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The second book in The Hidden series, magnificent fantasy-adventure from the bestselling author of The Keepers.

Sharkey is a Sunker; he was born on a fortunate tide, and everyone on the giant submersible 'Rampart' knows it. He's a hero, a future admiral, beloved by the ancestors. The trouble is, his life is based on a lie, and it's about to fall apart. Sharkey's been a fake hero for years, but when the Sunkers are attacked, he must become a real one.

Meanwhile above water, Petrel, Fin and the crew of the 'Oyster' have come ashore to defeat the Devouts, a group of fanatical Anti-Machinists who want to reclaim a secret weapon. Now, both crews must work together to fight for their lives.

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Matthew Allen says

Loved it

Earth&Silver says

The writing seemed to be aimed at a younger audience than my usual, but the characters were engaging, and I have a weakness for underwater adventures.

Lisle Library Youth Services says

An excellent followup to Icebreaker, the story continues with Petrel and Fin heading north to combat the Devouts. New characters are introduced and the story sets us up for the third and final installment. Make sure to read Icebreaker first, this is not a series you can read out of order! -Will

Lana says

I really enjoyed this second instalment from the author of The Keepers trilogy. The concept in this trilogy of a world in which technology grew so advanced at some point in the past that all machines and technology were deemed untrustworthy is very clever given the current technological climate. While on the surface the story is about Sharkey, a sunker with a history of manipulation and his journey to becoming a real hero, it is also a story about the importance of education, the fear of the unfamiliar, and the importance of advancement in all sectors of society as it relates to the benefits of the whole. We also continue the story of Petrel and Fin from Ice Breaker and continues the theme of the transience of tribes and hierarchical leadership. Finally, I just have to mention that the cover illustration is fantastic.

Diane Lynne says

A strong second installment in The Hidden series that continues the adventures of the crew on the Oyster while introducing the reader to the Sunkers' world. Both are fighting against the oppressive Devout regime which believes anything to do with machinery and technology is a bad thing. Looking forward to the final installment!

Randy says

The audiobooks for this series are EXCELLENT. The series is a great candidate for any middle-grade book

club given its fun & diverse ensemble cast, plenty of action, and an intriguing dystopian setting. Great themes to book-talk too regarding robotics, zealotry, xenophobia, etc. I had a few nitpicks on some science details, but still 4.5 stars and few kid readers will catch or care about engine and logistics technicalities that were fudged.

John says

Review to come.

Rebecca says

It's 300 years after the anti-machinist Devouts took over the world and destroyed anything machine-made, plunging all peoples into starvation and misery and punishment. A few managed to escape, though, and the massive icebreaker Oyster has been circling the south pole for 300 years, developing its own culture, and the Sunkers have kept their culture alive in submarines. Now, though, the Devouts have discovered them and are bent on eradication. Sharkey, born to be a hero, is in a small submersible with a few young cousins when the Sunkers' one remaining large submarine is destroyed and its people killed or captured and enslaved. Sharkey doesn't know what to do--and he's always supposed to know what to do. Meanwhile, the mechanical silver boy who now captains the Oyster is bringing it north to try to bring technology back to the people, though that turns out to be a terrible idea. Once he and a few others--including the resourceful Petrel and her former-Devout friend Fin, who found the Captain--leave the Oyster, they are abandoned on land as engineer Albie mutinies to take over the ship. The Sunkers and the Oyster crew will have to work together if they have any hope of surviving.

I put this down several times, and peeked ahead, because it was pretty much 90% peril and that was too much for me. I thought the first book in the series was great, and had fantastic world building and great characters, so I wish there had been more of the world building in this. I would have loved to know more about the big subs before they were destroyed, and I had a terrible time picturing the Citadel and its surrounds--I couldn't figure out what kind of landscape it was or where the buildings were in relation to each other, etc. The characters are good, though there are too many to keep track of. Sharkey is an interesting character but unpleasant to spend time with, as he is so flawed and rigid. I much prefer the clever and courageous Petrel. I did like Petrel's pointing out the importance of bending when it comes to rules and ethics, as rigid inflexibility is a key aspect of the Devouts and their like. I think kids who like the first book will be very happy with this, but if you're looking for a less perilous read, this isn't it!

M.L. Bennett says

While Icebreaker set the stage for what was to come, Sunker's Deep raised the stakes, the excitement, and the hope. Looking forward to this trilogy's conclusion!

Lyn says

Sometimes, stories that are just like so many others I've read are exactly what I want.

Sometimes, I can't stand them.

This is one that was not for me. Could be because the last one I read that was similar to this was dreadfully boring. Could be because I couldn't stand the language in this one. Whatever it was, I read 1/3 of it and didn't crack a single smile, and after taking a break to go to work, I've no desire to get back to it. Now, it is really easy to read and has gone quickly thus far, but I'm far too busy nowadays to spend my fun time reading books that I'm not having any kind of fun with.

I do think it would be good for kids that are actually around the age it was written for, however. As always, I strongly encourage you to look past my low rating and give it a chance.

Note: I received this book for free through Goodreads Giveaways.

Jackie says

A good follow on to Book 1 of the trilogy. The Icebreakerverse expands and the mystery deepens. Looking forward to a whiz bang finish to the trilogy, hopefully in the near future!

Sian Ballantyne says

I enjoyed reading this along with my 11 year old in our own little homebook club.

Sugarrrr says

This book was not as good as the first one, but still good. I only wish the main characters from the first book would have been fleshed out more in this one.

I'm looking forward to the third book in this series.

Hadiqa Minwoo says

Mannn! What a book! Last 100 pages got me crazy, wild and so anxious that I felt nauseous. Really, no kidding. My first time reading sci-fi and man I'm hooked!

Sumayyah says

Just..amazing.
