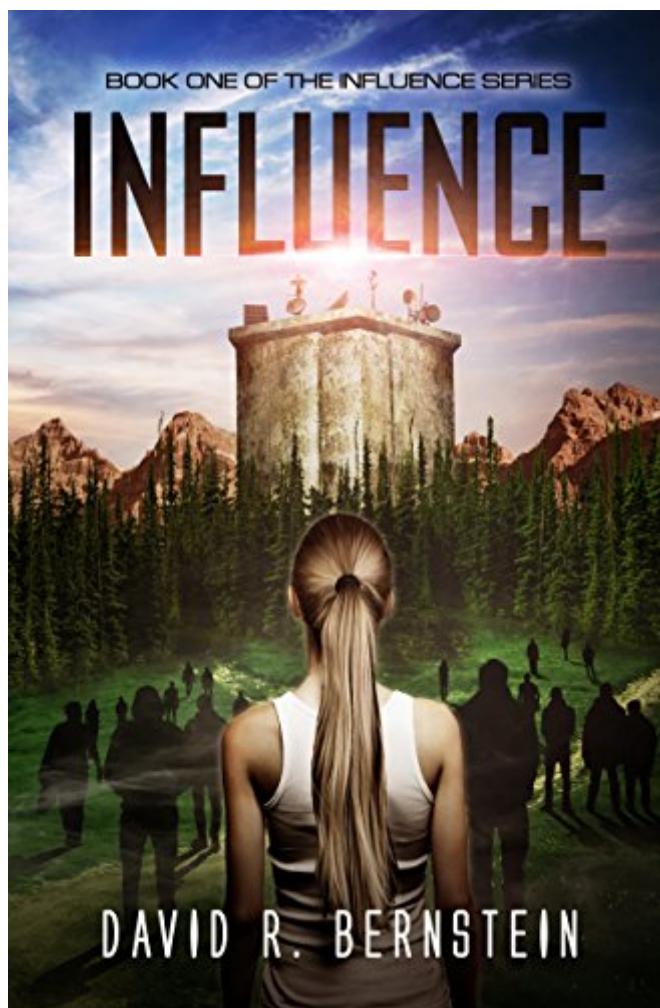


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Synopsis

"Exciting! Captivating! Couldn't put it down!" ... If you could manipulate the reality of others, would you? Seventeen-year-old Kaylin has been on the run for nearly half of her young life, hiding her untapped abilities from the relentless forces that hunt her. When rescuing a mysterious stranger risks exposing the depths of Kaylin's power, she quickly learns that this harsh, new world will no longer allow her to remain hidden. Surviving has never been easy, but resisting will be even harder. In a future where greed and corruption have torn society apart, ruthless sector groups manipulate and oppress the masses by abusing gifted youths, known as Influencers. With the ability to shift the mindset of others and bend the populace to the will of their masters, these teens are high-value targets to be acquired and controlled at any cost. Now, war is being waged by the sector groups to expand their reach and consolidate power. Though only wanting to create a new life for herself, Kaylin may be the only one who can stop them from enslaving the rest of humanity. But will fighting back cost Kaylin everything? Influence is the first novel in the Influence series, a sci-fi, dystopian epic brimming with fast-paced action, suspenseful intrigue and a touch of romance, all propelled by an inventive and unique story concept. If you are a Maze Runner or Divergent fan, then an exciting new journey awaits you!

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Customer Reviews

The cover first attracted me to this novel, so I went for a pre-order and it was certainly worth waiting for. The book is so visual, the world descriptions, the setting of the hubs and it's power, the action scenes, very well described. The characters are full of life and very believable. What I found amazing about this novel is that it's written in 1st POV from the character perspective of Kaylin, by the author Mr. Bernstein, and it's totally absorbing. I highly recommend this book for readers of YAadventures, and happy to hear this is the beginning of a series. I'll look out for more.

Influence is an action-packed adventure set in a dystopian world where the youth of the country are sometimes imbued with the power to "push." They are called influencers, and they have the ability to join and sometimes take over the consciousness of other people. Evil faction leaders use these young people to control the masses, hoping to gain power. This debut novel by David R. Bernstein is well written, well edited and moves at a fast pace to keep you completely submerged in this world he created. I loved the characters, who were well developed and relatable. Kaylin must push past her fears to become the badass everyone else already knows she is. There is a lot of action, a small touch of romance, and an intriguing twist at the end that leaves you hungry for more. Overall, I give this book two thumbs up! I can't wait to read book 2!

In this dystopian American society, Kaylin stands out, even amongst others with similar powers. Her ability, to influence others, is highly sought after by warring factions. She's been on the run with her best friend for years, but will her powers of empathy change all that? Where only teenagers have the ability to push others' consciousness to do something or feel something, this society is set up much like other young adult dystopian novels. There's the female main character who doesn't know the reaches of her own power. There are the factions that want to use her for their own evil plans. Where Influence is different is with its well-developed characters and satisfyingly detailed world building. I knew exactly how a "Push" worked and was shown many possibilities for how and why one would be used. I knew Kaylin and her best friend Amanda almost as well as they knew each other and loved how empathetic Kaylin was! Where the story lost me a bit was with the plot details and the romantic element. The sweet romance between Kaylin and Farren was stereotypical for a dystopian teen

read, but I enjoyed that even though this romance was based on mutual first attraction (duh!) that the romance grew slowly and steadily throughout the book and didn't end with too much of the romance taking over the plot! The romance and action were well balanced. Some elements of the plot seemed a bit convenient and somewhat unexplained, but the book moved at a nice fast pace and kept me interested in the characters, their world, and their ultimate goal the entire time. The plot twist at the end was a bit rough and though all the elements to tie it in were there, they were a bit too loose for my liking. I loved the tease at the end and appreciated that this book contained both a full and satisfying ending while making the reader want to read more and find out what happens to Kaylin next!

This book and its ending have left me breathless. From the beginning, I had the feeling this story was going to be interesting and exciting, and indeed, it was all that. The story is never boring at any part. The characters are fine, the story itself is fine. Although this story uses an uncommon usage of words, you can enjoy it. I would totally recommend this book. Especially because of the ending. I never saw it coming.

I loved the cover and was intrigued by the blurb, so I bought this book as a birthday gift for myself and I'm so glad I did. Right from the very beginning Influence jumps right into action when Kaylin and her best friend Amanda find themselves knee deep in a potentially bad situation when they discover whom exactly it is they just rescued. Throw in Kaylin's ÀœpushÀ• ability, two sides of a war fighting for control over what's left of the world, and you've got a fast paced story you can't put down. And the ending! Wow! what a perfect twist to set up book two. Can't wait to read the next installment.

I received this book as an arc, and just got a chance to finally read it, I thought it was a great book with well developed characters and I'm looking forward to reading the next one

Very action-packed and quite a different kind of YA storyline. It was great. Even with the intense action scenes, the book was clean and my young son would be able to read it, which is important for me. The dystopian setting was realistic and well described. I like the relationship between the main character, Kaylin, and her best friend Amanda. I even liked the mild romance elements. It wasn't in your face like most young adult books. It is for sure worth a read!

Wonderfully written, fast paced read!! Kaylin is a young girl trying to hide because of her abilities but when fate steps in she can no longer hide. I can't wait to read the next one!! I strongly recommend this to anyone who wants a great fun read!

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