

Book 1, in a thrilling new trilogy by an exciting new children's author. Set five hundred years in the future, where the world is a very different place, the story highlights possible environmental consequences of our present-day actions. A fast-paced, action-adventure story that you won't be able to put down!

## Discussion Questions:

- Rosie is living on an Earth that has been destroyed by the Melt and where everyday necessities, such as food, water and shelter, are a struggle to obtain. Write your own synopsis of a post apocalyptic world. Think about methods of survival in your answer.
- In Rosie's world people are divided into groups of Centrals, Bankers and Ferals. Discuss why do you think the titles for these groups are appropriate?
- The determining factor of these social groups is people wealth, and there are rules about what people can have and where they can go based on their classification. Discuss delineations of class within your own society, and the roles that wealth plays in what a person can and cannot do.
- Sci-fi books often present a world alien and different to our own, but use differences to highlight some truths about the nature of our own world. What has the sci-fi setting of *Rosie Black* revealed about the nature of the world we live in?
- Compare a contemporary female protagonist, such as Bella from *Twilight*, to the character of Rosie. How do these characters differ? How are they the same?
- MalX plagues the world that Rosie lives in. Look at diseases over time and the effect of these on the human population e.g. the plague, smallpox, cancer, malaria. For which of these disease have cures been found/not found?
- What are the three objects that they find in the box? Draw a diagram of each of these. As you learn more about the objects include facts with your diagram.
- Discuss the words "genesis" and "helios". What different meanings do these words have? Discuss their meaning in the book and any cultural or other language meanings that these words might have.
- There are many technological devices in this story. As you are reading the book make a note of these. Have a discussion about these devices and whether you think they would be useful to your life now. If you had some of these items, how would they change the way you live?
- Write a newspaper article as though you are a reporter exposing the Genesis Project. Include a brief interview with Rosie Black.
- *Genesis* is a book of betrayal and loyalty. Discuss which characters remain loyal to each other and which betray one another. What are their reasons for loyalty and/or betrayal?

## Synopsis

### *The Rosie Black Chronicles Book 1: Genesis*

By Lara Morgan  
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### Learning Areas:

English  
Philosophy  
Writing  
Language  
Technology  
Science

### Themes:

Futuristic  
Science Fiction  
Loyalty/Betrayal  
Technology  
Science  
Dystopia  
Identity  
Space

### Age Range:

13+yrs

### Genre:

Speculative Fiction

### Questions for:

Secondary

Five hundred years into the future, the world is a different place. The Melt has sunk most of the coastal cities and Newperth is divided into the haves, the "Centrals"; the have-nots, the "Bankers"; and the fringe dwellers, the "Ferals". Rosie Black is a Banker. When Rosie finds an unusual box, she has no idea of the grave consequences of her discovery. A mysterious organisation wants it – and they'll kill to get it. Forced to rely on two strangers, Rosie is on the run. But who can she trust? Pip, the too attractive Feral, or the secretive man he calls boss? From Earth to Mars, Rosie must learn the secrets of the box. Before it's too late.

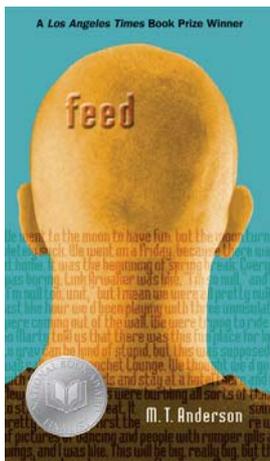
## Author Focus

**Lara Morgan** is a first-generation Australian of Croatian and Bermudian descent. She wrote her first book when she was seven – a plagiarised version of *The Magic Faraway Tree* – and has been writing on and off ever since. She has worked in community arts and at a community newspaper but now spends most of her time writing. *Awakening*, Book One of her adult trilogy, *The Twins of Saranthium*, was released in 2008 by Pan Macmillan. Book Two in the series, *Betrayal* was released in March 2010. For more information go to [www.laramorgan.com](http://www.laramorgan.com)

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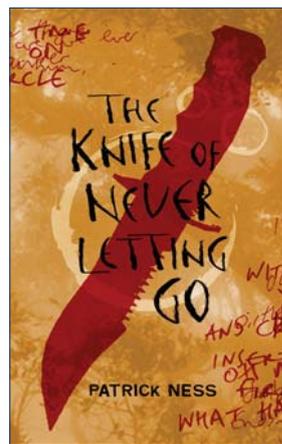
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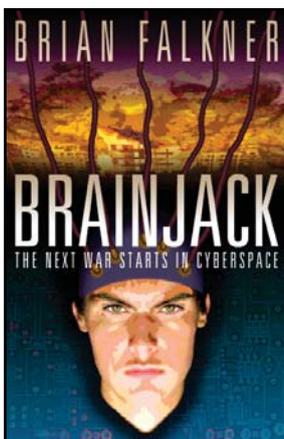
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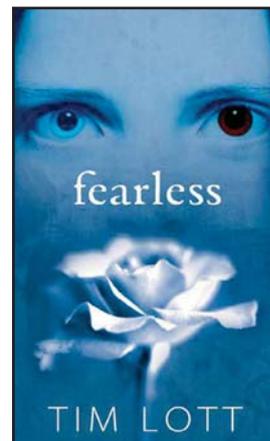
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