

Maze Runner Book 2: The Scorch Trials

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The second book of the Maze Runner Trilogy was just as good as the first. But instead of being a puzzle like *The Maze*, they now have instructions to cross the Scorch (the area where the Sun Flare hit) and make it to the other end of it. Will all of them make it alive? What challenges will they face?

The first challenge that they faced was that there were people all over the Scorch. Now these aren't your normal people, these are people infected with a mind-controlling disease called the Flare. It literally turns them into zombies so they don't feel pain, are super strong, and would kill you and eat you if you were near. That is one of the main problems.

Another challenge that they face is that they are racing against time. As long as they are out there in the Scorch they too are becoming infected with the Flare. The Flare's mind-control process speeds up the more you use your brain. Everybody on the trip across the Flare has to think a lot about things that others don't have to, making them very susceptible to the disease.

This was one of the better books I've read because I liked the adventure in it and the foreshadowing James Dashner used. I think this book would be good for 10 and up. It has some creepy parts in it and some sad ones but overall it fits perfectly into the storyline.