



Among the Enemy

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Download now

Read Online ➞

Among the Enemy

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Among the Enemy Margaret Peterson Haddix

HIDE OR FIGHT?

Matthias, an illegal third child, is caught in the cross fire between rebels and the Population Police. When he unwittingly saves a Population Police officer, Matthias is brought to Population Police headquarters to train as an officer himself. There he meets Nina, another third-born who enlists his help in a plot to undermine the Population Police. But Matthias is under constant scrutiny, and he has no idea whom he can trust. What can one boy do against a wicked bureaucracy?

Among the Enemy Details

Date : Published August 22nd 2006 by Aladdin (first published May 17th 2005)

ISBN : 9780689857973

Author : Margaret Peterson Haddix

Format : Paperback 240 pages

Genre : Young Adult, Science Fiction, Dystopia, Fiction

 [Download Among the Enemy ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Among the Enemy ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Among the Enemy Margaret Peterson Haddix

From Reader Review Among the Enemy for online ebook

01cathrynd says

Among the Enemy by: Margaret Peterson Haddix

This book was amazing! This whole series was amazing! I read all 7 books in about 15 days. Wow, right? Well, that doesn't happen very often for me. This series I had read once before but I didn't really pay much attention before. This series is really good. It is full of suspense and is full of action. It also has some comedy and some romance throughout the series. These books are around 200 pages each so, they aren't very big. I was going to do my review on the whole series, but I wasn't exactly sure how to do that so I picked my favorite book and that book is number six out of the seven.

Matthias, Percy, and Alia are like the three musketeers. They are "family" and stick together. They go to Niedler School. One day, they were all sound asleep when the Population Police came and decided that they were going to retreat the whole school to become future Population Police themselves. They, loaded them all in a truck. Percy, Matthias and Alia are all scared and are plotting to escape. Matthias found a nail on the floor of the truck and used that to cut their belts that were holding them down. He then found a hole on the floor and threw the nail and it popped the tire. The truck crashed in the trees and a tree landed on the truck. Percy and Matthias were okay, but the tree had hit Alia on the head. So, Percy and Matthias got away with Alia and they were journeying through the woods to find a place for them to rest. They find this little shack and were about to come out of the woods when all of a sudden they heard gun fire and people shouting at each other. They saw that the Population Police were there shooting the people who were in the shack. So, they ran back into the woods, but as they were running back, Percy got shot in the leg and soon passed out. Matthias waited for the Population Police to leave and then he went into the shack where he found a secret door under the floor. It was a secret room with some food and lanterns and cots. He bandaged up their wounds then, he headed out to Mr. Hendricks house. Mr. Hendricks house was maybe a good 5 or 6 miles away. He got there and brought Mrs. Talbot back with him in a beat up car. When they got there, a Population Police was there and there was somebody in the woods shooting at him. So, he got the Population Police in the car and he saved him. The Police's name was Tidwell (Tiddy). Tiddy recruited Matthias and soon, Tiddy died from poison. Tidwell was one of the commanders favorites so since Matthias had saved his life, the commander really liked him and treated him like a son. Mike (one of Tidwell's friends) started hanging around him and he found his friend Nina. Matthias had secret meetings with Nina and they came up with a plan to escape with their friends. So, they do the plan and end up back at Mr. Hendricks house where Percy and Alia are recovering great with Mrs. Talbot.

Now, there is one more book, so it kind of just leaves you hanging and I also left out a lot of detail so if you liked reading this then I definitely recommend this series to you. Hope you take me up on that and enjoy! :D

Vianni Richards says

Among the Enemy was an astonishing book about a boy named Matthias losing his friends who have been with him for as long as he could remember. I liked the way the author used the point of view of someone from the 3rd book in the series now in the 6th. It was cool how I knew what Matthias was talking about when he had his flashbacks.

Nolann_E1 says

"Among the Enemy," written by Margaret Peterson Haddix is a book that has a lot of cliffhangers, suspense, it is constantly unraveling mysteries, and really draws you in, making you feel like your actually in the scene. I recommend this book to readers who love realistic fiction.

In this book, you can really feel the characters emotion, like if he's sad, angry, confused, etc.... It's just so detailed. I really like how the author makes each book about someone else, not about the same person in every book. He creates different points of view, a different perspective on the same event which keeps the series interesting. It really feels like this author put her heart and soul into this book.

