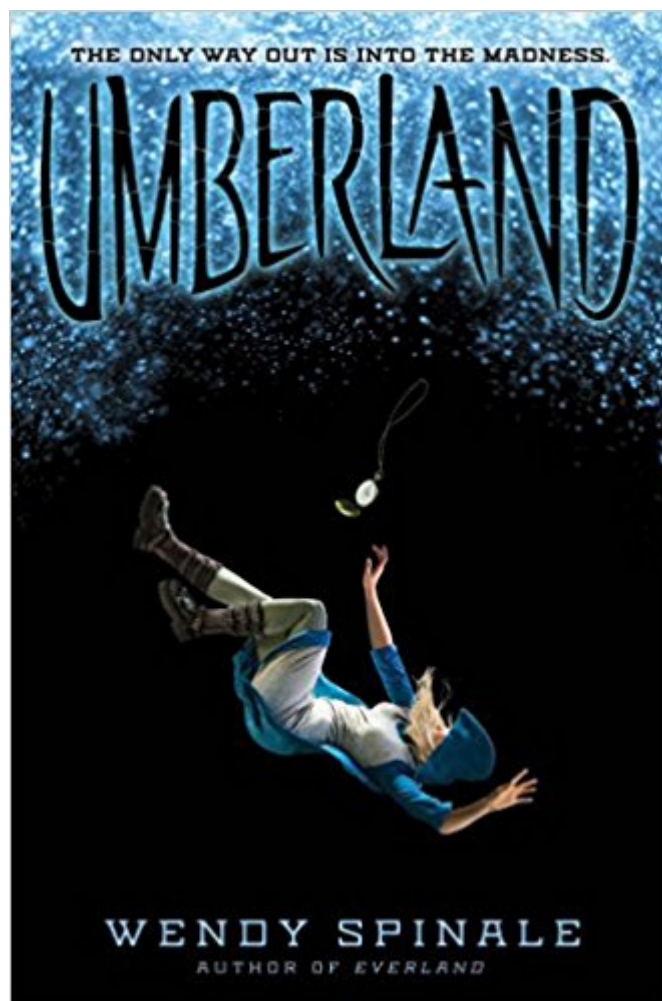


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## Umberland (Everland, Book 2)



## Synopsis

Gwen, Pete, and the others have escaped from Everland. But the safe haven they hoped to find at Alnwick Castle doesn't exist. With the Queen of England on her deathbed, Duchess Alyssa has stepped in, but things have gotten worse as the cure Doc created for the Horologia virus has mutated, accelerating the disease. The only possible solution he can think of is to go back to the virus's origin: an extinct poisonous apple. Legend has it a tree bearing the apple might be found at the center of a deadly labyrinth hidden deep within Germany. A place that no one in their right mind enters. With no other options, Alyssa sets out with only her sword, her wits, and the help of Maddox Hadder, a wild boy who oversees the castle gardens. To get to the center of the maze, she'll be forced to battle monsters more terrifying than her darkest nightmares. But can anyone truly survive the madness of the maze? And what if there's no apple to be found there?

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for Everland "In an exemplary debut, Spinales uses Gwen and Hook's voices to offer glimpses into the psyche of a man desperate to please his cruel mother and a girl intent on saving the only family she has left. This is a magical, wondrous treat, with a conclusion that's nothing

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Wendy Spinale is a former character actor for the Disneyland theme park (so she's very familiar with the world of make-believe). She is the author of *Everland* and its follow-up, *Umberland*, as well as *Lost Boy*, a prequel novella to *Everland*. Wendy lives with her family in the San Francisco Bay Area.

After the first book, I was itching to read more. Spinale doesn't disappoint with *Umberland*. This book finds the crew in a new place, with new characters from a beloved Classic. All in all, this book, while not better than the first, in my opinion, was a truly worthy sequel to *Everland*. This is a continuation of a worthy adaptation of Peter Pan. I wasn't a steampunk fan before I picked up *Everland*.

The Good:- It is a retelling! Which, I always enjoy. It's a unique take on the Peter Pan tale, with steampunk elements, an apocalyptic London - all sorts of cool stuff going on.- I like most of the characters. The Bad:- Just like with the first one, the writing is a bit awkward and the story flies by. (And it doesn't fly by in a good way.)

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I fell head over heels in love with *Everland* and it was like falling in love all over again when I read *Umberland*. I was waiting for so long to read the second book and I can't wait to read the third!!!

Readers who fell in love with *Everland*, the debut novel by Bay Area-native Wendy Spinale, will definitely be thrilled to jump back into that darkly reimagined world with *Umberland*. This series takes some of our favorite storybook characters and sets them on a perilous adventure with familiar threads of the old stories plus a fantastic steampunk twist. This time around, the focus is on duchess Alyssa and Maddox Hadder as they take on a deadly labyrinth to find a poison apple that may be

the cure to the rapidly mutating Horologia virus. Meanwhile, Pete and Gwen contend with the devious Katt, who is determined to get her hands on the professor's research as part of her own manipulative intentions toward the throne. The story is told through the perspectives of three characters—Jack, Pete, and Alyssa—giving the reader a whole view of the fast-paced action but also sometimes resulting in a disjointed feeling. Readers hoping for more of the romance between Pete and Gwen may find themselves with a little heartache, but they will also delight in watching Alyssa and Maddox find common ground. All in all, this is an exciting chapter in this trilogy and will leave readers eager for book three!

At the 80% mark, I had a gut wrenching response. Love this world and the characters. Everland is a steampunk retelling of Peter Pan, which is continued in Umberland - a book set in the world of Wonderland. Umberland is a journey book; the characters are past their first set of hurdles in book one and now have to figure out what's next for them. We are introduced to new characters, new settings, and new challenges. The virus has mutated and accelerated, hitting some very close people hard. It's up to the Duchess (Alice) and Maddox (Mad Hatter) to find a forbidden apple for Doc to extract the cure. But the labyrinth is a danger place where those who are sickest go to die in peace. This book is full of twists and turns and OMG moments. Wendy really lets her characters run with their impulsive choices, reminding us that the teenage brain is still very much a formation in progress. I was hooked through the end and can't wait for book 3.

Fans of Everland rejoice! Umberland is here! Soooooo... I have some good news and some bad news. We'll start with the bad. Everything fixed, found, and won in Everland has been broken, lost, or despaired of in Umberland. For our heroes Pete and Gwen things are bleaker than ever. Luckily, new heroes are on the scene to carry the torch. Alyssa and Maddox are both engaging and complicated. They are brave, but vulnerable, kids in desperate circumstances rising to extraordinary heights. You'll cry (well, I did) and laugh (well, I did). You'll wonder how much more this poor world can take, but by the end you'll be cheering and ready for the next adventure. Spina's love of the genre, her boundless enthusiasm, and dark humor are a refreshing mix of old and new as she takes familiar stories and builds a brave, new world from them. The author invites us to dream with her and in these fantastical dreams she's painting a dynamic landscape of terrifying beauty and uplifting sadness. Yes, uplifting sadness. You'll see how when you read it. So, go read it!!! P.S. I have a total crush on Maddox, just saying. He's mine.

UMBERLAND is a sequel that doesn't disappoint! (Although you don't need to read EVERLAND to enjoy it and love it! UMBERLAND!) Once again Wendy Spinale has woven a very well written and engaging story, with plenty of twists and turns, suspense, humor and adventure. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough! I highly recommend it!

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