

Dog Blood

David Moody

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Less noble but more thrilling is *Dog Blood* by David Moody. The sequel to Moody's excellent novel *Hater*, it's a brilliant post-apocalyptic romp of a book that manages to ask big questions about the nature of humanity. One third of the world's population have become Haters,

waging a brutal war against the rest, who they refer to as The Unchanged. No one knows why this happened, and it doesn't matter, but as the two sides embark upon drastic extermination campaigns, anti-hero Danny McCoyne struggles to find his five-year-old daughter Ellis amongst the carnage. Moody delivers plenty of blood and guts, but it's the ideas that really pack a punch. Questions of humanity versus inhumanity and good versus evil are laid bare in a book that thrills on every level.

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