

Content Guide

Chasing Liberty trilogy

Themes: the importance of individual liberty, faith, and traditional family to a stable society; the dangers of advancing science and technology without ethical considerations; coping with trauma, self-sacrifice for a greater good, heroism. Appropriate for students studying American Government/Civics, Ethics/Morality, or American History. (Book 3 recounts specific events in American Revolutionary War history as experienced through 3D gaming.)

Educational Value: A thorough 47-page Discussion/Study Guide is available free on the [author's website](#). Refer to the discussion guide for a more complete idea of story themes and content. The ideologies in this series are based on the agendas of elitist that are extremely influential—and dangerous—in our world today.

Positive Messages: When an individual looks deeper into life and society, they often gain inspiration to make a positive difference—to help set things right. Every one of us can have an impact on the world around us, even if we feel outnumbered.

Spiritual Messages: No matter how dark a culture becomes, God never gives up on us. The traditional family unit provides the building block for a healthy and happy society.

Positive Role Models: Liberty lives in the dark culture of this story world, but she longs for goodness and truth. Over the course of this trilogy, she grows in her understanding of freedom and her willingness to do whatever possible to help everyone achieve it. Dedrick, part of an underground rescue operation, is a strong man of faith who has devoted his life to saving the few who aren't content to live on government handouts and who long for something higher.

Violence/Gore: This trilogy contains several violent scenes between individual characters and groups, but little actual gore.

Sexuality: Since faith and traditional family are squashed in this dystopian future, sexual impurity is commonplace—it is the natural result of faithlessness and the tomorrow we will wake up to if we don't fight for faith and family today. While there is no graphic content, it is clear that secondary characters have impure relationships.

In this dystopian future, sex is for pleasure and not for procreation. The government forbids marriage and controls population numbers. Life begins in the laboratory, where scientists manipulate embryos and discards imperfect ones. They implant developing embryos in the healthiest young women, called “breeders,” who also care for infants up to a certain age. The children then move to government facilities where they are raised and indoctrinated in order to ensure the ideologies move from one generation to the next.

Language: Bad language is conveyed creatively, without using the actual words. The word bitch was removed from *Testing Liberty* and replaced with b—.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: While the main characters do not smoke, drink, or do drugs, many in this dystopian future turn to destructive habits. Liberty is given a drug in the first book by a character who wants to have his way with her, but Dedrick rescues her.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

This trilogy is set in the near future. The technology, science, and ideologies are real. Since its publication, many elements are no longer futuristic; sadly, they are contemporary. Dystopian fiction allows us to consider where we are heading, and it can inspire us to make a difference and to fight for all that is good, true, and beautiful. While the content does not lend itself to younger readers, more mature readers will benefit from these stories. Using the trilogy, the discussion guide, and current headlines, parents can help educate their teens about important issues and inspire them to remain strong and faithful to truth no matter how dark our culture gets.

Rating:

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.

Rating Scale:

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 14 plus

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