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It's the year 2040, and 18-year-old Skyler Whitfield has had the perfect life—A successful father, a loving boyfriend, and wonderful friends. She had her future all planned out. She would go to Princeton like her father, marry her boyfriend Kellan, and have four happy children. All her plans came to a halt the day of The Big Announcement.

President Lancaster announced that the sun was going to burn out. Scientists and engineers worked together to build bio-domes all over the world to house as many people as possible—five domes were built around the United States. Skyler's father Tristan Whitfield was put on a team to oversee the dome going up in their home city Seattle, Washington.

Once the domes went up, key cards were handed out to people who were deemed useful enough to live inside of the dome. Chaos rang out when citizens began to panic about their future. Skyler thought everything would be okay once the dome doors closed—but that wasn't the case.

With the dome doors closed, no one inside is safe. Murder victims are popping up all over the dome. Along with an unknown killer on the loose, people are getting sick. A mystery virus is causing people to bleed from their eyes, ears, nose, and mouth, and it's spreading quickly. When Skyler discovers something frightening in Tristan's office, she has to act fast. Both the origin and the cure to the virus are going to change her life forever.

...And The Stars Fell Silent is a dystopian novel that sets itself apart from the rest. You will experience a new dystopian world from the beginning. This haunting tale of love, loss, betrayal, and murder will haunt you long after you finish it.

### **...And The Stars Fell Silent Details**

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## From Reader Review ...And The Stars Fell Silent for online ebook

### Alexandra Engellmann says

...And The Stars Fell Silent is a dark, suspenseful dystopian story that's set in the year 2040 when the Sun is about to die, and so is our planet. But the scientists have come up with a way to save some of the population by building huge domes over some of the biggest cities. Only those who are "useful" to the society are allowed to stay inside, and the others are doomed. And the full story of how it all happened is told in the first part of the book.

It's sad, no, terrifying, how the new world order was set after the decision was made to build the domes. How people were forced out of their homes so that "worthy" ones could move in and stay, why they are escorted out of the dome to die. How everyone tried to continue their normal life with the shadow of doom over them, without any proof that the domes would actually work, or the Earth wouldn't be destroyed together with the Sun. How families were torn apart when men were sent to a special training so they could become members of the National Force, and came home different people, or barely human at all. And especially, how Breeding Grounds left some women with a poor choice – die outside the dome or accept the dull destiny of a breeding machine.

"Most of the women embraced this new role, knowing that it was this or death, and they were lucky to even be in the dome. However, some women chose to perish with the sun over becoming a revolving door for dicks and infants."

There was one scene that I found especially disturbing, when Sky meets a friend of hers while she is passing the tests, and finds out that the girl was sentenced to become one of those women.

"So the next time you want to complain, know that your life is absolutely fucking perfect. You get to stay in your beautiful house with your brilliant father and sexy boyfriend. You will have fancy jobs and get to do whatever the hell you want while I spend my days on my back getting a train run on me by the assholes that run this place."

If you don't mind a bit of darkness in a book, you might want to give this one a try. I like finding something new in familiar genres, and I look for all kinds of emotions in books, so I liked how this one was different from other dystopian reads that I know. The only similar thing on my mind was the movie Sunshine, that actually has the same horrifying atmosphere on the ship, and those awful deaths of the crew. But it was the final scene, when the Sun explodes with light, that was stuck in my head. It's the same apocalyptic feel of these two stories.

The only thing that I didn't quite agree with was the purpose of Breeding Grounds. The domes were already overpopulated, and considering that only healthy people were allowed to stay, and that it was more territory that they needed rather than people, it was strange to create such a place and spend resources on it.

\*I got a free copy of the book from the author in exchange for an honest review

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### Robin Raven says

Trinity Roberts has a very memorable debut novel with "...And the Stars Fell Silent" With complex characters and a very compelling plot, Trinity keeps you interested and wondering what will happen next throughout the novel. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but I will say that I recommend it to anyone

who enjoys a terrific story with many layers and fascinating characters.

