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***The Last Thirteen: Book One* by James Phelan**

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Thirteen nightmares, thirteen young people, thirteen books. Each book in this new series delves deeper into a dramatic race to save the planet.

Set in a futuristic world, fifteen-year-old Sam wakes from a nightmare to realise his dream has become a terrifying reality. His parents are not who he thought they were, nor are his teachers, or his classmates. People pursue him at a furious pace, intent on killing him. Whom can he trust?

In his flight from danger, Sam meets a boy and girl his own age. Mentors take them to a fortress academy where they will be protected and taught how to cope with the challenges before them. But is it a safe place or a prison?

Sam must find all thirteen dreamers who will band together to fight the evil forces determined to destroy them and the world around them. The quest has only begun in this first book. A website with extra information and prizes heightens the intrigue.

Young readers who like action-filled scenarios with kapow on every page will enjoy *The Last Thirteen*. There's no time to hang about with lengthy descriptions as the plot rapidly unfolds. Well-known Australian author, James Phelan, leaves the reader in suspense and ready for the next twelve books in the series, one to be released each month.

Reviewed by children's author Jean Bennett

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