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"What a journey you have been on, Joy Montgomery. But it isn't over yet . . . No . . . I'm afraid you have much farther to go." Joy Montgomery is a hero. The Treemakers are finally home, safe and free in a well-deserved and long dreamed of paradise. The children can now settle into normal, carefree lives. Or so they thought. Troubled by secrets their newfound paradise reveals, coupled with tangled feelings toward those she loves, Joy sees the painful truth: they're still prisoners forever wounded by the effects of a traumatic past. An ominous warning from a trusted friend strengthens her resolve to never let down her guard, to always be prepared, to be ready for war . . . both inside and out. Once again, the Treemakers are faced with escaping disaster, and Joy's strength is pushed to its limit, her sanity pushed to the brink of collapse. Just when their situation couldn't get any more desperate, they're thrust into a series of shocking tribulations that are nothing short of nightmarish. Will the Treemakers of Greenleigh annihilate the forces of evil that seek to capture and control their souls? Or will the magic Joy thought she found turn out to be just another illusion? *This is the second book in the Treemakers Trilogy. This series is intended for mature YA audiences, as there are certain mature themes (abuse, character deaths, etc.,) which may be too emotionally intense for younger readers.*

The Soultakers Details

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Casey Bond says

If you loved The Treemakers by Christina Rozelle, hold on tight! The Soultakers will take you for a wild ride! Taking off where book one left off, book two is fast action, a whirlwind of emotion and one heck of a dystopian story. It has feels, non-stop drama, highs as well as lows and this reviewer was more than ecstatic to receive an ARC for review.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a great dystopian novel. The Soultakers has a mix of terrifying scenes, jaw-dropping twists and emotional swings to keep you turning page after page. Well done, Rozelle!

Five stars!

LaDonna says

Ms. Rozelle has done it again! Between her and Logan Keys, I may have to rethink my stance of disliking dystopian tales.

The Soultakers picks up where The Treemakers left off, and never slows down with unexpected twists and turns and quite a rollercoaster of emotions as well as surprises.

Christina is a fantastic storyteller and continues to hone her skills to amazing new heights. I have no idea where the imagination comes from to create these futuristic (and horrifying) worlds, but she does an amazing job of bringing them to life as well as those that inhabit them, from terrifying monsters (some of the worst of those, as in our times, wear the guise of humanity) to amazing human hybrids. We met a lot of these in the first book, but the attachment to them certainly grows in book two.

Joy and her "family" face so many trials and tribulations, overcoming so many, but with so much still left unfinished as well. As thrilled as I am to have been given an ARC copy of The Soultakers, it just means that much longer to wait for book three!

Highest recommendations for all who have read The Treemakers, and highest recommendations of the series to all who like dystopian fiction ... and even to those who don't. It is impossible not to get caught up in this world.

Amy Bartelloni says

I've been patiently waiting to read this sequel to the Treemakers, and it does not disappoint! I was on the edge of my seat after the ending to the last book, and I'm so happy I was lucky enough to receive an ARC so I could find out what happened! Joy Montgomery is one of my hands down, favorite badass heroines in fiction. She is such a strong, amazing lead character that I love to read about. The situations in this book are

no less heart wrenching than the first. I cried at what they have to go through, but even then it doesn't break her, and I found her resilience inspiring. The settings are brilliant, I can't even compare them to any other book because the places Rozelle describes totally her own. The originality is one of the things I love about this series, both in setting, character, and story! I won't give too much away – but there is a character in this book that is just pure evil and I'm still creeped out over. There is a brilliant story arc that answers a lot of questions, but ends in a perfect point for me to be waiting on the edge of my seat for the next book!

Karen says

I received an ARC copy of The Soultakers by Christina Rozelle for an honest review. I am very impressed with this author's writing ability. She has a highly creative imagination and does an excellent job putting her thoughts to paper. This story is about survival, redemption and rediscovery where a group of teens and young kids have already escaped a dreadful place of slavery only to find themselves in an even worse situation of captivity. They make their way to a place that resembles paradise and after a narrow escape, find themselves captured by an evil Lord who thrives on causing pain and suffering. Without giving too much of the story away, I can say that the characters are well developed and loveable. The story is fast-paced, and events occur that make it hard to put the book down. I highly recommend The Soultakers...it is an excellent read.

Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

***** 5 Cranky Stars *****

I was very excited to read this second instalment to Treemakers after thoroughly enjoying the first one. It started with the adventurers' new life at Zentao and Joy's dilemma about keeping secrets from her friends. A brief narrative to refresh readers up-to-date with previous events which was quite expected. Then as I was getting settled into the story...BHAM!!! It took off and sent my beloved characters into turmoil after turmoil.

If that wasn't bad enough, the plot suddenly flipped me upside down making me wonder what the heck just happened and kept me in the dark with Joy for several chapters. It felt like a roller coaster ride that was intent on scaring the life out of me as it took me to such highs just to plummet downhill and twist me around in a loop-de-loop. Just when I thought the ride would come to a gentle stop, it suddenly moves me backwards and forces me to experience the thrill in reverse.

