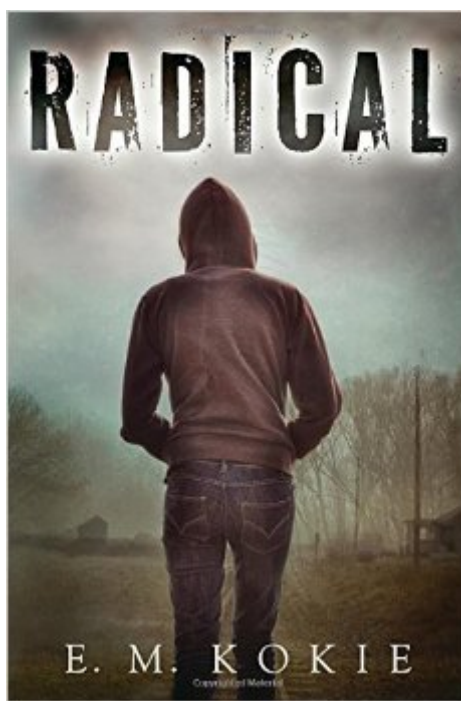


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Determined to survive the crisis sheâ™s sure is imminent, Bex is at a loss when her world collapses in the one way she hasnâ™t planned for. Preppers. Survivalists. Bex prefers to think of herself as a realist who plans to survive, but regardless of labels, theyâ™re all sure of the same thing: a crisis is coming. And when it does, Bex will be ready. Sheâ™s planned exactly what to pack, she knows how to handle a gun, and sheâ™ll drag her family to safety by force if necessary. When her older brother discovers Clearview, a group that takes survival just as seriously as she does, Bex is intrigued. While outsiders might think theyâ™re a delusional doomsday group, she knows thereâ™s nothing crazy about being prepared. But Bex isnâ™t prepared for Lucy, who is soft and beautiful and hates guns. As her brotherâ™s involvement with some of the members of Clearview grows increasingly alarming and all the pieces of Bexâ™s life become more difficult to juggle, Bex has to figure out where her loyalties really lie. In a gripping new novel, E. M. Kokie questions our assumptions about family, trust, and what it really takes to survive.

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This realistic contemporary novel is for mature young adults and up. I say that because it has some light lesbian sexual interplay. But it is a worthy read for any young adult especially those concerned about an upcoming societal collapse. Bex, short for Rebecca, is a 16-year-old obsessed with survival in the upcoming chaos. She is a day young woman who is not yet come out but her clothes and hair and demeanour mark her as someone different. Her parents do not accept her as she is and her mother is driven to change her and make her fit in with her ideal of the daughter. Bex loves

guns. This concept is so foreign to me I thought I might have trouble connecting, but the author, E. M. Kokie, smoothly brings us into the world of rifles, hand guns, bows and arrows, and more. Whether or not we believe in society's eminent collapse and the necessity of strategic preparation, we understand how deeply Bex does. The author deftly steers us in one disastrous direction and then presents us with another, more surprising but also more logical, disaster. Bex, who has done nothing but train to prevent ever becoming helpless or under the control of another, finds herself in exactly that situation. For the sake of her family, she endures the unendurable. She must make the most difficult decision of her life. The consequences will change her future and all her relationships forever. Seldom does a book ever keep me up to three in the morning reading but by the time I was halfway through, I was committed to finishing it. Bex may be as different from me as morning is from night, but I wanted this girl to survive intact and couldn't sleep not knowing what was going to happen to her. There are no happy endings in real life but the author leaves us with hope for a better life for a courageous, loyal, young woman who was never given a break.

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