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Something terrifying that must not be seen. One glimpse and a person is driven to deadly violence. No one knows what it is or where it came from.

Five years after it began, a handful of scattered survivors remain, including Malorie and her two young children. Living in an abandoned house near the river, she has dreamed of fleeing to a place where they might be safe. Now, that the boy and girl are four, it is time to go. But the journey ahead will be terrifying: twenty miles downriver in a rowboat—blindfolded—with nothing to rely on but her wits and the children's trained ears. One wrong choice and they will die. And something is following them. But is it man, animal, or monster?

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Editorial Review

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Malorie, a young mother of two children known simply as Boy and Girl, is a survivor living in a postapocalyptic world, raising her children to use all their senses, especially their listening skills, as sight is not an option here. In this world, the survivors struggle to stay alive by living indoors with all the windows boarded up. The sight of whatever is outside is causing people to become violent murderers, as well as suicidal, in the most horrific ways possible. The book moves back and forth over a four-year period when all the insanity began, exploring the personalities of the people that came together and survived and how they managed to live after all forms of communication effectively withered and died with most of the population. The characters are involving, the story moves along very rapidly as the suspense builds, but unfortunately, the ending is a disappointment. The reason for all the bloodshed is never explored or explained. Still, recommend this one to readers who enjoy a blend of horror and postapocalyptic fiction. --Stacy Alesi

Review

“A book that demands to be read in a single sitting, and through the cracks between one’s fingers. There has never been a horror story quite like this. Josh Malerman truly delivers.” (**—Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of *Wool***)

“This completely compelling novel contains a thousand subtle touches but no mere flourishes—it is so well, so efficiently, so directly written I read it with real admiration. Josh Malerman does the job like a fast-talking, wised-up angel.” **-Peter Straub (—Peter Straub)**

“[A] chilling debut... Malerman...keeps us tinglingly on edge with his cool, merciless storytelling [and] douses his tale in poetic gloom....An unsettling thriller, this earns comparisons to Hitchcock’s *The Birds*, as well as the finer efforts of Stephen King and cult sci-fi fantasist Jonathan Carroll.” (**—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)**)

“The author uses understatement and allusion to create a lean, spellbinding thriller that Stephen King fans will relish.” (**—Publishers Weekly (starred review)**)

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