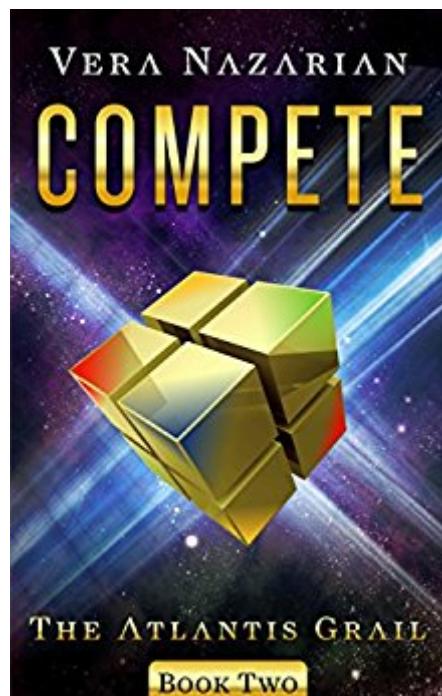


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Synopsis

It's one thing to Qualify. But do you have what it takes to Compete? With Earth about to be destroyed by an extinction level asteroid, teenage nerd, geek, and awkward smart girl Gwen Lark, and a few of her friends and loved ones, barely Qualified for rescue onboard one of the thousands of ark-ships headed to the ancient colony planet Atlantis. Now faced with a year-long journey in space, life in a wondrously alien environment, and many tough life choices, Gwen must decide who or what she will become. Fleet Cadet or Civilian? Friend or lover? Average or extraordinary? Can she make new friends? Can she trust the old ones, such as Logan Sangre, her sexy high school crush and an Earth special operative? Time and time again, Gwen's uncanny ability to come up with the best answer in a crisis saves her life and others. And now, her unique Logos voice makes her an extremely valuable commodity to the Atlanteans -- so much so that her enigmatic commanding officer Aeson Kassiopei, who is also the Imperial Prince of Atlantis, has taken an increasingly personal interest in her. Before the end of the journey, Gwen must convince him that she has what it takes to compete in the deadly Games of the Atlantis Grail. It's becoming apparent -- the life of her family and all of Earth depends on it. COMPETE is the second book in The Atlantis Grail series.

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Customer Reviews

3.7 rating for me. I loved the first book and the competing streak for survival. This one mostly revolved around their year in space as they fly over to Atlantis. The main character's POV was something to get used to, because she had a very young mind that wasn't as sharp as her intelligence was made to be, making me wonder if she was just extremely dense about things. I liked her head-strong attitude and need to act first and think later. However, a lot of this was too much; I kept thinking that a good trimming would've done wonders to the pages, because it was overwhelming to have both her run-on thoughts and an excessive amount of detail. Some things weren't needed to be repeated, and I personally thought that some paragraphs didn't add to the story. There were times when I skimmed pages and still got the main parts and good stuff. I absolutely loved that I still got to see her in action, but there isn't much she can really do on the ship, aside from learning about the new world. In a way, this was almost like a filler for the main things on Atlantis, but not exactly. The ending was surprising, and yes, it's a cliffhanger. Despite all the skimming I did, I still felt that I got my money's worth. I'm glad I didn't stop at book one. *spoiler* I love the chemistry between 'him' and 'her', but I absolutely could not STAND Logan. I disliked him in book one and it drove me mad to see him with her in this book. I'm glad he finally dumped her for panting over Kass because she really needed to be told about the feelings she was too dense to see for herself. *end of spoiler* In the end, an almost 4-star is what I rate this and I definitely recommend that people start getting into this series. It's like the Hunger Games but with Atlanteans as the aliens, all dressed up in Egyptian-like fashion.

First off, I need the next book. Now. Because you cannot leave me like that. Vera Nazarian's writing drew me in with her first book and continued to draw me in in this next installment. Even though Gwen Qualified, she still has a lot of drama to go through. And man, is there DRAMA. I don't even know how to give this a proper review right now since I just finished it. So it is possible I will be editing this over the next few days. My emotions are running so high. I was squealing and bouncing in my seat. That is how amazing this book is. I read at work since it's slow, and I would have to stop reading this book (even though I didn't want to) so that I wouldn't get so engrossed. Seriously, the

characterization of these characters are phenomenal. I realize a few of them become more background characters as we continue to follow Gwen's journey, but that doesn't make them any less important. And they didn't just simply fade away. They were still constantly brought up and we got to continually see how they effect those around. And the new characters? Holy hell were they awesome! I am so glad I bought this right after finishing Qualify. I honestly hate that I have to wait for the next installment to be published.

First of all I'm way outside the age group for which this series is targeted but I was drawn into the first book, Qualify, by the premise: a competition to see who will be saved from a giant asteroid threatening the planet. There are definitely times in the series when suspension of disbelief is required. Some of the actions and scenarios seem a bit too implausible. But overall, the plot has me hooked and the author has some really brilliant sections of writing in each of the first two books that bring the story to life, so I will continue with the next one when it comes out. There are definitely some reveals that have to be coming in the next one based on the comments made by one of the main characters. I'm fairly certain the Atlanteans are not telling the whole story behind why they decided to rescue some of the Earth's younger population. *Spoiler* It will be interesting to see who the "they" are that sent the asteroid to Earth in the first place *End Spoiler* Overall there are enough surprises to keep me coming back to find out what's going to happen and where the story will lead.

This story's plot is one I really enjoyed. It's definitely better than the first one! I think the reason I liked it better was because the character starts maturing and becoming more complex. There's much less, "so yeah,...." And random "like" every where, which was something that really annoyed me in the first book. However, this one increases the italicized words so there is a few every page. I feel like it's a cheap way to relate an impression instead of adjusting the story to be impactful in itself. It also annoyed me quite a bit. Also, I ended up skimming through quite a bit of details because I wasn't convinced that I was missing anything imperative to the story line. At the end, I was right. It's filler details in case you want to hear more about it, but not important to anything down the line, for the most part. It's also a fairly predictable book, high school themed idea. With that being said, I enjoyed the story line and the fun ideas that unfolded throughout. The character grew, and we saw more complexity with a couple other characters as well. Also, this book seemed to do a better job making characters different than what they did in the first one. I enjoy underdog stories, as I'm sure many young and old do. I like the sci Fi element to it, too. Also, there's nothing too.... Sensually intimate, which I also appreciate. There is one scene of, IDK, almost 3rd base, but only

kind of? I will read the next one when it comes out because I appreciate the development of the story line and the main character. I like the sci Fi and love story of it, and I hope we see more character development and complexity. I would love to see some depth with Laronda, and hear more of how and why Kass is the way he is. I can't wait to see what the Atlantean society and culture and world is like, too!

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