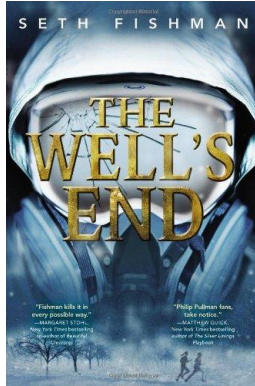
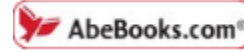


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The Well's End.

Fishman, Seth (author).

Feb. 2014. 352p. Putnam, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9780399159909](#)). Grades 9-12. [REVIEW](#). First published February 1, 2014 (*Booklist*).

At four years old, “Baby Mia” Kish fell into a well and was pulled out to grand media fanfare. Since then, tight spaces and darkness give her the creeps. When the staff and students at Westbrook—her überexclusive school—develop a strange and gruesome illness that ages and kills them within hours, darkness becomes the least of her problems. She fears that she and countless others will become infected and suffer the same fate. Mia, with four close friends and a new student at her side, must find out exactly what’s happening and why before they can save the school and the town. Only her father, who is isolated in his mysterious mountain workplace, can answer her questions. The only problem is that the answers he gives her aren’t necessarily the ones she expects; both she and her seventeenth birthday figure prominently in the conflict. Between feats of superhuman endurance and a race against the spread of the deadly virus, there is no time to stop and breathe. The possibilities of biowarfare with a new twist on the life-healing properties of water make the contemporary implications of the story ring unnervingly true. A fast-paced, thrilling adventure story that begs for a sequel. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*