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Text of the Front Flap

THE HIVEBORN

Raised an elite Skyborn, betrayed by the treacherous elders, and befriended by an Earthborn militia, Welkin Quinn returned to earth from space and discovered that his Skyborn existence was a culture of lies.

Earth—decimated 150 years ago by a nuclear holocaust—is now entering a stage of renewal. Nature provides the necessities of life, but the human factions continue to hunt one another.

Welkin and his band of outcasts (who refer to themselves simply as “the family”) have survived the cruel intentions of the jabbers, the machinations of the cult leader Tolk, and the ethnic cleansing campaign of the Skyborn.

Now, a new threat has descended from the stars: the Hiveborn. Driven by the unifying force of the Hivemind, this ancient power seeks to immerse and overwhelm the autonomy not only of humankind, but of all intelligent life in the universe.

When the Hiveborn breach the family’s fortress in the mines of New Zealand, the defenders of humanity face an awful choice.

One hope may remain, but will the family be willing to pay the cost?

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Paul Collins has written many books for younger readers. He is best known overseas for his fantasy and science fiction series: *The Jelindel Chronicles* and *The Quentaris Chronicles*. His SF novels published in America are *The Earthborn* and *The Skyborn*, both published by Tor.

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