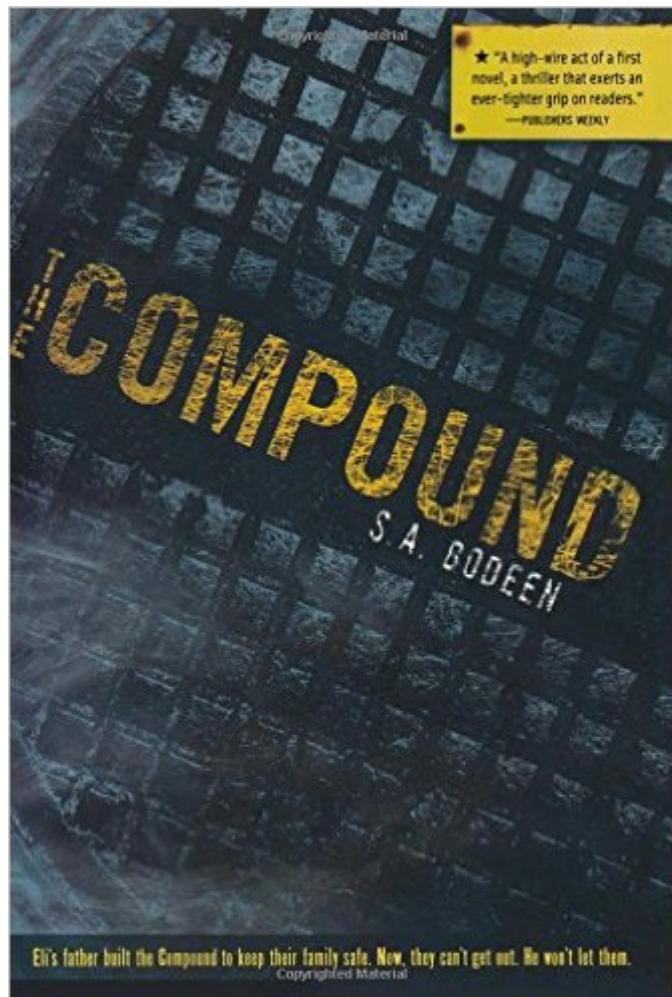


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# The Compound



## **Synopsis**

Eli and his family have lived in the underground Compound for six years. The world they knew is gone, and they've become accustomed to their new life. Accustomed, but not happy. No amount of luxury can stifle the dull routine of living in the same place, with only his two sisters, only his father and mother, doing the same thing day after day after day. As problems with their carefully planned existence threaten to destroy their sanctuary and their sanity Eli can't help but wonder if he'd rather take his chances outside. Eli's father built the Compound to keep them safe. But are they safe really? The Compound is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 12 - 18 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

I thought the premise for this book was FANTASTIC--such a creepy, fascinating idea for a story! Sadly, the book itself didn't make anywhere near as big an impression on me as the idea of it did. I felt like things moved along a little too quickly to feel realistic, and the characters were inconsistent and...just not quite believable. Several plot points were sloppy and didn't really make sense. And it seemed like every conflict or hurdle was overcome way too easily. It had the potential to be super dark, super suspenseful, utterly riveting, but in the end it just kind of falls flat. Maybe if it was twice as long and everything was fleshed out much more than it is? Still an entertaining read,

just...disappointing, because it could have been SO much better. :(

I absolutely was amazed by this book. Being a librarian that's obsessed with books, I couldn't help picking this book up in the store. The cover alone got me hooked. It was well paced and packed with amazing things. The story revolving around Eli. His family is dysfunctional, living in a compound under the ground after the world went kaboom. When the story starts out he's pretty self absorbed, but as the plot starts to thicken he isn't so absorbed and starts to wonder about a few things that are going on. One of which is their food supply is starting to run low. His mother is pregnant, his sister isn't as much of a pain as he thinks, and his father is a complete... nutcase?! This story was so intriguing that I found myself reading till all hours of the night. I loved it! It was an exceptional story about possibilities that sometimes we ignore. I hope to add this to our library collection. I can't wait till her next book comes out... The Gardener...

The Compound is a short book by my standards, only 272 pages, but it packs a whole lot of punch. I love post apocalyptic fiction, stories of survival, for some reason they give me hope that I myself could endure such an event. This is a story of a family, nine year old Eli, his two sisters and his parents barely make it into the family's compound before a nuclear war decimates the earth. Eli's twin brother and grandmother are left outside due to circumstances and the severing of those ties is devastating. Eli's father has thought of everything, the compound is fully stocked, and has all the comforts of home, but things go wrong one after the other and the family has to take drastic measures to ensure their survival (one of which is just shocking!) Soon Eli's hunches about their situation are confirmed and the book quickly shifts into overdrive. This is young adult fiction that is inspired by the twilight zone, and even has some horror movie undertones, it's a fast read that is well thought out and intriguing even to adult readers.

"Compound" by author Bodeen is a thought provoking book. WHAT IFs abound in the book from the very beginning. What if your billionaire father built an underground bunker to protect the family in case of nuclear war? What if, without warning, your father rushes part of the family into the bunker because of impending war? What if you found out, after six years underground, that not everything is as it seems and your father is following his own agenda? What if...? What if...? The protagonist, oldest twin son Eli, isn't too loveable at the beginning of the story but gets better as the story progresses. The whole family, actually, is dysfunctional. There are a couple of real ewww moments in the book where my stomach did a flip flop or two. This made me think of the late 1990s film Blast from the

Past with actor Brendan Fraser . It was a comedy and this definitely isn't but some similarities.I thought this was a well written Young Adult book and I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series - The Fallout (Compound).

The Compound by S. A. BodeenThe world suffers a nuclear attack and Eli and his family are rushed into The Compound late one night, leaving behind Eli's twin brother Eddy and his grandma. Eli's father happens to be one of the richest men on earth and has created The Compound as a safe place for his family of 6 to live safely underground for 15 years. He has thought of everything, an abundance of food, clothing supply through the years, all their favorite things in their own replica underground bedroom.They have been living underground for six years and boredom, and despair are setting in. Eli's father is acting strange, everyone wants out, their food supply is dwindling and their father has begun experimenting with a different food source known as the supplements. Eli wonders if things are OK in the world now and if they could safely leave. Except here is no internet, or phone and they are locked in by a special code.Bodeen has written a thriller that slowly unfolds to reveal a shocking situation in The Compound. The Compound is a compelling and intriguing page turner. Once I started reading The Compound I couldn't stop and devoured it in just 2 days. The Compound is a book that will make you fall in love with its characters and then slowly cause you to question their trustworthiness and question all you know.The Compound is thought provoking. It made me really think about what I would do in a nuclear situation. Obviously I don't have a underground compound but I also don't have a plan for a disaster of huge proportions like this. This is probably because I'm not paranoid but I'm also skeptical that something like a nuclear attack would ever happen. Maybe I'm just in denial. This is scary to think about. Do you have plans for a nuclear attack?Bodeen does a great job of creating suspense. I can't wait to read the sequel! The Fallout, here I come.

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