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On the run after the uprising at the Academy, Blake and Kay have ended up with the criminals and the crazies in the place of childhood nightmares, the Wilderness. Here, in a ghost city, they find a bloodthirsty captain training a ruthless Resistance who are everything Blake has hoped for, except for one thing: they're a bunch of kids. Blake thinks he can use the Resistance's plans to get close enough to kill his father, The Leader, ending his brutal and bloody treatment of the underclass. Simple. But what Blake discovers about his father and the devastating methods of the Resistance is anything by simple. Who is controlling the country? And who can he really trust?

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Misty says

I don't know why, but it felt like I waited a million years for this book, when in truth, it was about ten months ago that I read the first, I guess I've just been that excited to read it and luckily it didn't disappoint. The first book, The Disappeared, was a great introduction to this world and we got to learn a great deal about it from Blake because he started his life in one part of it and ends up seeing a whole new side to his world when he is forced into an Academy. In The Wilderness we see and learn even more when he escapes into the Wilderness and joins the resistance, we literally see the other side of the fence and how people live there and as usual it's not all as it seems. I liked the way the story played out and I liked how the book ended, basically I really, really liked it! C.J. Harper is great at telling a story and building up the tension until the final moments.

I have to be honest though, sometimes Blake got on my nerves, he's way too negative about everything and can be pretty big headed and judgemental but his heart is in the right place and his budding relationship with Kay is all kinds of cute so I forgive him because he does at least try to do the right thing. Kay on the other hand I really like, she's a badass and smart but people always underestimate her because of a limited vocabulary which is a shame but something she can use to her advantage. I also have to mention new guy Ven because I just loved hating him lol He's a total dick out loud but his sarcasm made me laugh and a lot of the time I could see through it, by the end I felt like I could read him, no pun intended! So, yeah, if you liked the first book then don't miss this because it's frigging awesome!

Angela says

Decent YA dystopian with plenty of action to keep younger viewers hooked.

When I requested this, I was not aware it was a sequel so I didn't feel as empathetic to the plot or any of the characters had I read the first book, but nevertheless, I still enjoyed it for the most part.

The writing was good and descriptive but at times seemed very repetitive. I found most of the characters rather annoying but in hindsight I think this was due to the approximate age of them and the age-group this book is actually aimed at.

A decent read, but definitely aimed at a younger audience than myself. Have recommended to a colleague's teenage son and he seemed rather keen to get hold of this.

An advance reader copy was kindly supplied by the publisher via Netgalley

Jacqui Hale says

I didn't enjoy this book as much as the first (the Disappeared) but it was still good. Got through it really quickly and liked where the story was going. Can't find out if there is going to be a third book, if not, the book doesn't really end well! If there is a third book in the series I will definitely read it when it comes out.

Amy says

Depends how well the first book goes ;) I think it's released on the 13th March :)

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Deirdre says

Blake and Kay have to keep trying to survive and keep working on resisting the powers that be, they find more out about the past and discover that outside the city things are nasty brutish and short.

Meh, nothing impressive for me here. Very much a bridging novel and I'm not sure I care enough about what's next.
