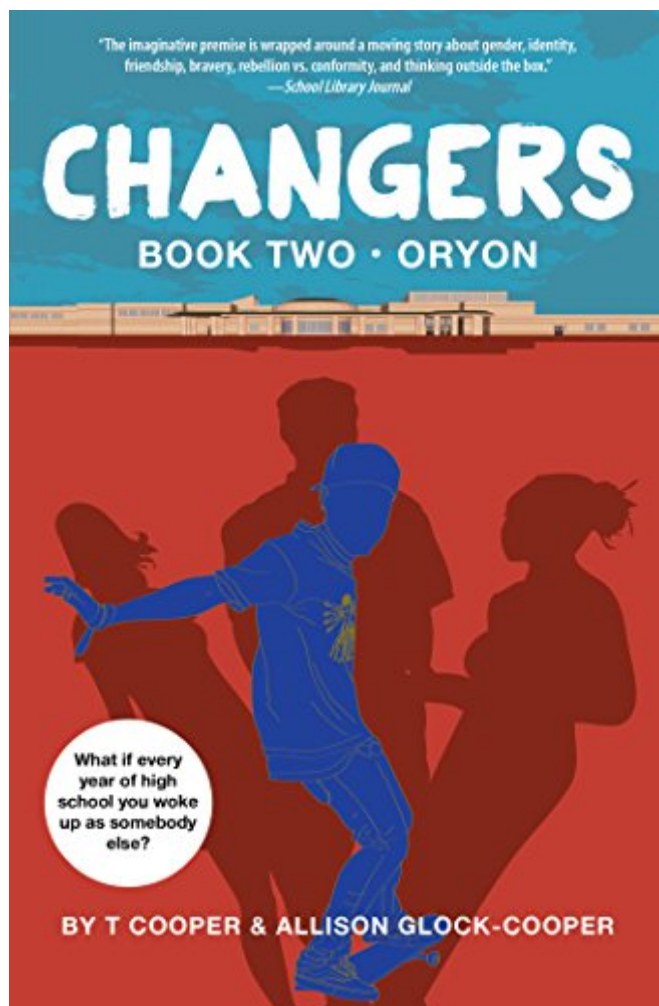


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Changers Book Two: Oryon



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

In this second of the series, Ethan becomes Oryon, an African-American high school sophomore in the same small Tennessee town near Nashville. I thought being black in Tennessee seemed a bit soft-pedaled, but plot lines advance and characters develop. It's nice to see character development in a book for teens. This series shows how individual experience is affected by physical appearance, sex, behavior -- 'givens' that are not choices. The central character, the "changer", always is Ethan (Book One: Drew), and indicates that inner character and personality remain essentially the same, no matter in what shape a person appears.

I highly recommend this book, especially to those teens who don't like to read. Themes like sexuality, gender, race, and identity is what makes this book intriguing and relatable. I do think it's necessary to read Book One first so you can get more background and insight of what's going on. Most of the book deals with Oryon and Audrey's relationship, and there is an unexpected cliffhanger at the end. I'll definitely be reading Book 3 as soon as it comes out!

Everyone should read this series. Appropriate for middle school and up.

My students are enjoying the book.

This series is fascinating and fun to read!! I love the exploration of gender, sexuality, racism and identity formation. The characters are very interesting and well developed. This is a great read for

young adults and adults of all ages. I look forward to the time when a fluid gender identity is accepted and valued instead of feared and anxiety-producing. Check out both books - I can't wait for the next one in the series!

BIG fan of these authors, this series, and of their fantastic empathy movement/project they promote via their website, www.wearechangers.org.

I loved it! Over way too fast! Can't wait to get the third book!! It's such an interesting story line!

Changers Book 2 is the second book in a series of moving, funny and revelatory YA novels about an ancient fictional race of high school students who swap identities at the top of every school year. In this second novel, Ethan-now-Drew subsequently becomes Oryon, an athletic African-American boy and has to confront issues of racial discrimination as well as problems within the Changers Council and external forces hellbent on taking them down. Throughout, our intrepid protagonist doggedly continues to love the same fiercely intelligent girl. Will they get their HEA? Changers 2 is a gender-fluid, John-Hughes-style fantasy plus all the feels. I read all three Changers novels in one weekend and can't wait for number 4!!

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