In this book, Matthias is the main character. Although there are other important characters as well, it really focuses on Matthias.

Sometimes I imagine what if I was Matthias or a third child, how would I react differently or how would I react, what would I do. Honestly, I don't know. I think that others should read and enjoy this book.

This book reminds me of the real world and how we are already struggling with problems like ISIS and starting wars when another option would be possible.

Andy McCoy says

Matthias is a twelve year old boy who is a third child. The population police said that a family can only have two kids. Matthias and his friends were at school when the population police came in and put all of the kids in trailers because they are all third children and tied them up. Eventually Matthias breaks the ropes and he tries to get his friends out. The truck that was pulling the traller instantly hits a tree. It falls on the truck. Alia, one of Matthias friends, is knocked out. Percy, his other friend, helps Matthias get Alia out. They are in the forest near the population police headquarters.. On their journey to a safe place the Population Police shoots Percy but then Matthias has to make a decision to try to save one of his friends or get himself to safety.

This was a really good book. I hope everybody decided to read this series. This book was one of the best books in the series, because it is action packed and the new characters are so cool because they are different. Luke in the first book always knew what to do, and I knew that he would be safe but Matthias is so different and you don't know if he'll be okay. The only better book is the first one because I like the main character, because I can relate to him.

Leo says

MINOR SPOILERS HERE, BUT YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE IT COMING ANYWAY

Okay, I'm tired of this series. It's gone on too long, there's barely any progress in any of the books, and every time Percy, Matthias, or Aliah says "it's all GOD's plan", I cringe because of how forced it sounds. Thank goodness there's only one more book to go because if this went any longer, I would cry.

This story has many problems. First of all, every one of the six books goes nowhere. First book? It takes 200 pages for some kid to leave his home. Second book? It takes 300 pages for that kid to find out the truth about the boarding school he's in. Third book? The series switches to a totally NEW character that we've never HEARD ABOUT before and goes on some plot line that was barely even related to the overall conflict. I'm sorry, that's 250 pages of my life I'll never get back.

Fourth book? Some rich people get crushed by a chandelier. Fifth book? We finally get some progress when we discover this rebellion going on and the underground espionage spying on the evil police guys, and

finally, in this book, we find out the evil police guys aren't even evil. They're just misguided, which brings me to my second complaint: This book had one major issue with the plot.

Okay, this is probably getting confusing, so let me back up a bit. There's a world where third children are outlawed because of a food shortage. There's these police who call themselves the Population Police, (what an original name), and kill any third children they find. However, there are many third children in hiding, and also rebels who try to stop this "evil". (Notice how I quote "evil" because they really aren't. For the last time, they're just misguided.)

Anyway, in the fifth book, we find out the government IS the Population Police, so I guess you could say the third children are kind of screwed right now. Margaret Peterson Haddix probably wants to take things up a notch, but I still don't feel any suspense. I'll get to that later. The government is the Population Police, so they're being all cruel with their methods of running the country and stuff. Also in the fifth book, (it's like everything important happens in that book), one of these third children stumble upon a list of third children with fake identities by CHANCE. Seriously, talk about lucky.

Now in the sixth book, everything apparently comes to a climax, but I really don't see anything that hints that other than the rebellion is attacking the Population Police and stuff. (Spoiler alert: it's only mentioned several times so... should I really be excited about this?) One of the things I hate about this story is that we switch to yet ANOTHER character. In the first two books, it was Luke Garner. Then some stranger named Nina. Then some stranger name Trey. Now some stranger named Matthias who was only mentioned I think... three books ago? I wouldn't really mind all the character-switching, but the issue is how they all sound the same. All of them start off scared, and then they do some heroic achievement and go all "Hey, that wasn't so bad! It looks like I really can be brave!"

Groan

Wow...I really got off track there. Here's the big flaw in this book, now that I'm done ranting about all the other minor flaws in the series. The big flaw in this book, (actually, in the entire series), is how we're supposed to believe that the rebels are the protagonists and the Population Police is the antagonist. How?!!! They all do the same things! If I remember correctly, it said in the first book that the reason the Population Police was actually formed was because of food shortages! There was actually a good reason to it, and as far as I can tell, the food shortages are still going on! So rebels, stop talking about how third children deserve to live and have their rights and all that stuff, it's not like those third children parents had sex by accident. And besides, if I recall correctly, it also said in the first book that they had the technology to stop this kind of stuff from happening. So technically these rebels are actually the cause of the famines and thus the cause of the creation of the Population Police?