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### **The Literary Vixen says**

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### **Jen says**

I'm shocked that Trinity Roberts is a first time author since And the Stars Fell Silent is such a unique story. While I am usually leery of Dystopian books, this story kept me interested and wanting more! The book is full of love, hatred, life, death, romance, and horror! So excited for the next book!

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### **Sean Stone says**

The sun has burnt out and the world has to find a way to survive without it. The answer? Bio-domes. The story takes place in one of 4 domes created in the USA and follows the teenage Skyler and her family as they adjust to life under the dome.

I enjoyed reading this book and found that myself turning the pages very quickly. It is well-written and the author, Trinity Roberts, has clearly put a lot of effort into writing it. The writing style is very reminiscent of Stephen King but with less of the waffling that King has become known for. The characters were all well developed, believable and, most importantly, interesting to read about.

There were a lot of flashbacks which at times were somewhat intrusive to the story and it did end rather abruptly.

All in all, it was an exciting story and was a lot of fun to read. I look forward to the next one in the series.

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### **Rikke says**

I read this book in one day, that's how much I like it! Or actually, I was blessed with enough free time to read on through for once, and luckily this story was well worth it, so I did!

... And The Stars Fell Silent is an awesome debut, and ever SO recommendable...

First off, I love the title, and I would probably have chosen this in a bookstore, on the title alone. Nevertheless, I came across a request for honest reviews, and asked for a copy on the hunch, that this would

be a treat. It most definitely was!!

It's also a ghastly tale about the end of the world, as we know it, set in Washington state, in a not to distant future - in fact, just a mere 25 years from today, in 2040. It's also the story of how the fittest survive, and by which measures. It's terrifying, sad, suspenseful, and imaginative. A truly compelling, apocalyptic dystopian/sci-fi!

Each chapter starts off quoting Lord Byron's poem, Darkness. Usually, that seems like nothing more than a fancy gimmick, In this book, however, it's both very fitting, and a brilliant reminder of impending doom, in that it acts as a parallel storyline, promising to collide with the main one.

\*...Skyler and Kellan would never in their lives leave Washington, and many of their friends wouldn't live to see their nineteenth birthdays.\* storyline, chapter 1

\*...Morn came and went—and came, and brought no day...\* Darkness by Lord Byron, chapter 2

I love how the story drew me in from the very first chapter. Regardless of the gloomy accent from the Byron quote, the story itself starts off very sweet and idyllic, with Skyler, the main character, wanting to preserve a rainy summer's day. Skyler comes off so sweet and likable, as we get acquainted with the setting through her memories of childhood, family and The Day of The Big Announcement. Also within very few pages, Trinity manages to make me care about, and appreciate, her MC, and that in itself is a great accomplishment, given that Skyler is a teenager, and could easily have been defaulted to the standard type: sassy, lovesick, and annoying, yet about to save the world. Skyler comes off as a real person, living in a real world, drawing from actual memories. Obviously, her world is changing - in fact the change is impending - and yet, she's a believable character throughout, acting and reacting like I imagine anyone in her position might during such circumstances.

The narration is third person omniscient and yet, it works well in order to create interesting characters. I especially enjoyed the parts about Ava and her family, as well as the part where Adam is given a voice.

I especially enjoyed part 1: The selection of who was deemed worthy of survival, and the fright for what was to come felt disturbing, gory and horrifyingly imminent, and for the most part I found the entire book rather solid, and well justified. Trinity's writing really shines when describing levels of despair and injustice, and in regards to conveying memories, though dialogue and accounts of present events aren't always as seamless.

The premise is disturbingly gory, yet brilliant, as it moves the story forward, in a way that makes the pages turn almost on their own account. At least, I was plentifully engaged, although there was more than the occasional typo. Mostly in the form of missing words or letters, but also some misused ones, as eg. walked passed, instead of walked past, as well as a few inconsistencies, eg. The Washington Dome is #5 during construction, but Dome #4 when in function. Fortunately none of this is of major importance, and as the typos will most likely be fixed in the next update, it doesn't subtract much, especially as the story is rather stunningly concocted.

