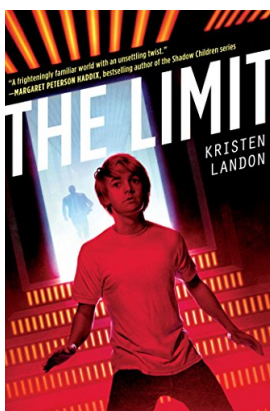


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The Limit

by Kristen Landon



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?

An eighth grade girl was taken today. With this first sentence, readers are immediately thrust into a fast-paced thriller that doesn't let up for a moment. In a world not too far removed from our own, kids are being taken away to special workhouses if their families exceed the debt limit imposed by the government. Thirteen-year-old Matt briefly wonders if he might be next, but quickly dismisses the thought. After all, his parents are financially responsible, unlike the parents of those other kids. As long as his parents remain within their limit, the government will be satisfied and leave them alone. But all it takes is one fatal visit to the store to push Matt's family over their limit—and to change his reality forever.

- 2012 Utah Book Award Finalist
- 2012-2013 Georgia Children's Book Award Nominee
- 2012-2013 Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award Program Nominee
- 2013 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Nominee

Who Wrote It?

I was born in Midland, Michigan . . . quite a few years ago. The majority of my growing up years were spent in Utah. As an adult I lived in Midland, Michigan for twelve years. A career change brought my family back to Utah. Hmm. Do you see a pattern forming here? In school I played on the basketball team for one year, but mostly I was a band nerd. I've never had an easy time falling asleep at night. From a very young age, I began to make up stories in my head to tell myself until I dozed off. The stories would be so great, though, that I'd want to stay awake to find out how they ended! I have a wonderful husband and four great kids. We like to hike and kayak and go on walks.



AR Reading Level: 4.4

Lexile Level: 690L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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