Yes, this really makes you think twice who the good guys really are. If you compare them, the Population Police...

- 1.) Kill third borns and rebels
- 2.) Makes sure there's no food shortage

While the rebels are...

- 1.) Kill Population Police and
- 2.) Create third children, even when they know it's going to starve a whole bunch of other people

So...who's worse?

And now in the penultimate book, Haddix brings something so absurd I nearly threw this book across the

room. We discover that the Population Police has been hoarding food, but WT*?! I say for the last time - They're just misguided, not evil. Even the rebels admit that they're just misguided, not evil. So why the sudden "let's hoard food! *evil laugh*?!

It's almost like Haddix is forcing us to think the Population Police is evil. Hey, you rebels can just stop breaking the rules and causing your third children to suffer anyway. Let's have some common sense here. This series was ruined for me because I realized that both sides are evil/good. There's really nothing else to it, this is like that TV show I used to watch as a kid where the logger tries to cut down trees, (TO MAKE A LIVING), but the animals try to stop him because it's their habitat. Who really is the antagonist here? Both have their own reasons for their actions.

Same thing here, but worse because I had to read six books instead of one episode.

Final complaint - there's no suspense or progress at all. Every time we see some conflict, some climax, and then a happy ending. But this series is almost like a TV show, where there's still one big plot but only the small plots get resolved. No, this isn't good, because I WANT TO SEE AN ENDING. PLEASE, HADDIX. YOU COULD'VE JUST MADE THIS ONE BOOK.

I'll finish the final book and then this series is DONE.

Edit: WAIT... THE BLURB SAYS IN THE SEVENTH BOOK THE REBELS ALREADY DEFEATED THE POPULATION POLICE!!! IT SAYS THERE'S A HUGE TIME GAP BETWEEN THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH BOOK. WHAT?! I WANTED TO SEE THE ENDING!!! MARGARET PETERSON HADDIX, I AM NOT READING ANY MORE OF YOUR BOOKS!!!

OUTRAGEOUS. HORRIBLE.

Kate Tilton says

This was an amazingly deep story. The idea that just kids could be held accountable for the faults of a nation and killed simply for being alive is a hard topic. After all this time away from the series I found it difficult to picture myself reading this series at such a young age.

The full review can be found at <http://katetilton.com/the-shadow-chil...>

Jackie says

Now it Matthias's turn for his story. Always together with Percy and Alia, the trio were a family. Yet, when they were ripped from Niedler School by the Population Police, things go awry and eventually they three are separated.

Alia is hurt in a vehicle accident and Percy is shot. Matthias is beside himself with worry, but finally makes the decision to leave them and go for help. Inadvertently, after finding Dr. Talbot and bringing her to the injured, he subsequently 'saves' a Population Police officer and finds his way into their headquarters. There, unbelievably he finds Nina.

There, he finds, a plot is brewing. Will he become a part of it? At what cost, especially to Percy and Alia?

Among the Enemy is, once again, full of suspense and danger, leading up to the finale, *Among the Free*

Andrea says

These take about two evenings to read, and get about a handful of eyerolls from me. Mostly because things "just happen" to fall into place: a door is open, no one is looking, a vent is somehow large enough for a tweenage boy to tunnel through [by the way, Mythbusters tried the whole climbing through a vent and it was VERY loud and not sturdy so I call BS], people trust the kids or are on their side...

Though the bit that bothers me the most is somehow all the kids in these books JUST HAPPEN to start wandering toward the Hendricks school and make it? How big is this land they live in??? Kids who've never been to the school can find it by walking down random roads and it only takes a few hours.

Maybe Haddix just wanted kids to think God solves all your problems. Not sure. Anyway, it's the closest thing I'll get to post-apocalyptic.

Lorihudeck says

Haddix switches protagonists once again, with this (the sixth book in the series) being told by Mathias, one of the characters introduced in *Among the Impostors*. In this portion of the tale, Mathias struggles with the fundamental question of trying to do what is right when "what is right" is not very clear at all. Throughout this series, Haddix poses extremely complex moral dilemmas for her readers through scenarios that they can understand. Her protagonists are flawed, and that makes them all the more believable. Her antagonists are more than mere comic book bad guys. They grieve and show compassion of sort. These complex issues and fast pacing keep the readers involved. Some of my students do complain of the switching of protagonists (they want Luke back), but I feel the shifts enable her to tell different parts of her story. Every year, I am asked, "Have they made a movie of this?" While I agree the story would make a good movie, I doubt if a film would be able to do the books justice.

