, a great read for anyone who enjoys thrillers and dystopian novels. Amazing engagement and writing for its top-notch content and execution. Sequel is also highly recommended. I would recommend this novel to anyone above 12 years old, as earlier ages may feel a little uneasy with the themes and the language.

Recommended Titles:

The Haven by J.W. Lynne

The Divergent Series by Veronica Roth

The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins