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In the depths of Silo 35, water is pouring in at an unstoppable rate. Ace and a team of Divers are doing the best they can to avert this disaster, but it may not be enough.

When Ace proposes another, more drastic way of saving the silo's population, he is banished for his sin of toxic words. What happens during and after his cleaning is unprecedented and will greatly affect the future of the silos.

Originally published in three parts (The Runner, The Diver, and The Watcher), Silo Submerged is a 75,000 word novel that takes the reader on a very personal journey through the vivid world Hugh Howey created with his Silo Saga (WOOL, SHIFT and DUST). This series was published with the full support of Mr. Howey and has gone on to sell over 15,000 copies.

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Rebask says

Some fan fiction STINKS, but this one - It was GREAT

Prior to reading a few "freebie promo books", I had steered clear of "Fan Fiction" because I felt as if it was not a TRUE BOOK - I thought, "How Could it be - the author 'borrowed' from someone else's original idea... Comparing in my mind fan fiction to, say, painting a painting OF another person's original art, changing a few details and calling it your own, or photo-shopping someone's original picture and calling it 'yours'... I thought of it as 'cheating', and I am very much against that sort of thing.

Now that I have a much better understanding of how FAN-FICTION works in the literary world (Thanks, mostly, to having first read Ann Christy's Silo Fan Fiction!!) I can read and appreciate each story as it's OWN piece of work, not a copied concept but rather putting pen to paper and detailing what "I WONDER WHAT IF" was going through the mind of the authors who read the books they write fan fiction about.

Some are good, some are so-so, some fan fiction STINKS, but this one - It was GREAT.

It's been a while since I completed this series so I can't leave a detailed review - but I DO remember I loved it.

("There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt prior to investigation."

William Paley

Something I Truly try not to do, but am guilty of having done as far as Fan Fiction goes. Kudos, to the authors who offered freebies to show me the error of my ways!)

Dustin says

I love the idea of new authors building on the collective Silo world's. this story is quick, fun, and holds true to the style and whimsy of it's foundational story.

Andrew Lebwohl says

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The writing was decent, and the story was told well for the first half.

Mr. Davies might have stopped there.

The middle of the book starts beating us over the head with borderline-polemical morality plays about a right-wing ethic surrounding the modern culture war issues of abortion and homosexuality. Oh, everyone instinctively feels that a new pregnancy is a baby whose life is more important than that of the parents? is that reflected in the real world? Oh, a gay guy can just decide to turn straight from loneliness? Mr. Davies is

artlessly trying to press a view on the reader, and it's not one that I think is right or that I wanted to have shoved on me while taking in some escapist reading.

Akoniti says

A stellar entry in the Silo universe.

I've read Hugh Howey's originals, and Ann Chrisy's Silo 49 series as well.

Ann Christy's tales were enjoyable, but lacked a certain dark overtone that made Howey's originals so compelling.

W.J. Davies *nails it* on that front. Not only is he a great writer, but he applies those skills masterfully to this particular world. He captures the feel perfectly, and created a real page-turner here.

Bluecobras09 says

Silo Submerged is a great addition to the Wool series. When authors start writing in another authors world you always wonder if it will meet or exceed the original author. I will say now that W.J. Davies did a superb job with this book. It has been a while since I read Wool, but Silo Submerged felt just like Wool did, like meeting up with an old friend. It is an outstanding book and a must read for anyone who enjoys the world of Wool.

Mia says

Silo 36 is flooding. They're losing floors one by one, the population getting cramped on the higher levels. Things are already on the verge of chaos, so an unsuccessful cleaning pushes things over the edge.

This story set in the Wool universe lets us into some more Silo's. However, unlike the original which introduced characters in order to follow their stories, this series introduced characters, followed their stories slightly, but failed to resolve them.

Russel says

I liked it. A new story in a familiar world. If you are a fan of the original Silo Trilogy, give this one a try.

PJ Lea says

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The Silo stories are always troubling, yet show hope for humanity no matter how dire the circumstances. I liked this, a nice read though I was expecting to see more about the actual flooding.

Heather Duff says

Now you may have guessed from my review history that I am partial to anything Wool (that is the book not the ball of)related, having read the original story I have been overwhelmed by the continuation of the silo stories in such books as Karma of the Silo and now this brilliant book Silo Submerged by WJ Davies.

Now I am writing this hoping you have a little knowledge of what this world is about, no you don't? Okay quick recap!!

Bombs go off

People go underground to live in 144 floor deep silos

Population controlled by silo 1 and various drugs

All hell can potentially go off due to the various things that come with people living in close proximity underground

No knowledge of the world outside or other silos

I think that does it for my quick recap, read the books people they will fill you in!!

Anyway back to the main review, Silo Submerged in a word is fantastic, based in silo 35, we discover that this silo is flooding, many of the deep levels are totally gone.

We meet Ace who is a talented diver who goes down to try and lessen the water level. Ace has a secret which is frowned upon by the denizens of the silo in that he is in a relationship with another man Mick. A same sex relationship is frowned on in the silo as it means no children will be born which the powers that be do not like.

