

Eve

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After the plague wiped out most of the planet, everything was in chaos. People were scared, to the point where they decided to let a man known as the King lead them. The King built a society off the backs of poor orphans. He ordered for boys to be sent to labor camps and girls to be sent to Schools. Eve is one of those girls. She was taught the ways of the arts and of the evil ways of men. The School tells them they will all be sent to a grand city to be the future teachers of New America, but Eve finds out that the School had something much more sinister in mind. She then decides to escape and run away into the wild with Arden. They meet Caleb, a boy, someone Eve was taught to despise at School. Together, they begin an arduous journey to a place of safety, Califia. Eve will encounter many obstacles, sacrifices, and hard choices ahead.

I thought Eve was a great book to read. The start of the book definitely hooked me in with Eve's letter. As much I despised Carey's idea of a dystopian world, it very much piqued my interest. Can you believe in living in a world where orphans are used like slaves, whether it's for labor or birth. Carey writing style was also wonderful, she knew how to make the reader feel sympathy for the characters, even the minor ones. And that cliffhanger was not what I was expecting.

Though there are some things to watch out for in Eve. I had a bit of trouble connecting with Eve. She's rather naive and ignorant. I feel like Eve's character and relationships could have been better developed. Eve somehow suddenly fell in love with the first boy she met. The same could be said for the worldbuilding. Anna Carey mentions a plague that allowed the King to gain leverage on the people but doesn't elaborate any further than that. The readers should know that there is mention of rape in the story. For that reason, Eve would be best for anyone 13 years and up. Happy Reading!

Recommendations:

Frost by MP Kozlowsky

This Savage Song by Victoria Schwab

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Once by Anna Carey (Sequel to Eve)