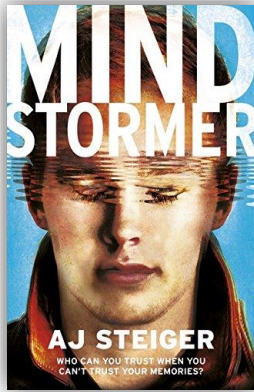


Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Science Fiction



Mindstormer.

Steiger, A. J. (author).

June 2018. 432p. Oneworld/Rock the Boat, paperback, \$11.99 ([9781780749266](#)). Grades 9-12. [REVIEW](#). First published February 21, 2018 (Booklist Online).

In this sequel to *Mindwalker* (2015), Lain Fisher wakes to find herself unable to recall the previous few months and knows she's been

subjected to a targeted memory wipe. When a group of revolutionary Blackcoats rescues her from the Institute for Ethics in Neurotechnology (IFEN), a former coworker and her ex-boyfriend facilitate her memory restoration and smuggle her over the Canadian border wall. There, they arrive in the Citadel, the Blackcoats' high-tech headquarters, where they train to destroy the closed government of the United Republic of America and its controlling arm, IFEN. After a slow start, Steiger's novel catapults into mind-crushing action, set within a highly advanced America that excels in mind control and secludes itself from the rest of the world. At its heart, the book offers an intelligent debate on the morality of technology developed with good intentions versus its access to power and control, and on advanced weaponry's ability to dehumanize destruction. It is a timely and cautionary story in which the concepts of freedom and accountability are prominent despite existing at the mercy of politics. — *Jeanne Fredriksen*



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