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Oculum

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A cli-fi series for middle grade readers.

Oculum: The world is slowly recovering after environmental collapse, and the children of the automated, domed city of Oculum have begun to awaken. Miranda, William and the 998 other children wake to tend the fruit trees and gardens behind the thick, opaque walls of their world. Some speak quietly of Outside, which is forbidden. Until William finds a door ...

The children outside the dome of Oculum – Mann, Cranker and others raised by Grannie – live amongst the rubble of the old destroyed city. They live with hunger, hard work, and stories about a time before the fall, of buggies without horses, light without fire ... and magical fruit called "peaches." But it must be lies, until one day Mann and Cranker get close enough to the ancient dome to find ... a door....

Oculum Echo: As Echo1 searches for life in the wasteland, the children of Oculum flee the bombs falling on Grannie's farm and set out to walk north to the safety of MedFell Hall.

The UnRuly have found weapons, and follow the children north. But who will get there first? And what is that mysterious voice from the past ...

Reviews

"Similar to *The Giver* in quality, content, appeal, and originality, *Oculum* really is children's literature. It's written beautifully, simply, and thoughtfully, and covers subject matter that is not common enough in Middle Grade. Every scene can be pictured in vivid detail, and readers of any age will be desperate to learn more about this strange world." – *The Sound*

The Author

Philippa Dowding's most recent book, *Firefly*, won the 2021 Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature. She lived on a glacier for one summer in university, and was inspired to write environmental dystopia/cli-fi when she visited it thirty years later and was shocked by how much it had melted. Dowding lives in Toronto, ON.



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