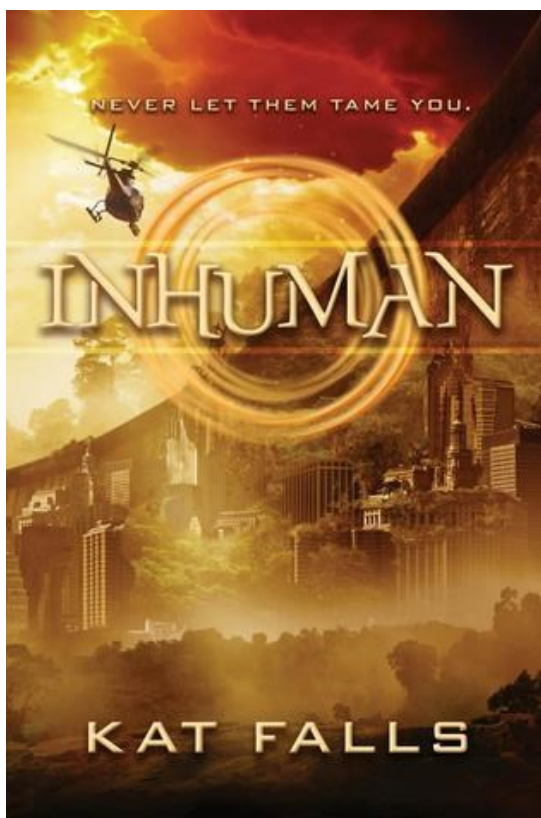


# Inhuman

by Kat Falls



## Pre-reading

- Can you think of some mad scientists? Make a list. What do they have in common? How do they differ?
- By what standards should we judge that a scientist has crossed a moral boundary?
- What are the dangers of toying with nature?
- Are humans constantly fighting their natural animal instinct?
- With the recent Ebola outbreaks in Africa, how do you think the United States would handle a major epidemic? Do you think it would ever get bad enough to quarantine an entire section of the country?

## Discussion Questions

- If you had to be mutated with an animal, what kind of animal would you choose?
- How does the wall symbolize the United States of America and how we view the “less-civilized” world?
- Is there an item that you would pay an extravagant amount for or risk someone’s life to get back from the Savage Zone?
- Should Lane be angry at her father for hiding his real job from her?
- Should Lane and/or Rafe be jealous of the role Lane’s dad played in each of their lives?
- Would you be willing to cross into the Savage Zone to provide humanitarian relief?

- Who do you think Lane should trust more, Rafe or Everson? Would your opinion change if we were discussing her physical well-being versus her emotional well-being?
- How do you think Lane felt about Rafe and Everson at the end of the novel?
- What do you think will happen in the sequel?

## **About the Author**

Kat Falls grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as an undergrad, and went on to receive an MFA from Northwestern University, where she now teaches. She lives in Evanston, Illinois with her husband, theater director Robert Falls, their three children, and a slew of pets.

Kat's young adult novel, *Inhuman* (Scholastic, 2013), is the first book of a science fiction trilogy set in the near future after a plague has turned millions of people into feral beast-men. *Inhuman* received glowing reviews from Publishers Weekly, the School Library Journal, and VOYA; a starred review from Kirkus; and made the ABA's Indie Next List, which features the top 10 children's titles for the upcoming publishing season by age group.

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