Erika says

I don't know how Haddix does it, but she twists so many individuals into so many different books while moving the story along. It's hard to see how much time has elapsed since the very first book, *Among the Hidden*, began. How pivotal each character is to the success of the plot. This book provides such a stunning glance at what takes place behind "enemy" lines, the population police headquarters. It brings up the ethics of each individual, regardless of which side you are on. The strength of one's character is tested with such bravado that you can't separate yourself once you have begun reading.

This story brings to light Matthias, who we have seen in an earlier book, and puts him in the protagonist's seat. I'm continually impressed by the challenges that characters face and the strength they must have. As much as my inferring and predicting skills are working, there are always pieces that Haddix throws at you, curve balls, to keep you off the track and keeping the secrecy alive!

Destiny Martinez says

"Among the Enemy" was a good book with its suspense sadness and the horrors of the truth in their daily lives killing innocent by standards like the third children in the world and the rebels.

Lakin says

Mathias is fighting for his life. He is an illegal third child. The population police are hunting for him. But is there a way to save his friends and himself? Mathias finds a cottage and there he meets an actual population policeman who is getting shot by... a man in a tree? so Mathias jumps in a car with him and saves his and the population policemen's life! the population police take him in and makes him a member! how will he get back to his friends save identities all the food and himself. can he do it read the book to find out!

nash thomas says

My book is "Among The Enemy" by Margaret Peterson Haddix this book takes place in a dystopian world where food is scarce and, because of that, the Population Police hunt down and kill third children. the story is in Matthias's point of view

Blake Conwell says

Personal Response: You have to read all of the books . It's easy to read. The story line is getting really good and a lot of action in the book.

Plot: Matthias finds himself caught in the cross fire between the Population Police and the friendlys. And ends up saving the life of a Population Police officer. The officer takes Matthias to the top of Population Police headquarters to train him to become one of their best. There, among his feared enemies, Matthias encounters Nina, another illegal , who enlists his help in a plot to undermine the Population Police. While in the Headquarter's, there is a team to help get all of the illegals away from the headquarters.

Characterization: Matthias: Two traits of Matthias are he is the oldest child and the leader of the Trio. Two character traits that Matthias has are brave and a paragon. Percy: Two traits that Percy has are intelligent and daring. He is the second oldest. Alia: Two traits that Alia has are observant and challenging. Mike: He is important to the story because he helps the children from the police. Luke Garner: Two traits that Luke has are fearful and innocuous.

Recommendation: Good story line to the book, easy to read and understand. I Has the most action than all of the books so far. I give 4.5 stars out of 5 stars.

Julia says

This was a great book!!! Action Packed and full of mystery, danger and adventure. I couldn't put the book down.

Antonio Prieto says

The book might be a really suspenseful book that fights the for liberty and the only thing that's stopping them is evil. They've been suffering that there Commander is making treating them like dogs. He was thinking "I can't stop this evil". There might be someone or something that can have the power to defeat evil but evil grows inside of people.

The book will take you in a action pack thrilling adventure that you will never forget. He's hopping that someone will take action and that boy will be Matthias. Taking the a actions that he's in might led him to death or happiness.

Nataliereviews says

Well, i would give this four and a half stars but there wasn't an option for that but it is what it is. The book was written well, and had an amazing plot. The book was very good, suspensful, a mix of fear, agony, and hope, bravery,..... all was good except for one thing. The language. I'm sorry to say but to much old language got in the way of the suction i had in all of the other shadow children books.

Don't get my review the wrong way though. My fave part was when Luke was asked to kill a women who refused to show her identity card, and luke said no and gave his weapon to the people who where on his side, and ran away. I liked how this little act of bravery gave the population police shock. Thanks for reading!

Preston Weatherbie says

This book was ok. It had good suspense and was sad in some parts. It was very easy to read and understand.

Willow says

I absolutely loved it! off to read the last one of the series!!!

Christina says

These are getting better and better!

As things get more intense they also get less realistic, but they are still good. I'll admit that after a few chapters I had to go back to the end and make sure certain key characters were still alive before I continued reading.
