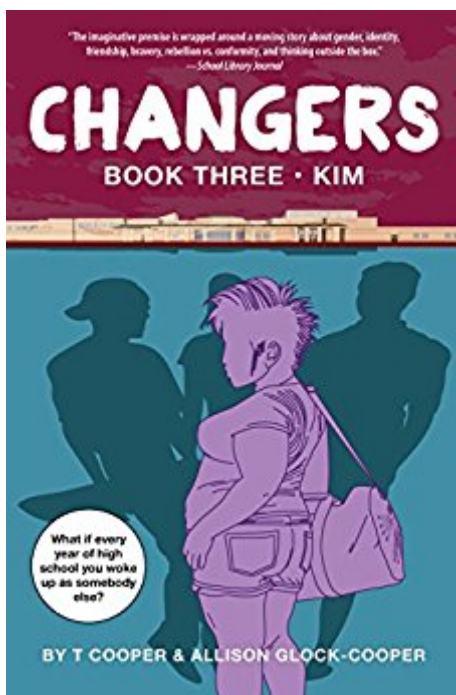


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Changers Book Three: Kim



Synopsis

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When we last saw Oryon Small he was kidnapped and locked in a basement, his best friend Chase dying in his arms. In Book Three of the groundbreaking Changers series, Oryon awakens as Kim Cruz, an Asian American girl whose body looks nothing like she expected or desired. Where Changers Book One: Drew dealt primarily with issues of gender and bias, and Changers Book Two: Oryon explored issues concerning race and bigotry, Changers Book Three: Kim tackles the thorny, less straightforward subjects of body shaming, self-esteem, grief, mental illness, and how the expectations of the outside world can't help but color the way we see ourselves. Kim--smart, funny, and finally fed up with the cards she's been dealt--is finding out that friends change, love doesn't always mean forever, and growing up means living your truth, even if it isn't pretty.

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Customer Reviews

After reading Book One and Book Two, of course I had to purchase Book Three as soon as it came out. At first the book kind of started off slow, and it explains the aftermath of where Book Two left off (which was pretty sad because if you read it, you know that someone dies) and the final days of being Oryon. Once Oryon turns in Kim Cruz, a chubby Asian girl, he instantly hates it. Confidence and body image are definitely main themes. We're also introduced with Elyse from Book Two who also a Changer, changes into this girl named Destiny that's extremely attractive much to Kim's avail. Kim and her develop a close friendship in this book. A new character named Kris, who is openly gay also becomes Kim's best friend. Of course, Kim still has an infatuation with Audrey, but Audrey basically ignores her throughout most of the book. I feel like this book was like a filler book. There's a couple shocking things that are uncovered though. Let's just say that The Changers Council is SHADY. We found out exactly how Oryon got kidnapped and who did it. A close friend that Kim knew when she was Ethan returns and a whole lot more that I don't want to get into depth with because then I'll spoil it. But over all I enjoyed this book and it kept me entertained. Make sure you read Book One and Book Two first to get a better understanding before reading this one. And also, THERE'S ANOTHER CLIFFHANGER IN THIS BOOK. Let's just say it involves Audrey and it was getting really good too. I will be buying Book 4 once it comes out which is hopefully next year

This book, darker than the first two in the series, lets the characters flex their muscles, act out a bit, developing several personalities we've already met. The authors explore various problems

teen-agers experience, and their various ways to meet challenges. There is further examination of a shadowy organization that assists but also wants to control "changers", which makes me wonder how the authors are going to resolve several of those plot lines. I'm waiting to read the fourth and last book, and I'm not even a teen.

Everyone should read this series. Appropriate for middle school and up.

Not as good as the first two. There was so much time in between the 2nd and third books and not quite enough of a refresher to get you back in the story. It also has lost some of its innocence and did not like added refs to violence.

This was the tightest of the three books. However, I am still reeling that the authors think a junior high student would know the modern meaning of the word "Calculus" which clearly the authors do not.

This series does not disappoint! I am an adult reader and look forward to each release. I'll be disappointed when the series ends. This really tackles issues that are pertinent to adolescents today.

I really enjoy this series, and hope that it encourages younger readers to think about the boxes they put themselves and others in - at such high cost to themselves and others.

My students are enjoying the book.

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