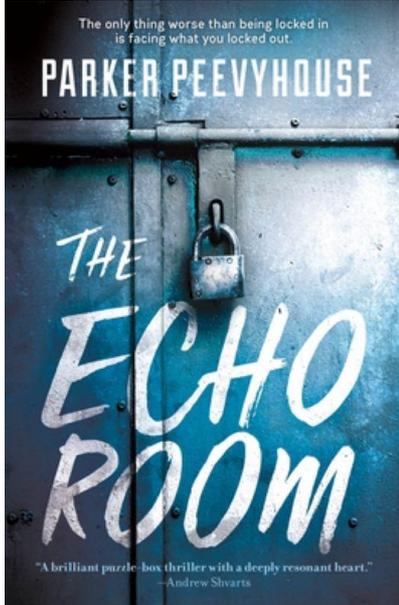




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The Echo Room

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THE BOOK

Parker Peevyhouse's *The Echo Room* is a smart, claustrophobic, speculative young adult thriller with an immersive psychological mystery. The only thing worse than being locked in is facing what you locked out. Rett Ward knows how to hide. He's had six years of practice at Walling Home, the state-run boarding school where he learned how to keep his head down to survive. But when Rett wakes up locked in a small depot with no memory of how he got there, he can't hide. Not from the stranger in the next room. Or from the fact that there's someone else's blood on his jumpsuit. Worse, every time he tries to escape, he wakes up right back where he started. Same day, same stranger, same bloodstained jumpsuit. As memories start to surface, Rett realizes that the logo on the walls is familiar, the stranger isn't a stranger, and the blood on his jumpsuit belongs to someone--or something--banging on the door to get in.

WHY WE CHOSE THIS BOOK

There are definitely shades of *The Maze Runner* in this book. From the very beginning the reader is immersed into a world of fear and unknown; we know as much as our narrator about his environment and for much of the story we are equally as bewildered and disoriented as the protagonist. Each time Rett wakes up in the same room we learn a little more about the setting and the danger he faces. Impatient readers will most likely be a little frustrated at the repetition of the days and the drip feeding of clues but readers who enjoy puzzles, suspense and piecing together the facts will relish this book. At times the book poses more questions than it answers, but that is also part of its appeal.

Suitable for 13+ some mild violence, mention of guns, power of corporations, science fiction