

## Epidemic: The Pursuit of Survival

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Alexis is a thirteen-year-old girl some might describe as a spoiled brat. She lives with her wealthy family in a large, modern mansion, filling her days with shopping trips, favorite foods, and a servant to bring her everything her heart desires.

Everything a kid could ever want, right?

But when an infectious epidemic hits the city, Alexis and her family must abandon their cushy existence and flee for their very lives. Gone are all their creature comforts, gone are the luxuries of home...and, in a surprise turn of events, gone are Alexis's parents!

Now it's just Alexis and her servant, Mariana, who has been acting suspiciously near the food supply and who Alexis resolves to protect herself from. But with so many other people trying to leave—any one of whom might spread this highly contagious, life-threatening disease to the rest of the world—Alexis is stuck with nowhere to go and nowhere to hide.

Will Alexis escape the frightened mob of people and the deadly outbreak only to become a victim of murder? Will the new group she meets bring friendship or peril into her life? Will anyone survive the deadly outbreak ... or will every last one of them become infected themselves?