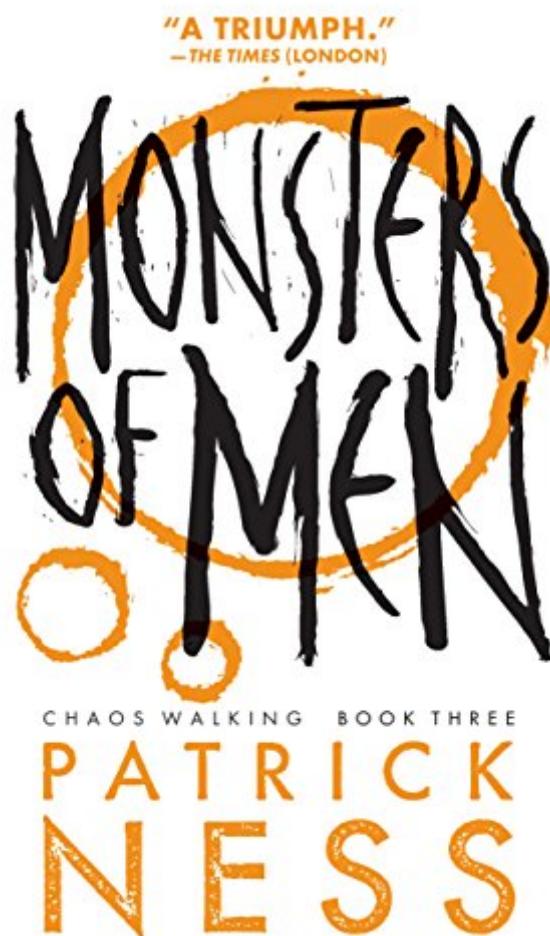


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Synopsis

In the riveting conclusion to the acclaimed dystopian series, a boy and girl caught in the chaos of war face devastating choices that will decide the fate of a world. As a world-ending war surges around them, Todd and Viola face monstrous decisions. The indigenous Spackle, thinking and acting as one, have mobilized to avenge their murdered people. Ruthless human leaders prepare to defend their factions at all costs, even as a convoy of new settlers approaches. And as the ceaseless Noise lays all thoughts bare, the projected will of the few threatens to overwhelm the desperate desire of the many. The consequences of each action, each word, are unspeakably vast: To follow a tyrant or a terrorist? To save the life of the one you love most, or thousands of strangers? To believe in redemption, or assume it is lost? Becoming adults amid the turmoil, Todd and Viola question all they have known, racing through horror and outrage toward a shocking finale.

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Customer Reviews

Spoiler Alert. Patrick Ness is a bit of a bastard. Just so you know ahead of time, there will be no

mercy. Book 3 began exactly where Book 2 left off: The army of New Prentisstown is at war with the army of The Answer and Mayor President Prentiss is talking his way out of being overthrown by Todd. The Spackle forces are attacking and Viola's racing to intercept her incoming scout ship before Mistress Coyle can get there. The story once again expands by adding yet another point of view, that of 1017. 1017 is essentially the one that got away... and proceeds to plot vengeance. He was a Spackle slave in New Haven, who watched his one in particular, die to keep him safe. Forced to work under Prentiss's command and branded with a number intended for livestock, he survives a brutal massacre and escapes to find his people. And this is where his POV, becomes really useful; the reader gets to learn about the Spackle from a Spackle. The Spackle are fiercer and smarter than they've let on and they've spent their downtime between wars inventing new weapons. They call themselves The Land and are a species perfectly evolved to a planet that induces telepathy in its inhabitants. They choose a leader, The Sky, to watch over them, to think independently and make decisions to their benefit. And The Sky keeps his secrets... Todd and Viola are once again caught in a war they want no part of... Todd is stuck keeping tabs on Mayor Prentiss who's becoming increasingly nice, even though no one is buying that brand of BS, except maybe Todd who only ever wants to see the good in people. Viola is stuck trying to keep the scouts, Simone and Bradley calm, while preventing Mistress Coyle from convincing them to unleash Hell on New World. Throughout the majority of the story, New World is having an all out civil war and there's nothing civil about it. Mayor Prentiss calls his peculiar brand of leadership a war tactic when really there's just a lot of murder. Mistress Coyle calls it opposition against a tyrant when she plants bombs in unexpected places, but most see it as terrorism. And as Todd and Viola try to be advocates of peace, getting what they want is going to cost big. Which brings me right back to Patrick Ness is a bastard. Todd and Viola, having found each other time and time again, fought for each other, and survived bloody, fiery wars... Todd and Viola, constantly having to prove themselves the heroes of the story, despite the despair... The ending brings hope, hope in the human and the Spackle alike, hope that happiness is near. And then Patrick Ness drives MacTruck over that hope. And I read the final pages in tears. I can't really find anything to complain about in the final installment... The plot-timing was perfect, the plot twists were exciting. The suspense kept me flipping pages even when I wasn't sure I wanted to read what happened next. The loose ends were tied up beautifully. And even though Patrick Ness made me cry, I can't fault him too heavily for that... The fact that he was able to make me feel so much is a testament to his ability as a storyteller.

I really wasn't expecting to be as sucked into this world as I found myself. Entire evenings started with, "Meh, I'll just read a few pages," turned into, "And then what?!" as I had to force myself away from it and get back to the daily tasks of life. Surely, if you're reading this review about the final book of this series, it's because you've already read at least the first book so you already have an idea of the world you're getting involved with. But just know, as one traveler who's already made it through speaking to you, a traveler who's still coming, the world you thought you knew from the first and second book only gets better and more engaging as you continue on. I thought I was able to guess where it would all lead and usually I'm right about these things, but boy was I totally and delightfully wrong.

This was the third book I read by Patrick Ness, and it is also the third book in the Chaos Walking Trilogy. After reading the first book, I quickly purchased the next two in the series, and several more by the author. I have also given this series to a couple friends, and my sister who works as a middle school guidance counselor. The series touches on a lot of adult themes but does it in an a great way. The concept was unexpected and new, and the author manages to keep you on your toes with little twist and turns that I really enjoyed. I do not want to say too much in this review, and spoil some of the unexpected surprises, but if you are fan of young adult science fiction or fantasy you must read this series. It touches on issues of perspective, diversity, inclusion, sexuality- and never in a preachy way. Each book in the series adds in additional narrators- so to fully understand the tale make sure you finish the series. I am reviewing this product in an effort to help other customers through relaying my experience with the product and providing any insight I garnered. Had I not liked this product, I would state so here in my review. I would really appreciate that if you found my review helpful, that you would please indicate so below by clicking the YES button below.

I read all three books and they were good. Interesting plot and characters. Well-written. My only negative is that the books, especially the first one, were too long and not always for good reason. The first book could have lost 30 or 40 pages easily. There was a point I almost got tired of it. I'm glad I didn't because the series was worth reading.

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