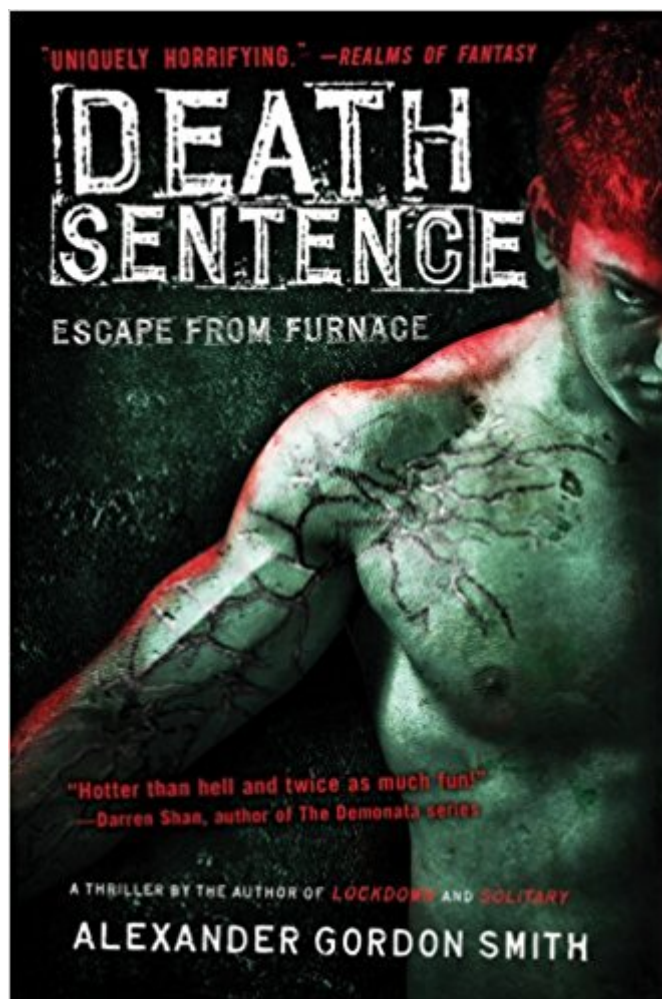


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Death Sentence: Escape From Furnace 3



Synopsis

Alex's second attempt to break out of Furnace Penitentiary failed. This time, his punishment will be much worse than before. Because in the hidden, bloodstained laboratories beneath the prison, he will be made into a monster. As the warden pumps something evil into his veins— a sinisterly dark nectar— Alex becomes what he most fears . . . a superhuman minion of Furnace. How can he escape when the darkness is inside him? How can he lead the way to freedom if he is lost to himself?

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Customer Reviews

“In this third installment of the Furnace series, Gordon-Smith has pulled out all the stops. It is a tour de force of action and adventure. Honestly, this reviewer could not put this book down, having thoroughly enjoyed all of the novels in this series, and will anxiously await the release of Fugitives: Escape from Furnace 4 due winter 2012. Please continue to wow us, Mr. Gordon Smith--your books are a pleasure to read.”
“Fresh and ferocious, Lockdown will hook boys with its gritty, unrelenting surprises.”
“Furnace is hotter than hell and twice as much fun! Sign me up for a life sentence of Alexander Gordon Smith!”
“This nightmarish start to a new series is unrelentingly bleak, uniquely horrifying, and strangely compelling.”
“A great next choice for fans of The Maze Runner, The Grassland Trilogy. . . or Lord of the Flies . . . Recommended for

dystopia, thriller, and horror fans, or anyone looking for a fast-paced, spine-chilling ride. — Jennifer Robinson's Bookpage — "Readers will be turning pages without pause, and the cliff-hanger ending will have them anticipating the next installment. Most appealing is Smith's flowing writing style, filled with kid-speak, colorful adjectives, and amusing analogies. Fans of James Patterson's 'Maximum Ride' and Darren Shan's 'The Demonata' series will find this satisfying fare. — School Library Journal — "One of those leave-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat thrill rides that will grab the reader right from the start. Teens will appreciate Smith's vivid imagery. His writing is extremely fluid, and he makes the reader feel for the characters, especially the young protagonist, Alex. Readers will be cheering him on from start to finish. Look for the sequel, *Solitary*, forthcoming in 2010. Readers will be anxious to see where Alex's adventures take him next. — VOYA — "Not for the faint-hearted, this dramatic British import is both a page- and stomach-turner. . . The pacing is superb, building on the tension as each horror is revealed while saving the ultimate monstrosity for the cliffhanger ending. — The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books — "Lockdown is a beautifully written book that builds itself up on violence, suspense, and mystery. — A YALSA YA Galley Teen Reader

Alexander Gordon Smith is the author of the *Escape from Furnace* series, including *Lockdown* and *Solitary*. Born in 1979 in Norwich, England, he always wanted to be a writer. After experimenting in the service and retail trades for a few years, Smith decided to go to University. He studied English and American Literature at the University of East Anglia, and it was here that he first explored his love of publishing. Along with poet Luke Wright, he founded *Egg Box Publishing*, a groundbreaking magazine and press that promotes talented new authors. He also started writing literally hundreds of articles, short stories and books ranging from *Scooby Doo* comic strips to world atlases, *Midsomer Murders* to *X-Files*. The endless research for these projects led to countless book ideas germinating in his head. His first book, *The Inventors*, written with his nine-year-old brother Jamie, was published in the U.K. in 2007. He lives in England.

