

## THE MAZE CUTTER

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Seventy-three years after the events of *The Death Cure* (2011), the Maze Runner world expands in this trilogy opener.

Isaac and Sadina are about to go on the adventure of a lifetime. Their island home has been safe from the Flare virus and infected Cranks, but when a ship called *The Maze Cutter* arrives with all but one crew member dead, everything changes. Now they're making a long journey to medical clinics in Los Angeles because Sadina's DNA could provide a cure for the latest version of the Flare. In Alaska, Alexandra, Nicholas, and Mikhail, who together form the Godhead, battle for supremacy. Lastly, Orphan Minho is set to fulfill his destiny: trekking to Alaska to find the Godhead—though he has a secret plan of his own. Each chapter has subsections that follow a specific character, allowing readers to jump between various perspectives, keeping the action and intrigue levels high. This entry brings new life to the series with its diverse, international cast and expanded universe that explore the implications of the protagonists' earlier choices. The younger islanders are naïve about how things are working in the rest of the world, as faith in the Godhead shapes existence for the people of the new world. Here Dashner takes his original idea to a larger stage: Entire nations hang in the balance, and nothing is cut and dried.

Series fans will not be disappointed by this return to a world where danger lurks around each corner. (*Dystopian. 12-18*)