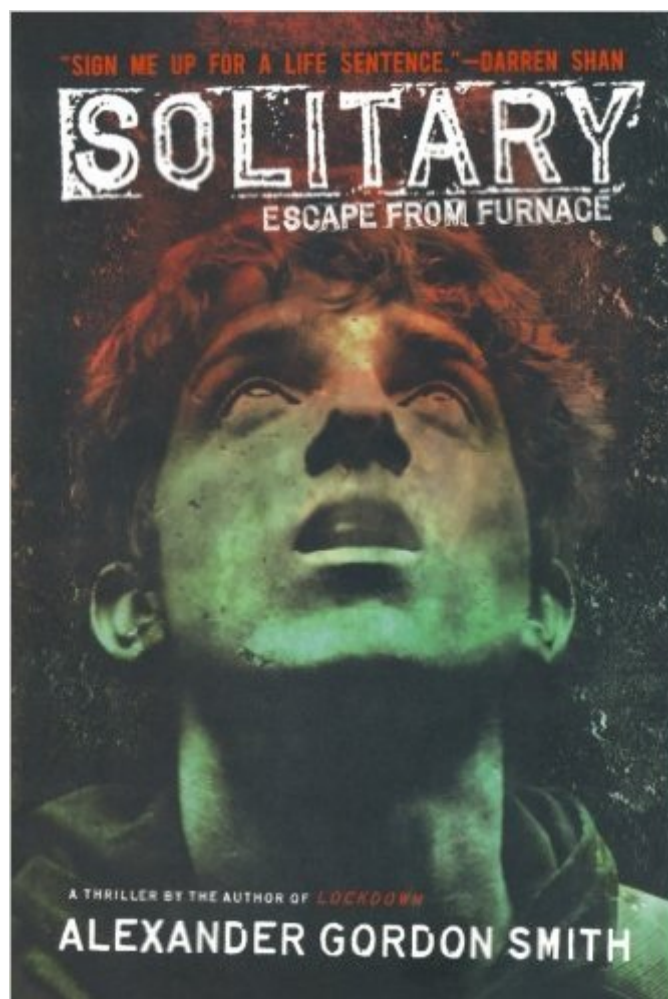


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## Solitary: Escape From Furnace 2



## Synopsis

Alex tried to escape. He had a perfect plan. He was almost free. Even felt the cool, clean air on his face. Then the dogs came. Now he's locked in a place so gruesome •so hellish• that escape doesn't even matter. He just wants to survive.

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## Customer Reviews

The cover: Poor Alex :s. I love this cover. It shows exactly how shocked, sad, depressed and lonely Alex felt in solitary. The storyline: Usually when the first book in the series is really good, you find the sequels to be a bit disappointing, at least that's what I experienced. Not in this series. I loved this book more than Lockdown, I didn't think it could get any better but it did! Mr. Gordon blew me away with this book. I was amazed and in love with every aspect of this book. So, let's go for a short Summary: So Lockdown ended with Alex, Zee, Gary and Toby jumping into the river and making a run for it. Solitary starts from where Lockdown exactly left off. I'm not going to spoil this for you. But here's what happened in short phrases. Alex continues to tell us what happened, in detail, after they made the jump. After he barely survives the river, he gets taken to solitary (as you might have guessed from the title) for a month as the Warden orders. In that period of time, Alex, sees and experiences for the first time the real horrors of Furnace. He thought that general population was

hell, he had no idea that the real hell is under the cells. While he's in solitary, he gets to experience the madness first hand. He finds new friends, loses ones too and gets to meet the worst creatures he had seen yet. Alex goes through the worst of it all and faces a deadly end. What I loved:- The writing as in the first one, was amazing. It was well paced and everything was in enough detail and yet it had some aspect of mystery. So although there was enough decryption, there were moments when you could sense something was kept hidden.

The cells in Furnace Penitentiary are small. Those in solitary are even smaller. Solid walls. Pitch black. Soundproof. Except for the sounds of scratching from above. As if something wants in. Something strong enough to dent the heavy metal lid that locks you in a cell that is not much more than a hole. A solid lid that locks in place, leaving you no way out. And hopefully keeping you protected from whatever wants in. They say that three days is the most that anyone can survive in the hole with their mind intact. But what if you had to survive for thirty? After a month locked away from the light and from all human contact, with only nightmares for company, just who, or what, would you be when you were released? And if escape is the only chance you have for survival, how is it even possible to plan to break free if your mind has snapped?\*\*\*Solitary is the incredibly imaginative, unbelievably disturbing and downright chilling second installment in the Escape from Furnace series by Alexander Gordon Smith. Digging into this novel after lights out is a sure way to bring to life the nightmares that exist in and just beyond the walls of Furnace Penitentiary that unfold page after gruesome page. In this sequel, the journey is darker, scarier and even more horrific than what Alex Sawyer encountered in Lockdown and is just as nail-biting, if not more so. And readers will quickly discover that the horrors that face the prisoners aren't the only things crawling through the tunnels beneath Furnace penitentiary. Solitary picks up right where Lockdown ended, on the edge of that cliff as Alex and the other escapees attempt their prison break.

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