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Dive into the gripping narrative of a post-apocalyptic world where the remnants of civilization emerge from the ashes of a devastating Cultural War. Follow the journey of Alex Walsh, a descendant of the brilliant minds who sought refuge in an underground complex, as he navigates through the treacherous Void, a lawless land ruled by bandits and militias. This thrilling novel intertwines the fates of two unique children, Eli and Coraline, whose extraordinary abilities shape their destiny in unexpected ways. With a backdrop of advanced technology and the struggle for survival, this story explores the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring power of hope.

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The Void Voyager

Base: Start with a smooth **single malt Scotch**, a nod to the character's trade items.

Flavor: Infuse with **oak-smoked water** to represent the Texas Panhandle's rugged terrain.

Color: Add a splash of **grenadine** for a fiery hue, reminiscent of Alex's motorcycle and the intense action.

Garnish: A sprig of **fresh mint** to symbolize the hydroponics bays and the life-sustaining technology in the underground complex.

Enjoy this drink while pondering the adventures and struggles of the characters in the story.

SIGNATURE DRINK

- ▶ Time by Hans Zimmer
- ▶ Clint Eastwood by Gorillaz
- ▶ Radioactive by Imagine Dragons
- ▶ Mad World by Gary Jules
- ▶ Bittersweet Symphony by The Verve
- ▶ The Scientist by Coldplay
- ▶ Knights of Cydonia by Muse
- ▶ Welcome to the Black Parade by My Chemical Romance
- ▶ Viva la Vida by Coldplay
- ▶ Human by Rag'n'Bone Man
- ▶ Eyes on Fire by Blue Foundation
- ▶ Run by Snow Patrol
- ▶ Hurt by Johnny Cash
- ▶ Wish You Were Here by Pink Floyd



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

A watercolor illustration of a cozy living room. In the center, a wooden chair with a curved back sits on a light-colored rug. To the left and right are tall wooden bookshelves filled with books. The background features a window with light streaming through, and a small table with a plant is visible behind the chair. The overall style is soft and artistic.

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE
SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN
THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

- Cultural War:** What were the main causes and outcomes of the Cultural War described in the prologue?
- Underground Complex:** How did the underground complex contribute to the survival and advancement of the characters during and after the war?
- Character Analysis:** Discuss the significance of Alex Walsh's character and his role in the post-war society.
- Technological Advancements:** What impact did the fusion generators and other technologies have on life inside the complex and in the Void?
- Societal Structure:** How did the Cultural Treaties and the creation of the Void affect the social and political landscape?
- Jennifer's Role:** Analyze Jennifer's character and her influence on the community of Junction.
- Themes:** Identify and discuss the major themes presented in the first chapter of the book.
- Symbolism:** What does the Void represent in the context of the story, and how does it relate to the characters' experiences?
- Conflict Resolution:** How do the characters deal with conflicts and threats in this post-apocalyptic setting?
- Moral Dilemmas:** Explore the moral dilemmas faced by the characters as they navigate a world with blurred lines between right and wrong.

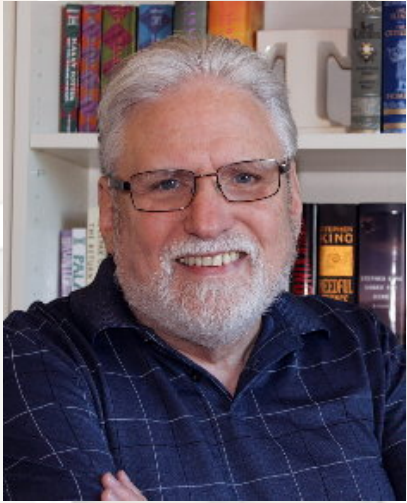
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Scenario Building: Members sketch their own underground complex and decide on the resources and roles each person in the group would have.

Character Debate: Each member picks a character from the book and debates their actions and decisions in the story.

Creative Writing: Write short stories about life in the "Void" and share them in the next book club meeting.

Post-Apocalyptic Survival Challenge



Born in Houston, Texas, Andrew Raiford was raised in a family of seven brothers. Most of the action and adventure that dominated his young life sprang from the imaginations of the brothers Raiford. Since there was no limit to the stories they could create through their play-acting, it was not uncommon to have Daniel Boone not only be attacked by bears or red-coats, but also Nazis and/or extraterrestrial conquerors. Imaginative eight-year-olds care nothing for history.

During his young adult years, Andrew took on some very odd jobs to keep his young family fed. For two years he was a real cowboy who rode, roped, and pushed cattle on a large ranch nestled in the snow-capped mountains of northern California. After moving back to his home state of Texas he worked in the printing business as a journeyman pressman, and later in gun sales, and corporate security. He even worked in church ministry as a pastor for ten years during the period that he and his wife raised five talented children. Those offspring would later become

the inspiration for Andrew's first novel, *Void of Power – New Generation*, which surprisingly contained no Nazis or extraterrestrial invaders.

Now residing in Liberty Hill, Texas, he spends most of his life behind a keyboard. His wife Beverly, retired from the insurance industry, is his first-line manuscript editor before they are sent to a professional. Andrew recently stated that of all he has accomplished in his lifetime, writing is the most therapeutic, relaxing, and satisfying.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

OTHER BOOKS:

VOID OF POWER: FROM THE ASHES

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