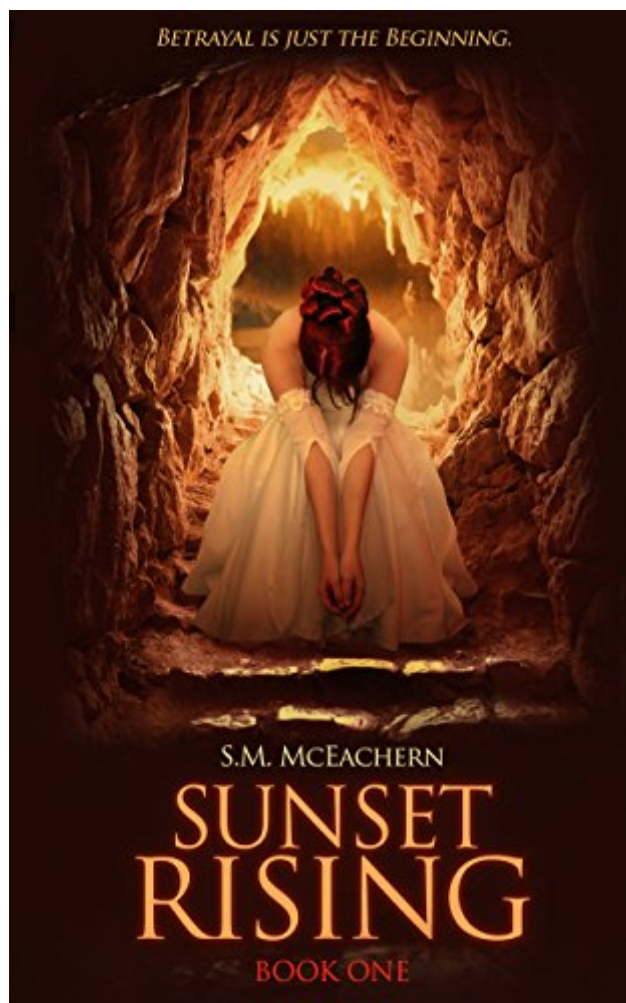


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Sunset Rising: Book One



Synopsis

The ease and imagery of S.M. McEachern's writing style is so captivating you are truly sucked into the story. This book has it all—love story, good vs evil, drama, and suspense. Definitely a book you can't put down!

• “Midwest Book Review 2015 Gold Medal Award for Readers Favorite”

Sunny is a slave. Jack is heir to the dictatorship. Their destinies are about to become entwined. More than two hundred and eighty years have passed since the global nuclear war of 2024, and the last of humanity remains sealed inside a biodome, governed with an iron fist by a merciless dictatorship. Divided into two separate societies, the Domers live a life of privilege while those beneath their feet spend their lives in the Pit, working to keep the biodome running smoothly. Born in the Pit, Sunny O'Donnell has grown up with the knowledge that she will work as slave her entire life and then meet her fate in the annual Cull when she reaches the age of thirty-five. This is the price the people of the Pit pay for their place inside the Dome, safe from a world still teeming with radiation, and to question it would mean an earlier death. But when Sunny's mother is killed in the Cull, the reality of their existence becomes painfully clear and questions begin to take hold. A chance encounter with Leisel Holt, the President's daughter, fills Sunny with hope when Leisel explains that she and her fiancé, Jack Kenner, will change things for the better in the Pit when the leadership passes to them. Naïve and in fear of the position of power Leisel holds in the Dome, Sunny agrees to help protect her from the bullet of a rumored assassin by becoming her double. When Leisel's betrayal leaves her accused of treason and facing execution, Sunny escapes imprisonment with Jack, whom she considers her enemy, and discovers she not only has to work with him to survive, but also lead the revolution. Sunset Rising is Book One of a trilogy.

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Customer Reviews

This the worst book I've read in a long time. The writing is at about 4th grade level, as is the content. Far too much padded content which serves to make the story even slower than it is. The story line is utterly predictable: the prince and the peasant girl genre. I was reading this while I was in hospital and had nothing else to read, otherwise I'd have quit reading it early on. Oh well, I might as well plod on to the end. The end was predictable and served more as an attempt to persuade the reader to buy the next book. I am not persuaded. The idea behind the novel had some merit, though scarcely original.. It's too bad it was so poorly developed.