What a massive wild ride. My eyes hurt from reading the words so fast, my fingers hurt from turning the pages so quickly, my mind hurts from the unbelievable story this book threw at me. Yes, this is book 3. When I thought the horror couldn't get any worse, this was the best most awesome horror read ever. This has got to be the best horror series EVER!! Addictive, totally adrenaline pumping. Reading this book was like being on a treadmill on high speed with the inability of never being able

to stop. The story will flood into you like a cold rush. Wow, Mr Alexander Gordon Smith. He could be the next King, even better than King ever could have thought to be. Yes, mighty powerful words, but read it for yourself, starting from book one and I am confident you will see it my way here. In this read without giving too much away, Alex the main character has been caught, again and as far as the prison sees it, the last time he will ever outwit this horrid hell that is Furnace. It's his turn to become a Black suit, a monstrosity. What happens to him is just gut wrenching. BUT...there will be HELL to pay...I've gotta know what happens next, on to book 4.

Furnace Penitentiary is a fortress. A mile beneath the surface, with walls of chiseled rock, escape is not a viable option. Not when there are cameras everywhere, mounted machine guns ready to take aim at the first sign of rebellion and black suits more than happy to deliver their brand of justice. But when your only other choices are to die or become a monster, trying to find a way out seems worth the risk. Even if it means unleashing an evil that you can't control. Even if it means enduring the Warden's wrath. And even if it means that Alfred Furnace will be coming for you.***Death Sentence is third, pulse-pounding, action-packed and bone-chilling installment in the Escape from Furnace series by Alexander Gordon Smith. With each new book, the series gets darker, the dangers to the main character Alex become exponentially greater, his chances of survival grow slimmer and the need to escape is even more critical. Readers were first introduced to the blood watch, the dogs, the black suits, the wheezers and the Warden. Then they got to meet the rats. But there are things that are even more terrifying, even more deadly. Things that even the Warden can't control. They are the berserkers. These terrifying creatures that were once human are Alfred Furnace's creations. Experiments gone wrong. Beings so devoid of humanity, filled only with rage and tremendous power, that their bloodlust knows no bounds and their loyalty is to no man. They will kill without thought, slaughter without mercy. And if they were to be let loose, there would be almost no hope for survival. In Death Sentence, author Alexander Gordon Smith takes readers to new parts of Furnace Penitentiary and introduces them to all sorts of new horrors. More is revealed about the origins of the experiments, the wheezer's nectar, the Warden and even Alfred Furnace. And as with each previous installment, the situation becomes even more dire. When things seem as if they can't possibly get worse, they do. The author has managed to increase the level of excitement with each book, surprising readers with new twists and turns, taking things right to the edge of the abyss before pulling them back, and layering in such vivid, detailed descriptions of each new monstrosity, each new horror that is visited upon the inmates, and each new obstacle that his characters must face in their attempts to regain their freedom. The pace in Death Sentence is blistering. The action is

intense and riveting. The characters' plight is nerve-wracking. And the outcome is still unknown. With two more books in the series, who will be the victor is still to be determined. For fans of the series, this installment is not one to be missed. And for those who haven't yet visited Furnace Penitentiary, be prepared to be scared, to witness horrors never imagined and to discover that the longer you stay the less you'll want to leave. This series is a must, must read.

Just amazing I loved the book. It had some great moments and heartbreaking ones, I would recommend this book to anyone who loves action/horror with a touch of humor

Thank you

This is such a great book, that I look forward to going back and reading this story again and all the other books to this series as well. Terrifyingly shocking scenes, plus vivid characters, a creative, well written, and exciting sci-fi/futuristic Earth story, added to serious action and mystery, make this book a "must-have"!!!! I honestly was surprised at how truly fantastic it was, especially because it is considered a YA book. I have grown kids and it was fantastic!!!!

I bought a set of this series for my son and daughter. We all love this series!! The characters are so believable you start to feel scared for them. The creepiness is just right and very entertaining. Hard to believe this series is written for young people when I couldn't read parts of it in the dark. Love this series.

Absolutely amazing writing, like a beautiful gory masterpiece playing in my head with the best descriptions, can't stop reading! Five stars, two thumbs !

DEATH SENTENCE: Escape From Furnace #3, wherein Alex Sawyer learns the horrors of the Warden's "experiments" first hand and must face down pure evil in the last place he'd expect...within himself. This third installment returns to the quality of story enjoyed in the first book, LOCKDOWN that I had felt was somewhat lacking in the sequel. In fact the added heavy hitting action infused into the strong original storyline, including answers...yes, answers; pushed DEATH SENTENCE slightly ahead of the pack in my book (pardon the pun). Dare I say Escape From Furnace #3 is the standout read of the series thus far and well worth the wait... I dare. Brilliant work Smith, keep up!

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