

Aguire, Ann. **Enclave**. 259 pgs.  
Recommended for grades 7-9  
*Science Fiction/Fantasy*

Deuce is trying to save the only world she knows, a post-apocalypse underground world where the life expectancy is only about 25 years. The underground tunnels (what is now currently subways) serve as a home for a small population of people trained into 3 groups; hunters, breeders and builders. The story told by the perspective of Deuce, a huntress who must protect her enclave by seeking out and killing ferocious, hungry monsters called Freaks with other hunters and huntresses. Deuce's experienced hunting partner, Fade, who Deuce becomes affectionate with, was from the "topside" and wasn't born in the enclave. When Deuce goes out on one scout with Fade, she realizes the mindless Freaks are getting smarter and more capable, but the elders refuse to listen to the correct warnings. Then, Deuce gets kicked out of the enclave to the "topside" and faces a whole new world with Fade.

The author, Ann Aguirre, writes *Enclave* from Deuce's perspective with a very clear approach. She also describes the action in great detail and provides romantic moods occasionally along the plot with ease. The book is very similar to the popular book, *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins. Both books portray a girl in a battle arena fighting with the people she loves. This story will most likely entertain middle school age students as *Enclave* is definitely a rewarding read.

My evaluation of the book:

☺ It's awesome; please add it to *Teen Favorites*

**Reviewer Rating: 4** ★★★★★

-Leo C.