

Mars Awakens

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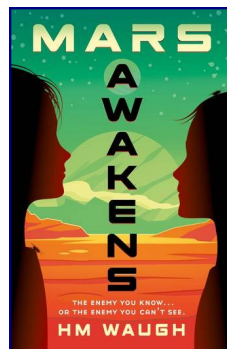
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Blurb:

Kids from rival Martian colonies must come together to fight for survival in this thrilling middle-grade space adventure from an exciting Australian talent.

Raised in rival colonies on Mars, each long ago abandoned by Earth, Dee and Holt have been brought up to hate even the idea of each other. But when a mysterious object crash-lands on a far-flung plain, they are both sent to investigate and their fates intertwine. Together they must battle epic storms and deadly bioclouds while unpicking the web of lies they have been told about their planet. Will their bond be strong enough to withstand the arrival of a mysterious invader that threatens to end life on Mars forever?

Timely and compelling, *Mars Awakens* is the unputdownable first book in a duology offering a window into our future.



Lamont Review:

Dee and Holt live on Mars, but in totally separate colonies. Both the colonies were abandoned by Earth long ago.

They have both been told their whole lives that the other colony was evil, and never to be trusted. When a mysterious object crash lands, Dee and Holt are each sent to check it out.

Their chance meeting causes them to re-think everything they have ever been told about each other.

When their colonies send a friend out to look for each of them the group becomes four. And they are forced to battle an epic storm and a silent invader, who threatens all their lives.

Will they be able to trust each other enough to work together and save themselves?

This is an amazing, fast paced sci-fi adventure that readers will love. With wonderful characters and strong themes of friendship and working together to save and strengthen the environment they live in, this is the perfect book for all secondary readers, especially those who enjoy sci-fi.

Reviewed by Michelle