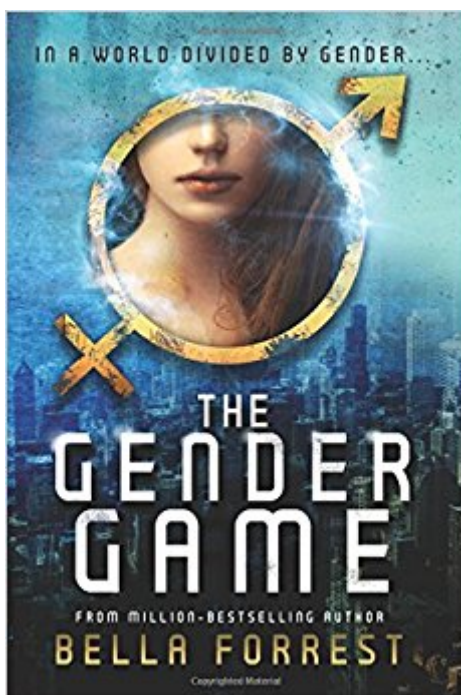


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The Gender Game (Volume 1)



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For fans of The Hunger Games and Divergent comes a story like no other...A toxic river divides nineteen-year-old Violet Bates's world by gender. Women rule the East. Men rule the West. Welcome to the lands of Matrus and Patrus. Ever since the disappearance of her beloved younger brother, Violet's life has been consumed by an anger she struggles to control. Already a prisoner to her own nation, now she has been sentenced to death for her crimes. But one decision could save her life. To enter the kingdom of Patrus, where men rule and women submit. Everything about the patriarchy is dangerous for a rebellious girl like Violet. She cannot break the rules if she wishes to stay alive. But abiding by rules has never been her strong suit, and when she is thrust into more danger than she could have ever predicted, Violet is forced to sacrifice many things in the forbidden kingdom ... including forbidden love. In a world divided by gender, only the strongest survive... _____ *Over 14,850 worldwide 5-star reviews of the series*

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rides!" "Adventure, danger, sorrow, excitement, a little romance...every angle of emotion covered." "Amazing adventure of deceit, mystery, gender division and sparks of romance."

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The book is really a two star, but I have to offset the crazy rating this book has - 4.5 as of Apr 2017. The good: Easy read, well edited, the story had good pacing, decent plot devices that carry the arc, the basic idea is interesting - male v. female values. The bad: Three characters. All the cardboard stereotypes. The political ideas and cultural ideas are extremely simplistic. Summary: Men rule half the world, and are precise and heartless and focus on computers and physical science stuff. Women rules the other half, are sensitive (they don't kill people) and focus on the bio sciences. Three people end up meeting and all want to change the status quo. Intellectual dude, strong naive heroine, dark brooding dude. No discussion of sexuality .. except as 'confusing feelings'. no discussion of the people who support the status quo in any sympathetic way. No deep discussion of masculine vs. feminine. The two cultures are cartoonish in their simplicity. To me the book is a huge step backward in the discussion - it simplifies a really interesting topic. *Left Hand of Darkness* tackles the issues in a much more powerful way as an example. I would suggest more research on the topic since the reality of matriarchy is way more complicated - look at the Masou or the Nagovisi ... maybe start with actual matriarchies and build from there.

If you can get over the ridiculous title to crack open Bella Forrest's dystopian fiction, then you'll find that it is strangely addictive. However, the addiction quality doesn't come from real interest in the story, as it reads as poorly planned and filled to the brim with mcguffins, but rather the same sensation you would get if watching two trains collide. Violet starts out as a likeable enough character, strong willed, independent, self-sufficient, and tragic, but quickly spirals into a giddy schoolgirl when introduced to Viggo Mortensen's *Lord of the Rings* knockoff...Viggo. No, I'm not kidding. Violet frequently describes Viggo's rippling muscles, inhuman strength, and serious but steely gazes. It's almost like an erotic fanfiction, minus the sex and plus the Mary Sue-ness. The character of Lee is also pretty erratic. He starts off as friendly and feminist, and he veers back and forth with that quite a bit, as if he isn't sure himself how he thinks women should be treated. He could've tried harder to win over violet's affection, and ends up reading as a boring asexual person with anger issues. The events that happen seem to exist for the purpose of making Viggo appear

sexier to Violet and making Lee appear as more of a jerk. The genders in both cities are degraded into general platitudes with no individuality allowed, which isn't really something the cities ban. The idea was interesting, but the plot and characters were not. I'd like it better if: Violet and Lee were each more likeable (the twist would be more surprising then) Viggo wasn't so two dimensional. Spoiler alert! It's super convenient that Lee leaves photos of his deeds and a detailed letter about what he did for violet to find. Deus ex machina much? So cheesy!

As an avid reader, I have recently taken a sabbatical because I've been unable to find a series I really love... But this book has resparked my love for reading. Great character development, suspense, romance, and a little bit of a post apocalyptic feel, this was a great read. Cannot wait to begin the next!

Interesting read. Your classical dystopian future with a twist. You get attached to characters and their relationships and it makes you want to keep reading. The ending was interesting enough that I want to read the next book. I hope it stays on the right track.

I couldn't put it down! I need answers! Ha. Enthralling and intense. This book really makes you feel for the main character and while you have suspicion on what's going on, it's not 100% predictable. Off to buy the next one !!

This story surprised me. I am a reader of fantasy, adventure, romance and criminal insanity. This story has them all. I never saw the end of this first part of the adventure, which is unusual for me. It intrigued me and hooked me. Yes, I am anxious to order the next book in this series.

This book completely surprised me! I wasn't expecting the story to be so good! It's thrilling and leaves you wanting to read the next book right away. The author writes it very well and it's a very easy, flowing read. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes the Hunger Games and/or the Divergent series.

This is a fantastic series. Absolutely sucks you in, and has lots of action and romance, without being smutty. Perfect audio book for my commute. I am on book 4 now. They NEED to make this into a movie franchise.

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