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Island Of Fire (The Unwanteds)



Synopsis

The fate of Artima is at stake – and an unlikely alliance could redeem it – in book three in the New York Times bestselling Unwanteds series. The magical world of Artima is gone. The Unwanteds have no food, no water, and no hope. And everyone is looking to Alex Stowe for answers. Overwhelmed and feeling totally helpless, Alex knows it's up to him to find a way to restore Artima, rescue his captive friends, and free Megan from her voice-stealing necklace of thorns – three impossible tasks. But could help lie with the silent, orange-eyed newcomers? Meanwhile, in the stark land of Quill, Alex's twin brother Aaron continues to build his army, preparing for the ultimate showdown with the Unwanteds. But a shocking twist reveals that Alex and Aaron share a common enemy more dangerous than either could have imagined...

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4 – This third book in the series begins in the ruins of what was once the world of Artima, where the residents are now suffering greatly. When their beloved leader, Mr. Today, was killed at the end of the previous book, all of his magic that created Artima died with him.

There is very little food or fresh water and things are growing desperate. Two Artimaans are held captive in neighboring Quill while two more are prisoners on Warbler, the next island in the chain. Mr. Today left young Alex Stowe in charge and gave him a clue to a spell that could restore Artimaan to its former magical state. Alex needs the help of his best friend, Meghan, and Sky, a refugee from Warbler, to decipher the riddle, but both of them have been silenced with a horrible spell that has embedded metal thorns into their throats. Meanwhile on Warbler, Lani and Samheed literally cling to each other while they are confined in total darkness, developing their own language of spelling by hand and growing closer to each other. Alex and his friends must re-create Artimaan and rescue those held captive. The book closes with a period of recuperation and a celebration which is marred by troubling new developments, leaving plenty of clues for a fourth book. The pacing is slow for most of the narrative, interspersed with angst that seems unnecessary. Still, there is a lot here to delight middle-grade readers and fans of the series will certainly be glad to get their hands on this installment.

—Eric Norton, McMillan Memorial Lib. Wisconsin Rapids

Picking up where *Island of Silence* (2012) ended, this installment finds the world of Artimaan decimated and Alex Stowe with a growing list of problems. With no food or water, he is helpless to prevent the exodus of Unwants who are choosing a life of servitude in Quill rather than wasting away in a lost world. Furthermore, his friends are still trapped on Warbler, and Meghan, the only Unwant who managed to escape the ill-fated expedition to Warbler, has been rendered mute by a necklace of thorns. But Mr. Today's faith in Alex was well-appointed. The development of Alex as a leader is one of the most satisfying aspects of the novel; it is in stark contrast to the regression of his twin, Aaron, still whining away in Quill and becoming increasingly paranoid. The series appears to have left its dystopian roots behind and developed into a full-blown fantasy saga. Another cliff-hanger ending will keep fans wanting more. New readers will need to start at the beginning in order to catch up. Grades 4-7.

--Kara Dean

Unwanted is a book like no other it has magic adventure and romance this is the best book I have ever read !!!!!!! Also the the twists and turns one day Alex is in quill the next time he's in artime but the sadness of when Mr. Today dies is horrible but what would it be like to be simber or Florence but this books always stop at a bad time like in this book It stops right on time when they think there being attacked by warblers but who knows if there even warblers they could be pirates who attacked warbler and won or it could be a monster who knows I'll have to find out . This is my review for unwanted book island of fire .

Can help come from people totally different than you? Grandson likes this book made him really think about the plot in this series of books!

This book was absolutely amazing. This was my third time reading it, but I just now realized how well-written it was!! would recommend this book to anyone who likes to read science fiction and fantasy combined. I loved everything and disliked very few things. Thanks to my good friend Eir (Erin) for recommending the series!

My 13-year old son couldn't put it down and I also enjoyed this third book in the series! It kept me interested, engaged, and wondering what would happen next. The characters are interesting and show growth and dimension. This book continues the themes of good and evil as well as leadership and tough choices. Nicely done! Dr. Tracy Brower, author of *Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work: A Guide for Leaders and Organizations*

My 9-yr old and I enjoyed reading Books 1-3 together & are looking forward to the rest of the books in this series. The description "Harry Potter meets Hunger Games" is very appropriate, but with a lot less violence (although it does have its brief moments). Very imaginative story with interesting characters and plenty of cliffhangers to hold parent & child's interest.

An amazing book series. We lived the first two books and *Island of Fire* was wonderful. Filled with action and at times brings tears to your eyes! A good book series for older children and adults alike.

Very enjoyable series. I'm a mother of a 10 year old who recommended this series to me. I like to know what my kids are reading so I figured I'd give it a try while we were on vacation. I have since recommended this book to my adult friends. Totally recommend you start this series from the 1st book though.

The *Unwanted* series started off feeling a bit like a poor shadow of the Harry Potter books, but by the second book gained its own unique voice and no longer seems derivative. Lots of imagination and characters to care about. I'm in for the duration- I want to see where the series goes and though I can guess at the larger undercurrent of mystery as to the nature of the world- I look forward to seeing how it plays out and how it is revealed. I think there are 7 books planned for the series. In

book 3 we discover another dysfunctional island- quite different from the first two.

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