Man, it's that good!

As with the first book, we lost a few loved souls which made my heart ache. Yet we gained new characters who made my heart break. Seriously, this author is intent on making my heart bleed!

What's so good is that we get answers to the previous story's puzzles. What's so bad is that the answers opened up even more puzzles and made me long for book 3 to be in my hands NOW. However, Ms Rozelle tied up the story in a nice little bow rather than leaving me frustrated with unresolved conflicts in the end unlike some book series tend to do.

I could actually tell you more details about the story itself but that would take the excitement of discovery from you. I'll let Ms Rozelle do that in her spectacular way.

If you haven't grabbed your copy or started the series, you'd better start reading now and be prepared to get your mind blown-away!

Steph Parks says

This series is amazing. I'm kind of getting depressed that there's only one book left. This heart wrenching tale of Joy and company continually keeps the reader on their toes. Love and loss are a constant theme and surprises abound to throw you off! The author is a beautiful story teller. I cannot wait for the next book. *I received an ARC for an honest review*

Sarah says

"They were blinded by sorrow and despair, unable to grasp and hold onto what was most important for our survival: to spread our wings before we hit the ground, soaring up again, despite the weight of our loss. Same way we'll fly from here."

"I've learned...fear does sometimes have its place in the grand scheme of things. If we let it, the Universe can make right from wrong, light from darkness, life from death."

Wow! What an awesome story. So much adventure and so superbly told. The depth of the characters, the tension, the struggles become even more epic in this second installment. Rozelle has me hooked!

CassieRose says

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review

The Soultakers picks up right where The Treemakers left off, with the same group mere days after the first book ends. After finding refuge in paradise things start happening that make the Treemakers of Greenleigh realize that everything isn't what it seems. In this novel it is up to Momma Joy with the assistance of Smudge along with other to yet again find safety for the orphans of Greenleigh.

This book went above and beyond every expectation that I had for it. To say that Christina blew my mind would be the understatement of the century! Christina proved once again that she knows exactly how to build worlds and exactly how to tug on the heart strings of each and every person that picks up her novels! If by some miracle you have yet to read *The Treemakers* hop to it so you are ready for *The Soultakers* when it releases on December 3rd!

Logan Keys says

There is nothing more wild than Rozelle's books. I feel like this every time I read one of her twisty-turny-lala-loopy adventures!

Because you hopefully HOPEFULLY have read book one first. *The Treemakers* : Wait, what? OMG GO READ IT NOW BECAUSE>>>>>>> I can't even.

Okay, so as I was saying, because you have NOW done the appropriate thing, the RIGHT thing, and read both books I can now say to you this review is too hard to put into words without spoilers. I will INSTEAD explain it in a similar experience....

Once upon a time...

When I decided I wanted to go into the shark cage adventure here in Hawaii, I, of course, logged on to read the tripadvisor reviews. They offered advice about not sticking your arms out of the cage. (yeah, I know right?) and also you might want some medication for sea sickness, because it's choppy and hey, also, they leave you in the cage and the boat is like some odd meters away from you so you are not able to call for help, and but otherwise this is a ONCE IN A LIFE experience and a must do.

This advice exactly.

For *Soultakers* I'd tell you keep your hands in the cage while reading, oh and also, take some medication because things get...a bit choppy, and yeah, the boat leaves you at some point stranded in the ocean,

..but hey.....SO. WORTH. IT!

If you are expecting a sweet gondalo voyage,

.. LOOK ELSEWHERE> this is the shark cage, yo.

I commend the author on being able to keep things as exciting (if not more so) this round, even in the same world, the whole thing is one surprise after another!

It's hard to set yourself apart from the dystopian YA's but she does it WITH STYLE! I mean that. Characterizations out the wazoo!

Such a talented gal!

Get this when it comes out, wait in line, do what you have to, but get it!

You won't be disappointed :D

Kimberly Vanderbloom says

I received a advanced reading copy in exchange for a honest review.

Even though I received a copy I will be purchasing both ebook and a hard copy. I'm obsessed with this series. The Treemakers was phenomenal and to be given the honor of reading The Soultakers was such a privilege. I was blown away by how much the writing has progressed from the first book. The author is a master of her craft. I laughed and ugly cried during several parts of this story. It started about half way through and I couldn't stop. My heart belongs to Joy. Her internal struggle makes for the perfect narrator of this series. I love each of these characters for different reasons. I love Joy because she is strong and selfless. I love Jax because he is conflicted and evolving. I love Johnny because of how far he has come since the first book. I love Mateo because he is the symbol of love. I love Smudge because she is a symbol of learning and understanding. Lastly I love Baby Lou because she is the symbol of innocence. Thank you for sharing this story with me.

