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Then there's the Strange Lands themselves. They have inexplicably begun to grow, spreading outwards, becoming more powerful. Somehow, it all seems tied to Zoey herself, and the closer she gets to the Tower, the weaker she becomes.

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Editorial Review

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Teenagers Mira and Holt find themselves committed to protecting eight-year-old Zoey, whose mysterious powers compel her on a dangerous journey through the Strange Lands to the Severed Tower. As Mira and Holt pass through stages of trust and distrust for each other, they each must come to terms with former lovers. As the second installment in Mitchell's series, after *Midnight City* (2012), *The Severed Tower* doesn't spend much time dwelling on previous events: the reader plunges into the middle of the action, with only glancing references to the absence of adults and the presence of the Assembly, and no explanation for the Tone, a progressive eye discoloration that seems to turn humans into Assembly slaves. Conventions of video games pervade the action in the Strange Lands: the warped landscape is dotted with obstacles that must be surmounted using the right combination of strategy and talismans, and factions—the piratical Menagerie; ninja-like White Helix; and the Assembly, machine-bodied alien conquerors of earth—seek to impede, capture, or assist the trio. Best for readers who like their postapocalyptic stories weird and woolly. Grades 9-12. --Paula Willey

Review

"Mitchell's second in his young adult trilogy is a masterful mix of post-apocalyptic, dystopian science fiction with just a hint of steampunk. His narrative is edge-of-your-seat and nail-bitingly thrilling, his prose concise and visual, his battles epic, his characters memorable, his evildoers nightmarishly atrocious and his stars utterly unforgettable." *Romantic Times*

"Action keeps pages turning." *Kirkus Reviews*

"Reminiscent of the fighting between Terminator-style robots and human beings, *The Severed Tower* is a good choice for teens who enjoyed writings like *War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells and fans of science fiction television shows like *Doctor Who*. This trilogy is sure to captivate a wide variety of teen readers." *Voya Magazine*

"Mitchell's prose debut, the first in a dystopian sci-fantasy series, is an imaginative mix of danger and humor . . . The action will keep readers turning the pages." *Kirkus Reviews on Midnight City*

"A bold narrative style, strong characters, and fast-paced action." *Booklist on Midnight City*

"I have succumbed to *Midnight City*!" *Nancy Holder, New York Times bestselling author of the Wicked Saga, on Midnight City*

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