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PRAISE! Critical Acclaim! BUZZ!

ASHFALL by Mike Mullin
(Tanglewood, October 2011, \$16.95/Hardcover
ISBN: 978-1-933718-55-2, Ages 14+)

🔊 NPR's 2011 Top 5 YA Novels

🔊 ABA 2011 New Voices Selection

🔊 Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Books of 2011

🔊 ABC 2011 Best Books for Children

🔊 YALSA Quick Picks List, nomination

Kirkus Reviews, starred review:

★ "In this chilling debut, Mullin seamlessly weaves meticulous details about science, geography, agriculture and slaughter into his prose, creating a fully immersive and internally consistent world scarily close to reality."

Publishers Weekly:

"The book is well written and its protagonists are well-drawn, particularly the nontraditional and mechanically inclined Darla....this is a riveting tale of survival."

Richard Peck, Newbery Medal-winning author of *A Year Down Yonder* and *Three Quarters Dead*:

"Mike Mullin's *ASHFALL* glows and throbs with everyday life and the business of survival in a dystopic future, after an unthinkable disaster."

Diane Chen, *School Library Journal* Practically Paradise (blog):

"*ASHFALL* by Mike Mullin is an amazing debut novel and seems to have captured the hearts and minds of reviewers. After being glued to the pages and unable to stop reading, I will predict this is going to be very popular with young adult readers. Fans of *Gone* in particular will be demanding this is available on the day of the October release since the buzz is out there."

Dave Richardson, The Blue Marble Children's Bookstore, International Reading Association's *READING TODAY* book reviewer, and Cincinnati State College children's literature professor:

"Mike Mullin catapults readers into a surreal, cataclysmic world that will hold them until the last page. If you aren't exhausted by the end of the first thirty pages, you may want to check your pulse. *ASHFALL* is the perfect book for reluctant teen readers who 'can never find anything good to read.'"

Michael Grant, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gone*, *Lies*, *Hunger*, and *Plague*:

"The scariest apocalypse is one that could really happen. Mike Mullin's *ASHFALL* is way too real for comfort: you'll live the panic and despair and know that all of this could really happen. It will be a long time before you get the taste of volcanic ash out of your mouth. This isn't fantasy, this is real."

Cinda Williams Chima, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Exiled Queen* and *The Warrior Heir*:

"This is riveting. Fans of post-apocalyptic thrillers like *The Hunger Games* will love *ASHFALL*."

Carol Chittenden, Owner, Eight Cousins Children's Books:

"I found it hard to stop reading *ASHFALL*. Common sense told me to quit at midnight, but I soon turned the light on again and read two more hours. . . ."

Karen's Reviews, Goodreads.com (#1 ranked reviewer), and Fiction Manager, Barnes & Noble/Union Square (NYC):

★★★★ "I loved every minute of it, I really did. I read a lot of teen survival stuff, it's kind of my thing. And this one does it just right - the way I wish more books would do it. It is very realistic. These are characters I can root for. And there is so much texture, so much background. This world is completely realized....I cannot recommend this book highly enough."

Flamingnet.com, Top Choice Award, 10 out of 10 Rating, 13-year-old Reviewer:

"One word: Wow. I was blown away by this book. *ASHFALL* sucked me in and wouldn't let go until it was three a.m. and I fell asleep. I fell in love with this fine literary work. And what a cliffhanger! I cannot wait for the sequel. This book is on its way to stardom."

Find out more about *ASHFALL* and Mike Mullin, visit: www.mikemullinauthor.com