Stephanie Crabtree says

Christina did it again. Just when I thought Joy and The Treemakers were finally living their happy ever after, BAM! She goes and uproots them all. I enjoyed following the group on their new journey. Chaos and destruction of all kinds took me on another highly emotional Roller Coaster ride of emotions. This book will keep you on the edge of your seat. It will make you question everything you thought you knew. Will Joy and the others find their new safe haven? Will they ever truly feel safe? Will the secrets Joy and Smudge are hiding tear the group apart, or bring them closer together? You'll have to read to find out.

I was so drawn into this book. I felt as though I was going through everything with Joy. Christina has such an amazing way of making you feel as though you ARE part of the story. You feel all of the raw emotions. Cry when they cry, get angry along with them, and will enjoy every moment of it. Thank you for again welcoming me into such an amazing world filled with mystery.

Jennifer says

Wow, make sure you've taken your heart medication before you read *The Soultakers*! Christina Rozelle is the queen of emotional rollercoasters and this was a wild ride! I thought that the first book was an incredible concept and was very impressed by the way the story and characters were layered. This one is just as good, if not better, and had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

It starts out with Joy and her crew's time in the peaceful utopia coming to an abrupt end that is violently shocking. And that's just the beginning; it only gets more intense from there. The new characters are complex and intriguing. Her descriptions of them are so vivid that it's impossible not to have a perfect picture of them in your mind. There are plenty of heartbreaking moments for which you may want to keep a box of tissues handy. The end leaves you desperately wanting to know what comes next. Will the children ever be truly safe and carefree?!

I'm waiting very impatiently for book three to come out as I'm positive that this new one will top the first two even though they were mind-blowing! Is a happy ending in the cards for Joy?

Valerie Hemlin says

Joy is at peace. Finally. After leading her young band of survivors through hardship after hardship and from sanctuary to sanctuary only to keep discovering they aren't the safe refuges they'd hoped. She has found her home . . . or has she? "This darkness has revealed the truth . . . the light we thought we'd found is a lie. And it's not the only lie." And so Joy embarks on another perilous journey only to find even worse betrayal and anguish than before.

The Soultakers is the perfect sequel to *The Treemakers*, Ms Rozelle's first YA dystopian in this amazing series. If you are looking for a retelling of the *Hunger Games* or *The Mazerunner*, stop right here. Ms Rozelle's world is uniquely her own, the characters ingenious and the storyline deliciously unpredictable. Much better than either Collins or Dashner. However, if I were to compare it to another YA dystopian, I would class Ms Rozelle's work up there with *The Giver* for dystopian and with Ursula le Guin for her spectacular use of language..." Something pierces my heart, its shrapnel finding raw soul, a forever scar with the others imprinted there." In this world, "a thousand lilac stars twinkle above" and the perfect lines of a rock's intricate swirl patterns are reminders of a faraway galaxy. "A tiny universe right here in my palm."

This is a rending but beautifully rendered tale. The dialogue is smooth, the characters are fully rounded, with sumptuous descriptions that yank you fully into this raw and compelling world.

In Joy's friend Cheyenne's words, "What a journey you have been on, Joy Montgomery. But it isn't over yet . . ." and to our great fortune, the journey will continue in her next book... but not soon enough for me.

I received an ARC copy of this book because I messaged the author to tell her to hurry with the next book. To my delight she offered an advanced copy. I am definitely going to buy it as soon as it comes out!

Heather Vern says

Where to start.....

This book takes up a few weeks after The Treemakers ends. It was a very emotional and heart breaking journey that I went with joy on. This book kept me up till the wee hours of the morning. I also picked it up one night after a few drinks and was still able to get sucked into the book and remember what I read the next morning. (When I do that I rarely remember what I read.)

I had a very great time reading this book, if you are looking for something different, in a dystopian world that takes the main character to the brink of her sanity then this series is right for you.

There was a few times when I thought geezzz poor Joy how has she not broken yet!!?? But she is a very determined loving character that puts others before herself.

More secrets are revealed, more questions arise that need answered, people that still need saving, and a new placed that await them. I cant wait for the third book!! This series has to be one of my favorites by far!!!

PS its also a great indicator when you want to through your kindle across the room at some point.

Cheree Castellanos Edits says

I was given an ARC for an honest review..and I am literally awe struck! This book is so dark and lovely and scary and wonderful! I absolutely loved the Treemakers and couldn't wait to get my hands on Soultakers, with fear in my heart for what more these beautiful characters were going to have to experience. And can I just say...Christina is a genius, a dark and scary genius! I had so many guesses of where this book would take them, and I couldn't have been more wrong. Intense! That is the best word I can think of to describe it. So much sadness filled with hope and the fight to never give up. I laughed, not often, but I did, I read wide eyed with a rock in my tummy, I cried...more than a few times, and I had moments of pure joy and happiness laced with more hope. Absolutely wonderful, but now I sit here waiting for book 3 in anticipation of what is to come next, and wondering if these poor souls will ever get their happily ever after!
