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In 2025, in the wake of global environmental devastation, the members of one surviving family encounter a teenaged boy from a mysterious clandestine community.

The Lake at the End of the World Details


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Nicole says

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. A simple read; suitable for Middle School students who struggle with reading but exciting enough for better readers too.

Discoverylover says

"The year is 2025. When Hector ventures out from the underground community that has been isolated for over half a century, he doesn't know what awaits him. He certainly doesn't expect to find any survivors above ground. But then he meets Diana ... This is an exciting and challenging story of a developing relationship in a fragile world." (<http://www.angelfire.com/journal2/eng...>)

A relatively good book for teens by an author I haven't read before. Begging for a sequel! Ok beginning, the middle was a bit slow, but the ending was great!

Jackie says

I read this book with my class in grade 6 1989 Mrs Weston. All these years later it has stuck in my mind and now that I'm 40+ I tracked down a copy on eBay and read it again. Great preteen read. I'm glad I also gave a copy to my niece. I enjoyed it again 30 years later!!

Mel (booksandsundry) says

This book was read to me as a child in school by my teacher. I loved it so much that I attribute it as being the reason I now love SFF. I met Caroline MacDonald later when I was in high school and got the opportunity to thank her for her book and it meant a lot to me.

Tess says

great ending, but there were a few boring parts in there. so overall it it was not the best book

Emma Crew says

This was my favourite book as a tween

Anne says

Fantastic story. I read it in primary school (more than 20 years ago). Never forgotten it, and am now suggesting it to my 8 year old son.

Elizabeth says

A wonderful and interesting read targeting young teenagers. It has interesting concepts and poetic phrasing in parts.

Kerry says

Taught this a few times back in the 80s. Good text for upper primary or lower middle school. Similar in theme to the City of Ember series. Interesting use of dual narrators which was unusual at the time. Dystopian long before it was a heavily populated genre.

Lumi says

I've been racking my brains for days trying to remember the name of this book! No wonder it was difficult to find, it's an Australian book from the 80s. I read it in the 90s so all I could remember was something about a boy living in an underground cave system and then living in the forbidden aboveground, having to face challenges like weak eyesight and easily sunburnt skin. I vaguely remember him befriending a girl and possibly helping a sick person. My faulty memory wants to tell me it was an old man who had trouble walking but I think I'm mixing that up with another book. In any case, the internet says no.

From other descriptions I've been able to gather, this book is apparently set in a post-apocalyptic future Australia, devastated by environmental disaster. The boy Hector, escapes from an underground community and meets Diana, who lives with her parents by a mystical lake aboveground. (I totally don't remember this mystical lake. Hence the trouble remembering the title). Hector and Diana eventually have to venture underground again in order to get medicine for Diana's ill mother and face the ominous leader of the underground.

Sharon says

A story of two very different people living two very different lives, in a world forever changed by greed and pollution. This delightful story is told from the perspective of Diana and Hector.

Diana lives with her mother and crippled father and Hector lives with a community underground and when they meet their lives are forever changed. All the while the lake plays its role with all of them. I really enjoyed reading this book even though it is aimed at a younger age bracket I found I enjoyed every moment of it.

My only disappointment was the story did not delve quite deep enough into the characters and their backgrounds but seeing as it is aimed at a younger market this is not a surprise, all in all, a enjoyable read.

Kay - Lee says

This book I read at school and want to reread it so I bought it. I enjoyed rereading it as much as I enjoyed reading it the first time. It's a good book.

Emma Darcy says

some really interesting concepts but not what I would call gripping... an unexpected mix of straight forward post-apocalypse and magic lake.
