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“Joshua David Bellin brings serious game in a post-apocalyptic thriller that collides breathless action with devious world building and genuine heart. A terrific novel!”

SURVIVAL COLONY 9

Joshua David Bellin

**Forget the past.
Fight to stay alive.**

In a future world of dust and ruin, fourteen-year-old Query Genn struggles to recover the lost memory that might save the human race.

Query is a member of Survival Colony Nine, one of the small, roving groups of people who outlived the wars and environmental catastrophes that destroyed the old world. The commander of Survival Colony Nine is his father, Laman Genn, who runs the camp with an iron will. He has to—because heat, dust, and starvation aren't the only threats in this ruined world.

There are also the Skaldi.

Monsters with the ability to infect and mimic human hosts, the Skaldi appeared on the planet shortly after the wars of destruction. No one knows where they came from or what they are. But if they're not stopped, it might mean the end of humanity.

Six months ago, Query had an encounter with the Skaldi—and now he can't remember anything that happened before then. If he can recall his past, he might be able to find the key to defeat the Skaldi.

If he can't, he's their next victim.

Fast-paced and action packed, *SURVIVAL COLONY 9* paints a vivid, gritty landscape ravaged by war, where a small colony's hopes for survival hinges on one teenage boy. Can he save himself? Can he save them all?

Joshua David Bellin has been writing novels since he was eight years old (though the first few were admittedly very, very short). A Pittsburgh native, Josh graduated from Wesleyan University and went on to earn his PhD. in English at the University of Pennsylvania. He has taught college English, published three nonfiction books (one about monsters!), and taken part in the movement to protect the environment. He lives with his wife and two children in the beautiful Frick Park area of Pittsburgh. *SURVIVAL COLONY 9* is Josh's debut novel.

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