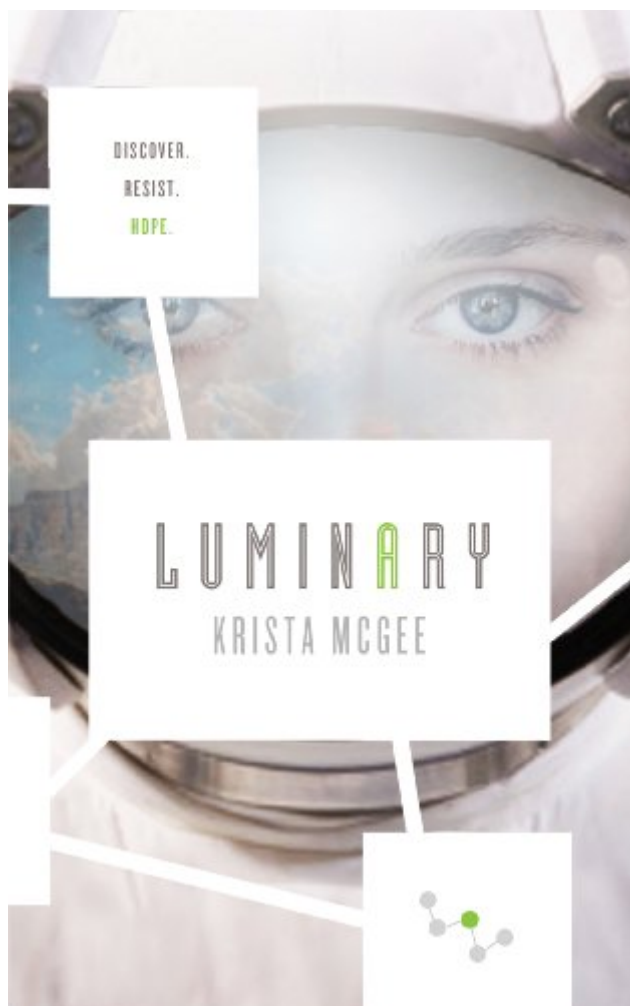


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# Luminary (Anomaly)



## Synopsis

Thalli thought escaping to the surface would mean freedom. But is she any less of an anomaly aboveground? After escaping an underground annihilation chamber, Thalli, Berk, Rhen, and John find themselves fleeing across the former United States, aboveground for the first time. As the defectors cross the forgotten landscape, the three youths see things they had only read about on screens: horses, rain, real books—and a colony of unsanctioned survivors living the ancient way in a town called New Hope. When the citizens of New Hope reveal the truth of what happened years ago, Thalli is left unsettled and skeptical of everything she's ever been told. Can she trust anything from the State, including her own feelings for Berk? When she volunteers for a peace mission to New Hope's violent neighbor, Athens, her confusion mounts as the supposedly ruthless Prince Alex turns out to be kind and charming. Although everyone in New Hope warned her not to, she can't help but fall for him. Meanwhile, John's unwavering faith in the goodness of the Designer begins to make its mark on Thalli's heart. But can Thalli really come to trust in a generous, protective Designer who rules over all things? Would that not be setting herself up for another betrayal? The time for her to decide is now . . . because the State is closing in.

“McGee once again blends a Christian message within a horrific science fiction plot . . . death, torture, and confusing love triangles.”

• Booklist

“McGee blends the determination of faith, the malevolence of those who extol power over decency, and the assertion of individual integrity in a humane glimpse at youthful courage.”

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## Customer Reviews

Survivors exist. Thalli, Berk, Rhen, and John begin their journey across what used to be the United States. Along the way, they run into mutated wolves and trouble. Berk and John are wounded and Thalli battles with jealousy. After what seems like eternity, they arrive at New Hope. The town is everything John dreamed it would be, complete with a lake. But not long after they arrive, trouble begins brewing. The nearest town, Athens, is threatening the lives of New Hope. Everything Thalli has been told is a lie. Can she risk her life to save strangers? What about Berk? Does she love him? Warning: A large cliffhanger! A mix of romance, betrayal, suspense, and Christianity, *Luminary* is a compelling story. If you have read book 1, I encourage you to complete the series. You will not be disappointed! YA lovers will love it!

Forty years ago there was a nuclear war. The ten scientists who were thought to be the only survivors have maintained an emotion-free world underground. Thalli is an anomaly. She was scheduled for annihilation, but with her friends she escaped. But is there any point? Is there any life above-ground and if there is, will the people be friendly? Krista McGee is a wonderful author. I'm surprised again by the number of plot twists in her books. Another great thing: Thalli matures so much in *Luminary*. She learns to trust the Designer whatever the situation. One thing, though, I would love if Krista McGee changed is the amount of "telling" in the story. Instead of "he was angry" or "I'd love to see his fists clenching, his eyes turning red, his feet stomping. But again, the plot twists make up for that and go beyond. I recommend this to any Christian reader and lover of science fiction. And if you're new to the genre, like me, you might just love it anyway. This is the second book in the Anomaly trilogy. The first one is *Anomaly* and the second, *Revolutionary*, is coming in July. I can't wait!

I wasn't expecting to like this book as much as I did. I'm not a huge dystopian fiction fan, but I did enjoy the first book in the series. I guess I expected this one to get convoluted and hit a few plot road bumps like many series do. But, this book is even better than the first one. The characters grew, the plot thickened, and it ended on a cliffhanger that has been wishing time would fly until summer, when the third book comes out. I've read all of McGee's books, and I think she hits her stride with this one. Fans of books with strong female leads, plenty of action, and a bit of love will enjoy this book!

Unique & action packed!

I love to read and sometimes it is a struggle to find a book that grips me. A sign of a good book is when you ignore everything around you including the time clock at work. This is one of those series. I was enthralled with book 1, Anomaly and Luminary did not let me down. Krista McGee has a way of making her characters come alive and that is a sign of a great author. I am anxiously awaiting book 3, Revolutionary. I am just hoping book 3 is not the end of the series.

I like this series. So far, this book is different than I expected. Wasn't sure of where the team was going or what to think of, but as the story progressed, it started to feel like a different story, but in a good way. I recommend this series to sci-fi buffs.

I was so excited to read this because I loved book one. That book left on a cliff hanger. This book continues right after the last one. This book has all sorts of twists and turns. You will want to pick up Luminary by Krista McGee. It will leave you wanting to read the next one...it's that good. I literally couldn't put this book down.

This is a great continuation of Anomaly. The twists and turns in the story keep the reader engaged and guessing. Beautifully woven into the story is the constant reminder, that as we face challenges in life, God is always going before us, making a way where there seems to be none. You definitely want to read this series!

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