Decent book - I liked the opening, although it seemed a bit rushed, it set the stage for a horrific reality where there were two distinct classes: the Domers (haves) and the Urchins from the Pit (have-nots). I was a little disappointed that it jumped so quickly 280-some years, but the story didn't suffer for it. It actually gave another bit of shock factor when you see how the initial rules agreed to were taken advantage of, and how oppressed the people in the pit were. Although it also shows the lengths that people will go to in order to survive. They continually agreed to be killed at an earlier age in order to at least get a chance at life. It makes me sad to think that someone would sign away their own death just so they can have some life, even if that life was spent serving someone else. The book really outlines a meager existence for those in the Pit, and I found myself really excited to see them rise up and band together for change. The end was something that I saw happening for a long time - I was about halfway through the book when I was calling for/expecting it. Overall, the book didn't blow me away with the love story or the rebellion, or even the dystopian future. Altogether it becomes a decent book, and I enjoyed reading it. I really don't know where you can go from here with future books, as the struggle between the Domers and Urchins was the focal point of the story. Not bad, worth the read.

A story about Sunny who lives in a dystopian world three hundred years after a nuclear event. The survivors of that moved into a dome and the "bourge" live in the actual nice part of the dome, but Sunny and her family and friends live in the Pit, controlled by the rich dictator up in the dome. The people in the Pit work hard guarded by the Diners who punish them for any slight or perceived transgression. One day Sunny's punishment is to go to the Dome and Serve food at a bachelor party where she meets the President's daughter who asks her for a favor that changes Sunny's life and those in the Pit forever. It is just the kind of dystopian story with some romance thrown in, that I like. Now I will read the second in this series.

Sunset Rising is an entertaining and original book to read! Sunny's adventure inside the "Dome" from the beginning is not only suspenseful, but also mysterious as she starts to comprehend the horror that she and the rest of the people in the Pit are living in, and that it does not have to be that way at all as she starts to learn more about the history of the "Dome." Jack's character was interesting to read at first. He was quite snobby at the beginning. And so, I really liked how the two main characters, did not like each other from the start, and that their relationship progressed slowly as they came to understand each other's positions. Also, Leisel Holt's character was somewhat scary to read. Literally, she seemed to have two personalities, and very opposite from each other at that. In all the parts that she appeared in the book, I couldn't figure out if she was being sincere or not. Finally, the ending took me by surprise! I can't wait to read book two! Go Sunny!*Pg-13 level*

An Excellent after the atomic bombs were dropped story. Life as the struggling survivors knew is changed forever with a controlling military elite and the rest of the survivors used as slaves. The elite military control every part of the lives of the people in the Pit. Every freedom that they knew before is reduced to being beaten for any infraction the leaders think you might have committed. At 35 you are considered to old and are culled out of the population. The military elite are allowed to live out their lives, debauching young women from the Pit as if it is their right. This is another interesting look at what could happen to the general population if politicians have their way and change this earth into the haves and have not.

Mid way through I was ready to give this book 2 stars, however, it got better. The beginning was a little slow for me, felt like a lot of fluff. However I did enjoy seeing Jack and sunny's relationship grow. There was quite a bit of "telling, not showing." I want to feel her emotions, taste the panic or

wonder rising inside her. Not hear about it. A few holes I noticed but not enough to detract from the story: what ever happened to sunny's dad?? He just disappeared and although she planned to save crystal, never thought to do the same for good old dad. And after he was gone, she shed a few tears but nothing after that. The only other plot hole that irked me was... why didn't Jack and sunny just escape to the outside world after saying goodbye to dad and Reyes? Why bother to hide in the pit where you know you'll be found eventually?The one star reviews on this book had it all wrong and obviously didn't read through the whole book. I was overall pleased and THANK YOU, FINALLY A STRONG FEMALE LEAD and not some whiny, scared girl who has to be rescued at every turn. Her and Jack rescued each other but mostly she rescued him. That is why I liked this book. It is rare to find a strong female character these days. I will continue to support this new(ish) author. Great concept, good characters.

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