While there are quite a lot of side stories, I would have liked to know more about what actually happened when the Sun died - especially in regards to climate, visibility, and whether it actually affected the Domites onwards. Inside the Dome it seemed like the biggest challenge was forming a new world order, but then again the storyline does only stretch over a short period of time. In a way it seemed that multiple plot lines made it harder to give enough attention to everything, and yet the story is both entertaining on it's own account, and a great offset for an entertaining series.

I really don't have much else to say against it, and nevertheless, it's an amazing debut. The story is stunningly imagined, and the premise so compelling, that I'll definitely be looking forward to the next book in this

series, or, for that matter, anything by Trinity Roberts.

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### **Kris Riley says**

This is a genre that I have previously detoured from just because I don't like to think of the end of the world. I prefer happy things lol. Honestly, I am very happy I took the leap of faith and read ATSFs.

Trinity Roberts has created a world that grabs you by the back of the neck and drags you in. Kick and scream if you want but you truly need to be in this world. ATSFs follows Kellan and Skyler, two young lovers who face living in a bio-dome. They are extremely lucky to be among those chosen to live in the dome. Not all of their friends were given that same opportunity.

Trinity Roberts throws in a HUGE plot twist. Well actually a couple! Read how Kellan and Skylar have to say good bye to friends and loved ones that are not deemed worthy to live in the dome. See how they fight to survive, how they fight to hold on to their love, and how they see the world that they grew up in change so swiftly around them.

The thing I found so compelling about this book was that Trinity Roberts was able to make me care for side characters. I cared so much about a man named John and his young daughter Ava that I have actually begged Trinity to write their story. I can honestly say I would read that book, even though I don't think that the Dystopian Genre is for me. But I can't turn down the chance to broaden my reading views nor to help a new Indie author. I love doing both!

I was given a copy of ATSFs in exchange for a HONEST review.

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### **P.M. says**

The best part was the title.

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### **Doris Marcantel says**

#### **Liked it!**

This was a pretty decent read. Kept me interested enough to want to read the next part of the story!

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### **Mary says**

#### **So interesting!**

I'm new to dystopian novels and this was just so intriguing and entertaining. I look forward to others in the series.

The plot and premise are unique and very timely.

## **Laura says**

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## **Zaz says**

An average dystopia with a good premise but uninteresting characters and events.

The sun will end soon. Several biodomes were created to help humankind survive. Of course, not everybody can enter the domes, they are only for talented and useful people. Luckily for Skylar, her father is a very good scientist. Finally, the sun disappears and Skylar has to deal with murderers, a dangerous virus and the fact her loved ones just disappeared.

The premise and the title were very good and I enjoyed the beginning of the story. It was too much telling over showing but it explained well the situation. After that, it started to become a complicated read, I didn't care at all about the characters, each of them felt like a cliché (the beautiful & smart heroine, the blond-big-boobed-bitch, the very dedicated dad, the abusive jerk...) and they lacked true voice and depth. The only point of view from outside the dome was a very good idea but as I didn't connect with the blank characters, it added nothing for me to the story. The writing and the characters totally gave a YA tone to the book, but the language was sometimes rude (plenty of f\*ck and bitch). There were also some undertones that bothered me, like making jokes about "the girl who slept with half the guys", a breeding center with "one man per day and you can't refuse him" (in a dome where you're concerned about overpopulation?) or some abuse that was put away like nothing by the character who suffered it (overall, I don't recommend the book if you care about women' conditions and I'm not talking about dystopian conditions but about the way an author writes about them). I would have probably enjoyed this book more if it was less focused on Skylar's uninteresting adventures and if it wasn't mixing (stupid) violence, apocalypse and a terrible illness (maybe focus on just one thing and develop it well?). It's probably not a bad book and the dystopian society was believable, but too many things bothered me and I finished it just because it was a smooth read.

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## **1-Click Addict Support Group says**

Give me a good, dirty, fast paced, post apocalyptic book any day. But this one was great! The imagination this author has is astounding! The suspense was perfect.

With the dystopian novel boom, it is hard to find one that is as truly as unique as this one. And it is Ms. Roberts' debut?? Wow! Can't wait for more from her. Great depth and interesting characters to boot! The author makes you feel the emotion and pain that is happening throughout. Wonderfully written. Hauntingly gripping.

