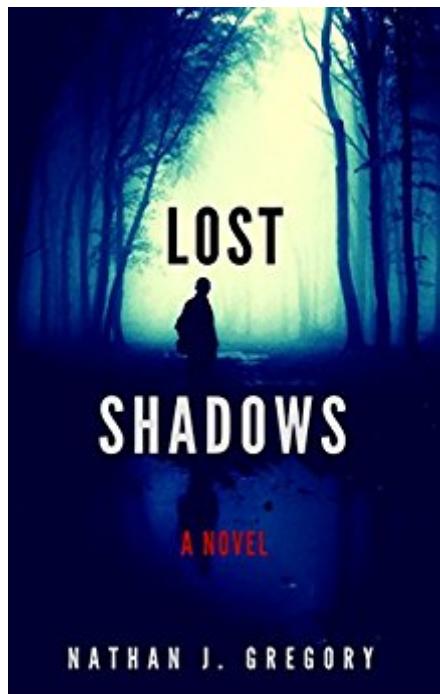


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Loved the book, it was well written. The book would be good for any age, and recommend that everyone reads it.

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unforgettable and engaging along with a unique plot and storyline. A read for young adults and adults alike; a clean and fun read with great imagination. A near future dystopia where the characters have magical/elemental powers that have to be self discovered and honed to realize and understand how they are to be used. Some will choose the side of good, while some choose the side of evil. Easily a stand alone read, but there is that possibility for a continuing story. A well written debut and I look forward to, and will keep my eyes open for any future books by Nathan.Synopsis (from back cover): "The Shadow feeds off our fears. And I'm going to let him starve." Before a mysterious meteor shower creates a doomsday event in Mentis (and the rest of the civilized world), a ten year old boy's parents protect him by locking him away; frozen in suspended animation for years, while the earth burns. 13 years later, Jay awakens from his slumber and discovers a Dystopian world overrun by vicious creatures known as Shadows. He embarks on a dangerous journey to locate a legendary organization of powerful individuals who may hold the key to saving the planet, which is completely lost in darkness.

The opening scene immediately grabbed my attention and my interest with suspense and an unsettling fear. The main character, Jay and his dad watch as the sky opened up with colors and sound and swirling icy snow beyond their imagination. Strangely, Jay awoke from this vision to find himself back in his room wondering if it were a dream. Later, he met up with his friends Luke and Anna and they went to seek out the blast from the sky and found a meteor with what appeared to have unusual powers. Jay and his friends then decided to follow his Dad to his work where many mysteries were presented to them about what his father really did and his connection to the meteor, the light, and the stone.. At some point while Jay and his friends were inside his Dad's work lab a large light was flashing and piercing shrills and sirens were everywhere. Jay's Dad took him to another room where he put him in a tube for safety and Jay was frozen and out of harm's way. Years later Jay awoke and the tube opened. He found himself in an altered and mysterious world where he was driven to follow the light having been directed by a voice from the great somewhere.. Jay found a traveling companion named Sue, a strong woman who was going to help him navigate the new world, she too looking for the light. The images and the Shadows were all around them. Much to Jay's surprise the person known as Mr Graves was his old friend Anna now in an altered state and still lovely. The writer skillfully creates a frightening landscape with many fears, illusions, mysteries and battles for survival. The writer also has an amazing way of bringing to light how in this world or an

altered world we are all trying to find where our powers lie, what the truth is and where we belong. The writer brings in characters that challenge Jay into becoming his true self and utilizing all of his gifts and talents. This writer does a wonderful job of blending the real world with this science fiction world. Aren't we all being tested, searching, discovering, battling, questioning in our lives? This book is the ultimate definition of good versus evil. It is testament to faith and hope and above all else that every road leads to home.

With *Lost Shadows*, Mr. Gregory has written a debut novel filled with promise. His near future dystopia of an earth where a meteor shower has revealed the true selves of certain people and thus let loose both great evil and great hope strikes me as inventive and fresh. It contains drama, a few twists, and some resolutions. If that sounds like your kind of book, then you should like *Lost Shadows*. However, it is my opinion that *Lost Shadows* could be significantly better if it had seen more editing. I kept being distracted by grammatical errors, the worst offenders being "between you and I" variants and dangling participles. The profusion of adverbs, occasional misuse of words ("soundly" comes to mind), sudden temporary tense changes, and uneven pacing add to the impression that *Lost Shadows* could best be improved by applying garden shears to the text. (If you're unsure of what a dangling participle is, here's an example from *Lost Shadows*: "Standing up, my shadow lay lifeless on the ground beside me." The grammar has the shadow standing up, even though that's clearly not the author's intention.) Finally, while there is a measure of closure at the end, the story in *Lost Shadows* is clearly unfinished and awaits a second tome. That was unclear to me until at about 85% of the story I realized that there was no way the hero could achieve all his objectives in the remaining 15%. The objective he does achieve feels anticlimactic. If you dislike reading a book that can't quite stand on its own, then I suggest you wait for Mr. Gregory to finish the sequel(s) before reading *Lost Shadows*. In sum: use the Look Inside function to determine if the writing works for you. If it does, I think you'll enjoy the imaginative ride through a dystopian near future.

I was delighted to read a book that kept my interest from start to finish. I thought that the characters were interesting and was surprised at the progression of these fascinating folks. I don't want to give away the surprises but if you like books that have a bit of science fiction, thrills, exciting events, and is action packed from beginning to end, you will love this one.

Loved the story. I got involved with the characters and really liked how complex, yet simple they

were. Each of them stayed with me long after the book was done. It's full of twists and turns, never heading where you expect it to, but still ending up blowing you away. Can't wait for more!

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