

Omega City

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Annotation

Gillian's father seems to be a crackpot, with his conspiracy theories about the Cold War era scientist, Dr. Underberg and his plans for an underground world prepared for the survival of the human race.

Clues lead Gillian, her brother and their space-nerd friend, Howard to a hidden world created by Dr. Underberg decades ago. They must learn what they can and find a way out before the people who want the secrets buried find THEM.

Book Talk

Secrets...puzzles....clues....all of them, leading to an exciting discovery! Gillian Seagret, her brother and friend are in a race against time and some pretty scary villains. You'll be on the edge of your seat with this spacey page-turner.

Book Trailers

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=499XKNiw2n8>

Author on the Internet

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Items to use in a library display

- Space action figures
- model rocket/spaceship
- Freeze-dried meals/MREs

Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics

- No one believes Gillian's father in this story. Can you remember a time when you were SURE you were right about something, but no one believed you?
- Howard is a "misfit" in school but his space obsession helps his new friends in this story. Have you ever felt like you didn't fit in?

First Line of the Book:

- "Some secrets are small--the size of a battery, or a button, or a scrap of paper."

Non-Fiction Companion Titles

- *The Cold War: A History in Documents* by Allan M. Winkler
- *T-Minus: The Race to the Moon* by Jim Attaviani

What to Read Next

- *The Arctic Code* by Matthew J. Kirby

Other Books by this Author:

- *Omega City: Forbidden Fortress* by Diana Peterfreund

Additional Resources

- Music: Songs from the Cold War era
- Art/craft activity: Make a papier mache moon rocket; design blueprints for an underground community
- Interview with the author:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF1akFyqHmY>
<https://dailydahlia.wordpress.com/2013/04/17/interview-with-yana-author-diana-peterfreund/>
- Lesson ideas: Students plan, design and create a model/drawing of an underground city, including societal rules, living spaces, etc.