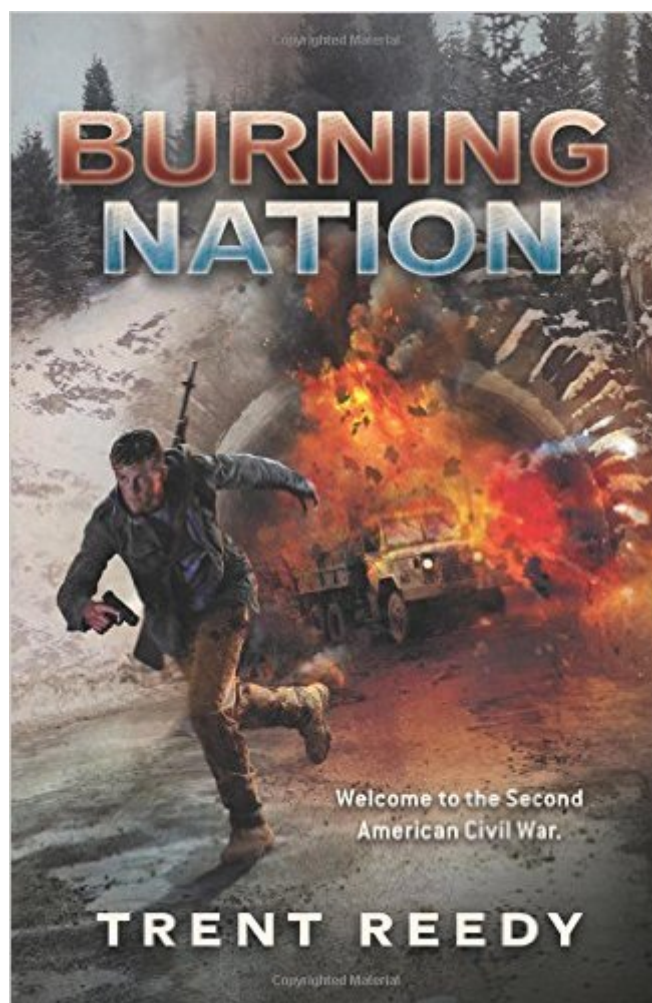


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Synopsis

At the end of *Divided We Fall*, Danny Wright's beloved Idaho had been invaded by the federal government, their electricity shut off, their rights suspended. Danny goes into hiding with his friends in order to remain free. But after the state declares itself a Republic, Idaho rises to fight in a second American Civil War, and Danny is right in the center of the action, running guerrilla missions with his fellow soldiers to break the Federal occupation. Yet what at first seems like a straightforward battle against governmental repression quickly grows more complicated, as more states secede, more people die, and Danny discovers the true nature of some of his new allies. Chilling, powerful, and all too plausible, *Burning Nation* confirms Trent Reedy's place as a provocative new voice in YA fiction.

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Customer Reviews

The author continues to bring to life the horrors of an American civil war as experienced by a small group of teenagers in northern Idaho. I found the second book of the series to be increasingly realistic, and was pleasantly surprised how skillfully the author wove the dual themes of good and evil that is "war" into the increasingly battle-scared mind of a seventeen year old man. An interesting side note is his use of social media vignettes throughout each book, I found this increased the believability of the story rather than detracting from it. I immediately pre-ordered the third book in this series and eagerly await its release. (I am a 66 yo retired military officer.)

Loved this book as much as the first one! Its not often that I dig into a really good book that I find

irresistible to read and I loved it. I highly recommend that everyone reads this book! One thing for sure, I'm already excited to read the next book in the series!

Bought this for my classroom library. There aren't many fictional books that appeal to my male students, so I was hoping this would appeal to them. The first student read it, and I soon had a waiting list for the book. They all enjoyed it and want the next book in the series.

My son LOVES this series! He wishes there were more. I'm happy that there are these military stories for my 12 year old son who reads on a college level but is too young for the 'maturity' level that are present in Clancy and such books. Trent Reedy and James Patterson are all he has right now.

Burning Nation picks up where *Divided We Fall* left off: following Danny Wright into the thick of the conflict in the quickly dissolving United States of America. Based in the near future, a Civil War has broken out and there seems to be no easy answers for the Fed or the States. Things I love about Trent Reedy's writing: The Micro and the Macro. The story revolves around Daniel and his friends. The emotional resonance and interest in the personal story hyper-engaged in this second installment. Yet, Reedy doesn't ignore the big picture. Interspersed between each chapter are segments of media footage that show the conflict and opinions on both sides. The characters: As with any trilogy, you really get to know the characters after awhile, but Reedy gives a lot of attention to their personal quirks and mannerisms, doing a wonderful job of fleshing out both his male and female characters to make them real and authentic. The intensity: It amps up in a big way in this one! You start in the war, and Reedy doesn't pull any punches. Staying in Danny's perspective through torture was specifically harrowing and realistic. In other words, it gets gritty, dark and sad in places in a big way. It also has plenty of action, which I really loved, especially the chase through the snowy wilderness (on horseback and snowmobiles!). Emotional conflict: Danny longs for better days, especially at the end when things get even muddier. Instead of getting out of the conflict and running off with JoBell, Danny fulfills his duty to the newly formed Brotherhood--but risks becoming a pawn in their bigger vision. Which leads to the ending and the major conundrum leading into book 3. The new government might have different values, but is it better than the old one? Was any of this worth it? I don't know if I can wait for next year to get my hands on the third book!!!

I first came across the *Divided We Fall* series from a Goodreads giveaway. I read the summary and

was intrigued. I wasn't honestly super stoked about reading the first book (Divided We Fall) but after finishing it I was blown away by how much I enjoyed it and was certainly excited about reading the next in the series. "Burning Nation" starts off where 'Divided We Fall' left off. Sometimes I am a bit doubtful about second books in series, but this book blew me away. It was over and beyond what I expected! I am also not usually one for books on war and battles but the author really has a way of writing that didn't leave me confused or want to skim over parts having to do with battle scenes. Though the characters are mostly teens, they are complex and not boring or stale in anyway. I loved seeing how each character evolved as new events in the war took place. This book is action packed and fast paced but at the same time slows down at precise times so that characters can reflect on events and readers get the full emotion of what's happening. This book is an exciting, yet terrifying look at the perhaps not-so-distant future. It's a "futuristic" look at the possibility of another civil war in America. It is a book that makes you wonder where your own loyalties would lie if it came down to choosing between your state or your country. While this is labeled as a young adult book there are some gruesome fight scenes. There is frequent foul language and some crude sexual humor. I would say it's a PG-13 book. It wasn't problematic for me and I would have no issues with my almost 14 year old reading it, but I just wanted to let easily offended readers know. I am looking forward to reading the next book! Keep up the amazing writing Trent Reedy!

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