Mick unfortunately is sent for cleaning and Ace is devastated but he continues his life until one day he has a near death experience whilst diving and he realises that something must be done, help must be sent for, they should not be living like this. The Head of IT disagrees and because of his blasphemous opinions Ace must be sent to clean.

Now this were the story really kicks off, Ace does not clean and outside he comes across the remains of his lover and unfortunately the people watching also see him make this discovery. All hell breaks loose and people try to escape the silo which results in their death, whilst this happens Ace manages to get to silo 36 which is unheard of and that is where I will end my recap as I will end up spoiling the story for you!

This is story of love and a story of hope, the silo is such a formidable claustrophobic place how people manage to live there day after day is beyond me!

WJ Davies has done a fantastic job of expanding the WOOLiverse and I can honestly say I really enjoyed this book.

Patrick Barnes says

Intensely Wool

I was totally impressed by Ann Christy's fan fiction -Silo 49 and stunned by how easily it fit into The Wool universe. Davies wrote a miniseries that is just as good and fits into Wool as nicely. The characters and silos are written as well and in the same style as Howey.

The introduction of a same-sex long-term relationship was a welcome surprise to the Wool universe. It never occurred to me how the Silos would handle that. This book does it very well and the pressures that result on individuals are nestled into all the other pressures of a closed, failing environment built on lies and secrecy.

This book made it an easy decision to read more of his books.

Laura Preston-Mobley says

Enjoyable series, great addition to the "Wool" stories!

Great addition to Hugh Howie's Wool series! Enjoyed the stories and the writing style. Will read more from this author.

Chris says

A tale of two silos in one terrific trilogy!

This omnibus is a compilation of three parts, telling one larger tale.

In *The Runner*, we meet Ace and Mick in flashbacks, inhabitants of Silo 35. They are a gay couple who get into some trouble when Mick is inadvertently responsible for a catastrophic accident that causes the silo to start filling with water. Mick is punished for his actions, leaving Ace distraught. In the present, Ace becomes a diver, with the goal of trying to slow down the rising water in the silo. But he starts talking about taking drastic solutions, and the head of IT, Beety, feels this agitator will cause a lot of problems by continuing to espouse his views. Ace is sent to clean and in the process, embark on his true destiny.

In *The Diver*, we meet Ace's diving partner Tommy, in a story running concurrent with *The Runner*. Tommy and his girlfriend face a predicament with far-reaching consequences for them both. Beety sent Ace to clean for his dangerous and drastic opinions on how to save the silo, which in turn, actually caused more violent chaos in the silo than it tried to solve. Beety's shadow, Tony, receives advice from an unexpected source in order to clean up the mess and bring the uproar to a peaceful end. Taking the story beyond the finale of *The Runner*, these two parts of the story form one cohesive narrative with the central question of what to do about the rising water still unresolved.

In *The Watcher*, we see how Ace's fate in the finale is not what we expected. He encounters the silo next to his, learns that the residents of Silo 36 rescued him. Not only that, he learns about how its culture is vastly different from all of the other silos because it is fully self-aware of all of the other silos around it!

There is a prophecy at work here and Silo 36 believes Ace is at the center of it. Ace's desire to save his own silo intertwines with that of the deep problems facing Silo 36. Ace comes to realize the role he is meant to play here, as having a foot in both silos and their problems gives him a unique worldview, helping him provide true hope and save two silos from their fates! It also makes him a target of those who look at his arrival as a threat to their status quo.

This finale to the Silo Submerged trilogy brings the storyline to a close and simultaneously presents a new beginning for the residents of Silo 35 and 36. I read the story in three installments over a span of months, but now that the Silo Submerged trilogy has been published in one volume, you can get the whole story in one complete package and see for yourself how the author weaves a suspenseful and captivating tale of two silos together.

Christen Lee says

I <3 love <3 when other authors pay respect to a series/worlds that they love by creating alternate plots in that world, with the original author's blessings of course!

This collection of 3 stories set in the world of WOOL is well written and simply gripping :)

Manda Meow says

While the narrative style is pleasant, there are far too many plot inconsistencies both within this story and between Howey's silo world and the world Davies describes. There is little that is truly creative here, the author has only recombined borrowed ideas, and not very well at that. This entire piece seems like a big missed opportunity.

The only thing positive I can say about this work is that it is refreshing to see sexuality portrayed as something beyond a strict heterosexual/homosexual dichotomy. Unfortunately, even his treatment of alternative sexuality seems inconsistent with the world in which he is writing. In Howey's world, where breeding is limited by lottery and couples are (not so) secretly happy when a death occurs and provides a chance at a child, I just do not see the general population resenting men in a homosexual relationship because they aren't fulfilling their duty to breed, pact or no pact. One would imagine this to be even less true in a flooded silo where space and resources are becoming scarce. I applaud Davies for attempting to address less mainstream ideas on sexuality, I just wish it had been done more skillfully.

Chip says

2.5 stars. The first book and perhaps the second were better ... perhaps three stars, but then it went downhill. Nothing original added to Howey's universe and, although it's been a while since I read the Wool books, the second half doesn't even seem consistent therewith.
