



BOOK RESUME: THE YEAR OF THE FLOOD

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The long-feared waterless flood has occurred, altering Earth as we know it and obliterating most human life. Among the survivors are Ren, a young trapeze dancer locked inside the high-end sex club Scales and Tails, and Toby, who is barricaded inside a luxurious spa. Amid shadowy, corrupt ruling powers and new, gene-spliced life forms, Ren and Toby will have to decide on their next move, but they can't stay locked away.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[Written with] energy, inventiveness, and narrative panache. . . . A gripping and visceral book that showcases [Atwood's] pure storytelling talents." —Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

"Atwood spins the most arresting alternate mythologies to our hell-bent world. . . . *The Year of the Flood* is a slap-happy romp through the end times. Stuffed with cornball hymns, genetic mutations worthy of Thomas Pynchon and a pharmaceutical company run amok, it reads like dystopia verging on satire. She may be imagining a world in flames, but she's doing it with a dark cackle." —*The Los Angeles Times*

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- ["Go Ahead and Ban My Book," *The Atlantic* \(2023\)](#)

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