

# Novel of the Commonwealth: A Review

Annalee Newitz's *Novel of the Commonwealth* is an unforgettable tale of a young man's journey through a world on the brink of chaos. Set in the aftermath of a nuclear war, the novel follows Barry Sadler as he travels across the wasteland in search of a new home. Along the way, he encounters a cast of characters who challenge his understanding of the world and his place in it.



## The Abyss Beyond Dreams: A Novel of the Commonwealth (Commonwealth: Chronicle of the Fallers Book 1) by Peter F. Hamilton

★★★★☆ 4.4 out of 5

Language	: English
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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 641 pages



Barry is a young man who grew up in a small town in the Midwest. He is intelligent and curious, but he is also naive and sheltered. When the nuclear war breaks out, Barry's world is turned upside down. He witnesses the destruction of his town and the death of his family. He is forced to flee into the wasteland, where he must learn to survive on his own.

As Barry travels across the wasteland, he meets a variety of people. He meets scavengers, raiders, and mutants. He also meets people who are trying to rebuild their lives and create a new society. Barry learns that the world is not as simple as he once thought. He learns that there is good and evil in everyone, and that the line between the two is often blurred.

Barry's journey is a coming-of-age story. He is forced to grow up quickly and learn how to survive in a harsh and unforgiving world. He learns to be independent and resourceful. He also learns the importance of compassion and forgiveness.

*Novel of the Commonwealth* is a well-written and thought-provoking novel. It is a story about the human spirit and the power of hope. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

## **Characters**

Barry Sadler is the protagonist of the novel. He is a young man who is forced to grow up quickly and learn how to survive in a harsh and unforgiving world. He is intelligent and curious, but he is also naive and sheltered. As he travels across the wasteland, Barry learns the importance of compassion and forgiveness.

Nia is a young woman who Barry meets early on in his journey. She is a scavenger who is trying to make a living in the wasteland. She is tough and resourceful, but she is also kind and compassionate. Nia helps Barry to learn the ropes of survival and she becomes his close friend.

Araminty is a doctor who Barry meets in a small town. She is dedicated to helping others and she is willing to risk her life to save others. Araminty is a

strong and courageous woman, and she inspires Barry with her hope and optimism.

The Collector is a mysterious man who Barry meets in the wasteland. He is obsessed with collecting knowledge and he is willing to do anything to get his hands on it. The Collector is a dangerous man, but he is also fascinating. Barry is drawn to his intelligence and his charisma, but he also knows that the Collector is not to be trusted.

## **Themes**

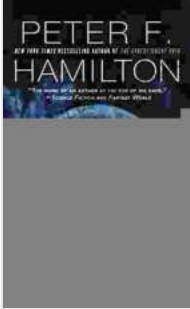
*Novel of the Commonwealth* explores a number of themes, including:

- The human spirit
- The power of hope
- The importance of compassion and forgiveness
- The dangers of power

The novel shows us that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope. Even in the most unforgiving of worlds, there are people who are willing to help others. *Novel of the Commonwealth* is a story about the power of the human spirit and the importance of never giving up hope.

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I highly recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys science fiction, post-apocalyptic fiction, or coming-of-age stories.



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