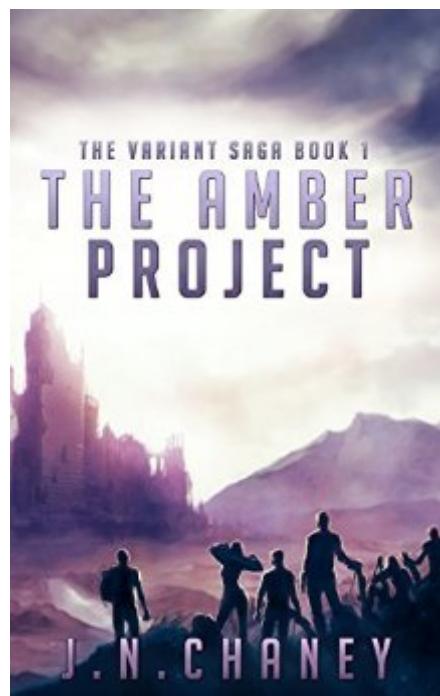


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Synopsis

In 2157, a mysterious gas known as Variant spreads across the globe, killing or mutating most organic life. The surviving humans take refuge in an underground city, determined to return home. But after generations of failures and botched attempts, hope is beginning to dwindle. That is, until a young scientist makes a unique discoveryâ "and everything changes. Suddenly, thereâ ™s reason to hope again, and it rests within a group of genetically engineered children that are both human and Variant. Terry is one of these children, modified and trained to endure the harsh conditions of a planet he cannot begin to understand. After years of preparation, Terry thinks he knows what to expect. But the reality is far stranger than anything he can imagineâ "and what he will become is far more dangerous. Interview with the Author:Q: Is this book part of a series?A: Yes, the Amber Project is part 1 of the Variant Saga, a series of dystopian young adult novels. Q: What sort of genres do you typically read? Are they the same as what you write?A: I read a lot of science fiction, but not as many apocalypse books as people think. The Amber Project is dystopian scifi, but I don't normally read a ton of that. My favorite books are Ender's Game, Old Man's War, The Great Gatsby, Paradise Lost, Cat's Cradle, Sirens of Titan, and The Gunslinger. A few of those influenced this book, but not all. A lot of my influences came from other forms of entertainment, like films and video games. I grew up playing games like Fallout and Bioshock, so there's plenty of influences there. Q: Will there be other books in this universe besides the main series?A: Yes. I'm planning a few spin-offs as well as several short stories.Q: So why should readers give this series a try?A: Because the Variant Saga is a fast, fun, thrill-ride! It dives into genetic engineering and child soldiers, tackling serious issues and themes, and provides a rich, explosive world of exploration.Ultimately, readers who enjoy lightning-fast pacing with a plot that twists and turns all the way to the end will get a kick out of this series.Q: Where can readers learn more about upcoming releases?A: Visit my website www.jnchaney.com and sign up for the email list. You'll get free short stories, books, artwork, and updates on upcoming releases. The Variant Saga ebook categories: Post-Apocalyptic Science FictionMilitary Genetic Engineering Dystopian Young Adult NovelsDystopian futureFirst contactDystopian fiction young adult seriesDystopian science fiction

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This book was wild. I read tons of Young Adult dystopian stuff, but I found this to be a bit more mature. It's not afraid to tackle actual social issues like class-based societies, equal rights, and political espionage while still dealing with the primary story involving the kids. There's basically two stories happening here. One involves the teens, while the other involves the adults. The primary plot is, of course, about those kids, and it's a wild adventurous ride with its own challenges to overcome. But the second story with the adults is what I found to be the most fascinating, because it dealt with the previously mentioned issues. At its core, this story is asking a very interesting question: how far would you go to save humanity? For some of the people, there's no limit, but some disagree and claim we shouldn't sacrifice our humanity while trying to save it. It's an issue reflective of the real world, and it's fascinating. I also found the world building and societal structure to be interesting. In this world, most women are Mothers. That's a job, by the way. They produce and raise children. Once those kids are a certain age, they're sent to the Academy, and the Mothers don't see their kids again for about 10 years. Then they go out and start a new contract. In a world like this, genetic diversity is key, so a Mother has to have a good set of genes in order to get more contracts. The more unique her genetics are, the more children she's allowed to have. That brings us to the protagonist of the adult story, Mara Echols, who also happens to be Terry's (the main character's) Mother. But don't get me wrong, Terry is great, too. In fact, his story is the driving force of this novel. We get to follow him on a wild adventure into an untouched wasteland.

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