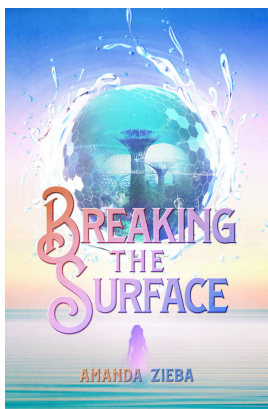


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Breaking the Surface

by Amanda Zieba



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL MEETS FINDING NEMO IN THIS GLOBAL WARMING CRISIS YA SCIENCE FICTION STORY.

When Flynn gets the chance to leave her home on the ocean floor to spend some time on the surface, she has a long list of things to do. Things like: make friends, eat a cheeseburger, go to the beach, shop, go on a date and get her driver's license. She didn't really expect "reverse a science experiment gone wrong" or "save family from impending doom" to show up on the list. But now that they have, what will she do? This book is author Amanda Zieba's young adult debut. It is an original dystopian that promises to deliver readers with drama and adventure. Join Flynn as she navigates the perils of high school and as she figures out how to define "home".

Who Wrote It?

The itch to put words on paper is a sensation I've had all my life. In my opinion, back-to-school shopping should be considered a national holiday. Even now as I walk down the office supply aisles, crisp, clean, paper calls out between the covers of notebooks, begging me to fill them with stories. Each story I write begins as a seed within the garden of these blank pages and grows from a handwritten idea to a full fledged novel. When I am not hanging out in my writing world (or making cool First Chapter Friday videos!) I am living a family-style-life in the great state of Wisconsin (Go Bucky!) with my husband and sons. We spend a lot of time watching sports and at the baseball field and



with our incredible extended family. We wouldn't have it any other way. You can learn more about me and my work by visiting my online city: WordNerdopolis. (www.amandazieba.com.) Happy reading!

AR Reading Level: 6.5

Lexile Level: currently unavailable

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Use this graphic organizer with the First Chapter Friday videos on YouTube from the Word Nerd.