Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

**Jack Graham**

I really enjoyed this book with its many twists and turns in the plot. In the story Jackson is an academic bright spark – a certain to get into the leadership. But when he is sent with his best friend Wilson to deliver a package Wilson is killed while Jackson is beaten up and sent to an academy where teachers are kept in cages and the only things that matter are red hair and fighting skill. He realises that the academies and the entire leadership are all corrupt. The story covers a few months.

The main characters are Jackson, Kay and Rex. Jackson changes from a young boy into a more mature character. Kay is a “special” obsessed with becoming “Dom” and Rex is the top fighting red head – he rules the “specials”.

The many twists in the plot cause the reader to not want to put it down because they need to know what happened.

Overall this book is an excellent read. I would read another book by C.J. Harper and recommend this to teenagers or older because it has so many good techniques but has murder. C.J. Harper is comparable to Rowling, Horowitz or Riordan in her deliverance of the story.

**Kalilah (L)**

I'm sad to say that I didn't like this book.

Actually, I did enjoy it to some extent - but there was nothing incredibly exciting or capturing about the story or narration (particularly the narration as it's the usual teenage-dialect style first-person stuff, which I felt lacked creative flair and originality).

I disliked the main character as soon as the story began. I would associate him with members from the recent boy-bands; predictable and overproduced. The plot, progress of the story and relationships are all pretty typical of a dystopia novel.

The good aspects of this story would have to be the humour and character development; I appreciated the thinking and survival parts.
Overall; if you read a lot of dystopia novels, then you won’t be missing much by skipping this one. On the other hand, if you don’t read a lot from this genre you might possibly find it an interesting read.

**Gemma Bees**

*This book is excellent. I found the storyline to be gripping, I couldn’t put it down for three days.* You really begin to feel like you are part of the book and feel the emotional turmoil that the character goes through. It even made me cry at one point. Although it is a sad book to a certain extent, it does have moments of dark humour which made me laugh out loud. It defiantly has some plot twists, which really leaves you questioning things. I’ve read quite a few dystopian worlds and this is, by far, one of my favourites.

I would recommend this to anyone but, in particular for people who found 1984 by George Orwell a good book.

**Amrit Bunet**

*The Disappeared’ is a rapid story about Jackson- an academically able student whose life and future changed after one awful incident leaves his best friend dead and Jackson staying in an academy with uneducated students. Jackson discovers the truth about the person behind the nasty plot that would change Jackson’s life forever.*

As soon as I dived into the book, the action had started and the dark storyline was already slowly unravelling. Each and every chapter revealed a gripping turn within the story that would change the reader’s perspective of the book. C.J. Harper’s words narrate the story sufficiently however there were times during the story where I felt confused as the story was going at a fast pace with new characters and plots that are incorporated into the story.

Although the plotline is very complex, I believe that this book is one that I could not put down and will stand amongst other classics that I have enjoyed and would thoroughly persuade other’s to. Overall *The Disappeared’ is a book full of clever ideas and twists that would surprise any reader* and can emotionally affect you with relationships and will always be on my shelf when I need to read a good book again!
Josh Travers

At first, The Disappeared seems like a story in your typical dystopian setting, but as you read more and more, you realise that it is so much more.

This is the story of Jackson, whose perfect life is turned upside down following a brutal attack which left his best friend dead, and of how he must adapt to life in the shadowy oppression of an Academy. In order to find the answers his mind yearns for, he must abandon everything he was taught to believe and start discovering the truth for himself.

The author, C J Harper, chronicles Jackson’s journey with such energy and pace that page after page after page practically turn themselves, each time enticing you even more and drawing you in to the world controlled by The Leader.

The story is moving and powerful, but the inclusion of humour every so often into this brilliantly crafted text ensures that the reader does not go too long without a smile.

I would recommend this book to anybody, especially those who enjoy Orwell, because the idea behind The Disappeared shows hints of 1984, but C J Harper has managed to portray that idea in an light that is totally her own – and totally amazing to read.

Christie Heaven

The young dystopian market has been recently crowded but The Disappeared is exciting, fast-paced and fresh and ripe for reading. Jackson’s struggles are addictive and leave the reader yearning for more. The horrid corruption of the society and Jackson’s fight for survival leaves tones and themes similar to hit favourites such as The Hunger Games and Divergent but Jackson and friends create a new narrative filled with lovable British dark humor. Anxiously waiting for more!!

Daisy Pennock, 13

How would you feel if you were torn from everything you have ever known and then, when you tried to get back it was like you had never existed? This is what happens to Jackson, a promising 17 year old, living in a top Learning Community. After going on an errand for one of his tutors, where he sees his best friend being killed in front of him, no one knows who he is. Forced to stay in an Academy, where teachers sit in cages and fighting is encouraged, he starts finding out that most of his life has been a lie. The plot twists will leave you dizzy and the idea is fantastic. However, the story is lacking something, the characters are not brought to life and their actions are briefly described. The ending is also a little of an anti-climax, however I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and the twists in the story line were what made this novel for me. A great read!
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Hollie Compton 15

I loved reading The Disappeared.
The plot was amazing and I loved the twists that cropped up throughout the story.
I liked how Blake's and Kay's relationship developed throughout the story and how
the Reds over ruled everything in the academies.
Even though the Leadership planned everything.
I liked how even the Specials feared the wilderness and that it played a part in the story.
I hope that there is a second book to see what happens next to Blake and Kay.