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Synopsis

The complete collection of critically acclaimed, award-winning novels from New York Times-bestselling author Ally Condie's Matched Trilogy, including Matched, Crossed, and the breathtaking conclusion, Reached.Â

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Praise for the Matched Trilogy:"This futuristic fable of love and free will asks: Can there be freedom without choice? The tale of Cassia's journey from acceptance to rebellion will draw you in and leave you wanting more." --Cassandra Clare, New York Times-bestselling author of The Infernal Devices and The Mortal Instruments series"A superb dystopian romance." --The Wall Street Journal"The hottest YA title to hit bookstores since The Hunger Games." --Entertainment Weekly"A fierce, unforgettable page-turner." --Kirkus, starred review"Condie's enthralling and twisty dystopian plot is well served by her intriguing characters and fine writing....Cassia's metamorphosis is gripping and satisfying." --Publishers Weekly, starred review"Condie's prose is immediate and unadorned, with sudden pings of lush lyricism [and] reveals seeming to arrive on almost every page." --Kirkus, starred review"Distinct...authentic...poetic." --School Library Journal"Love triangle + struggle against the powers that be = perfect escape." --MTV.com

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After reading and rereading the Hunger Games and Divergent series a hundred times I was looking for something that would be similar and not a knock off. This series really pull me into the story, made me fall in love with the characters, the world, and time they lived in. I would recommend this to anyone who likes to escape reality, government conspiracies, and loves triangle love stories.

****possible spoilers here and there****Book 1-Matched- I really liked the start to this trilogy. It gave a great set up to how life has turned out some time into the future and it gave me a true sense of suffocation. I know that the characters in the book didn't feel that way for the most part because that's what they grew up knowing. But the author did a great job at making me feel what it would be like to live in that situation. Matched was the background and build up book. It gave the basic background for how this lifestyle came to be and it was a perfect subtle build up for what's about to come. How even in a seemingly perfect society nothing is truly as perfect as it seems. And how in a way living this way seemed more terrifying than living in chaos.Book 2- Crossed- I liked the adventure in this book and Cassia's slow discovery of the world outside her world. In her eyes everything she was seeing was so new, breathtaking and terrifying at times and I enjoyed the discoveries and endured the sadness right along with her. In this book you start to see the true colors of the Society and the Rising and neither one gives a great impression. You see how the Society is quick to try and extinguish anything that doesn't fit perfectly into their tiny, shiny bubble and it's a terrifying thought to think that at any moment they could deem one of your actions unsuitable for the society and have you shipped off to God knows where to fend for yourself without batting an eye. The Rising wasn't much better. They seemed to trust very few people and felt just as controlling and manipulative as the Society.This book is also where I started to dislike the series a little. I read somewhere that the authors favorite character to write was Indie...and it was painfully obvious. I hate when authors make it obvious. I know each one has a favorite to write about but never have I seen one so open about it in their books. I got a little tired of all the characters talking about how beautiful and amazing she was. I mean, she's a secondary character and I feel like the focus was on her entirely too much as far as the "romance" portion of this book is concerned. And Cassia was too quick to give Indie credit for a lot of things when she should have been giving it to

herself. Cassia didn't grow up the way Indie did so why should she automatically know the things Indie knew. The world that Cassia was thrust into in this book was a complete 180 from what she was used to and she fought and she survived. I don't really feel like she was given her dues for what she accomplished no matter how little of an accomplishment it may have been in Indie and Ky's eyes.

Book 3- Reached- This was my least favorite book of the trilogy. Back to the whole romance thing for a moment (and I yes I know that's not the whole point of the book but since it was in there I'm going to talk about it) I didn't really feel a "love connection" between Ky and Cassia. If anything I felt like he was in love with Indie (barf). Every time they were together in a chapter he would once again talk about how beautiful and amazing she was...things he hardly ever said about the girl he was actually supposed to be in love with. The only thing he would really say about Cassia is that he missed her and flash back to a kiss or a moment they shared. I never knew why he loved her, why he missed her especially when he was all the time staring at and praising Indie. Now that I did my romance rant...back to the meat of the story. most of this book was spent looking for a cure for the virus. I didn't get a lot of Xander's medical chit chat in his POV chapters and so I skimmed a lot of his stuff. I'm not a science person at all so maybe I just needed it dumbed down a little for me. Xander was a pretty boring character until closer to the end of the book when he finally started to progress and transform. I could really see his growth which is more than I can say for Ky or Cassia. Cassia changed only in the sense that she knew what the world was really like now. She knew the truth for the most part. Ky seemed to always want to stay out of everything on every side and just let the chips fall where they may (while talking about how beautiful and amazing Indie was). I was REALLY disappointed in the reveal of the Pilot. He was talked about all the time and I thought it was going to be some shocker or one of those "omg" moments you get in some books...but nope. He was just a nobody that knew how to fly well and helped rescue people and earned his spot as the pilot *yawn*. I could really nitpick at a lot of things in book 3 and if I gave it an individual rating it would only be 2 stars. Thank goodness the 1st 2 books were good and somewhat helped makeup for a blah 3rd book. All in all, I've told my friends about these books (not exactly recommended them) but told them that if they have nothing else to read then these would be good.

This is the best story I've read since The Hunger Games. It keeps you interested from the start to finish. I do have to say there is times that I get upset with some of the choices that are made but it is so much like real life that its expected, without those choices it would seem fakeish/movieish/bookish/storyish instead of the super good read that it is. It is a great story and if you like The Hunger Games you will like this....and No its not about a game of skills but it is about

people trying to survive which is how that two storys are similar. Anyway I really like the collection and I hope you do too. And the best part of getting it on the kindle was I got all 3 books in one group instead of paying for 1 at a time.

Purchased for a high school library - I'm sure the kids will enjoy!

Having just read the hunger games trilogy and divergent this trilogy doesn't measure up to those. While I did enjoy reading it, it wasn't nearly as exciting. There weren't as many plot twists as I would have liked and it was predictable at times. I did like the foreshadowing and not having all of your questions answered right away. I personally enjoyed the different perspectives a lot as the series progressed and never felt confused. It is a nice little love story within a controlling society. Not sure if I will reread this series anytime soon, don't know if i needed to buy the books.

Finally just got started reading these cant wait for more time to get into them. Loved being able to get all 3 books at once. Great deal Thank you so much.

As far as young adult/teen books go this one has some interesting concepts. Following the trend of The Hunger Games and Divergent, these books are quasi-adventure novels meant to challenge the concept of a perfect society and asks the reader to consider free-will. It has similar features to Lois Lowry's "The Giver" and Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" and has the reader questioning a life without variation, access to history and knowledge, and the inability to make choices. The first 2 books demand your attention, however, in the third the author focuses on the character emotional relationships and you lose the stories big picture.

Great deal on an awesome book trilogy!!! I recomend these hard back books because the series is so good you will end up lending them out to your family and friends. The contents were appropriate for my 5th grade daughter. The romance element in this series is very tastefully written for younger readers. After she finished each book she passed them to me and I loved them too!

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