You need to read this, and you better make sure you have a couple hours to finish it, because you won't be able to stop until it is finished!! ~ Krissy, 4 stars

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### **Kevis Hendrickson says**

...And the Stars Fell Silent is the first of a planned series of books recounting the end of the world. In this dystopian tale, we follow Skylar Whitfield through harrowing events culminating in the end of the world as we know it. A cataclysm of galactic proportions befalls the Earth leading to the inevitable destruction of all life upon it. Skylar and her family take up shelter in a government built-dome which offers them the only chance of survival. Once there, things go from bad to worse forcing Skylar to risk her life to uncover a deadly conspiracy that threatens the lives of all survivors.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started this tale, though I understood it was going to be a dystopian thriller from the blurb. Sadly, the current book cover art doesn't do this book justice as I might have passed over it if not given the opportunity to read it. Hopefully an upgrade is planned, because this book is a much more impressive read than the artwork suggests or I had even hoped it would be.

I really enjoyed the quotes from Lord Byron's immortal poem "Darkness" that opens each new chapter. It adds weight and gravity to the bleak situation the characters find themselves in. Although Skylar is clearly the lead character, it was a nice change of pace to see the story through the eyes of other characters' such as Pastor Tim and John Malcom. The Malcom bits were incredibly moving. I felt his dread as he struggled to find a way to survive a dying world along with his young daughter. Though slightly overdone, flashbacks were used to great effect in this story, allowing us to explore the lives and motivations of many of its players. There were a few editorial errors in the text, but nothing that would prevent readers from enjoying this book.

...And the Stars Fell Silent is definitely a thrilling read that held my attention from start to finish. I am intrigued by the unresolved world crisis and would definitely read the next part of the story so I can see what happens next to Skylar and Co..

4 Stars.

Disclaimer: I was given a complimentary copy of this book for a fair and honest review.

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### **Sara Moller says**

Trinity Roberts' 2015 novel, ...And the Stars Fell Silent, is a dystopian novel set in 2040. In the novel an 18 year old girl named Skyler and her boyfriend must face living in a world where the sun has burned out. To prepare for the sun's burning out, which was predicted by scientists within the novel two years earlier, the United States has been divided into five different domes. Skyler is forced to adapt to life in a dome based in the state of Washington. Since there are only five domes, people from multiple states must make their way over to where the domes are based and then people are given tests to determine if they are eligible to live in the dome or not.

The novel was a quick read and comes across more as a classified young adult novel, then as a dystopian novel. The only characteristics that make it dystopian are the setting of 2040 and the idea of living with the sun burnt out, as realistically this won't occur for many hundreds of years down the line. Certain plot points aren't necessary to the story as well, such as a few times when it's mentioned Skyler and her boyfriend make love in between them dealing with all the drama and changes that occur to their world while they are living under the dome. This tells us nothing about the world they live in and adds nothing to the main focus of the story and it can only be seen as filler material.

The novel features a lot of characters mentioned and it can be hard to keep track of who's who, especially when we are able to get the inner thoughts of more than one character, rather than the author focusing only on Skyler's ideas and feelings. In fact, in three chapters, we hear the thoughts of a worried father who is forced to live outside the dome with his six year old daughter. Considering neither of these two characters interact with any of our main characters, it is curious why they are included at all.

Not only do parts of the story itself and the characters dissatisfy, there are also grammatical errors that can be painful to read. Quotation marks are forgotten from time to time and commas are either misused or forgotten. For example, during a mob scene a character yells out, "'You shot my friend bitch.' A man's voice said angrily" (Roberts 27). There should be a comma after friend. Having to get past grammar mistakes made reading the book appear messy and that it was hastily put together without being looked over before publishing.

So because of the novel's lack of dystopian quality, when it promises to be dystopian on the back, the addition of various unnecessary characters, and having the minimalist, if any at all, of the novel edited, I did not enjoy this book as much as I thought I would. It's supposed to be the first in a trilogy, so perhaps it gets better in time.

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