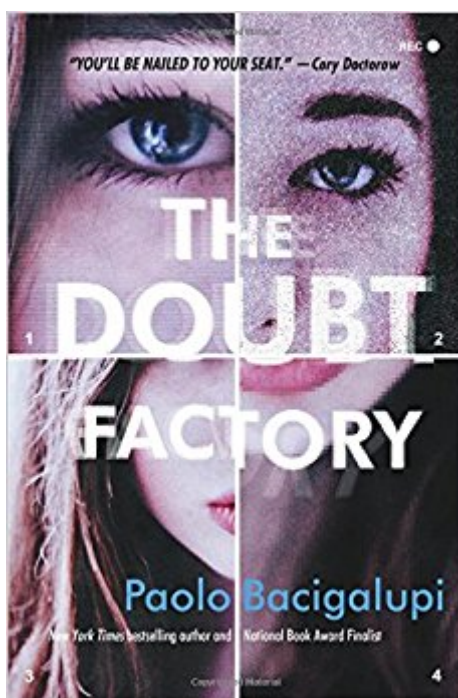


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# The Doubt Factory: A Page-turning Thriller Of Dangerous Attraction And Unscrupulous Lies



## Synopsis

From a New York Times bestselling author and National Book Award finalist comes a page-turning thriller with a dark romantic twist that bestselling author Cory Doctorow declared will have you "nailed to your seat". Everything Alix knows about her life is a lie--at least according to the dangerous young man who's been stalking her. But could her dad really be a bad guy at the helm of an organization that covers up the deadly wrongdoings of some of the country's most rich and powerful? Alix has to make an impossible choice between her father and the mysterious young man she's not only falling for, but who's asking her to blow the whistle on the man who raised her. This Edgar Award and Locus Award nominee will make you wonder: could someone you have loved and have known for your whole life actually have the heart of a killer?

## Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up—Alix Banks lives a cushy life in a rich, mostly white, Connecticut suburb. She attends a prestigious private high school, is loved by her parents, and gets along with her ADHD younger brother. Her privileged world is shattered when her school is attacked by the enigmatic renegade 2.0, who appears to be stalking her. Alix's father is well connected, and soon the house is swarming with security professionals, including Alix's own personal bodyguard. But that doesn't protect her from a terrifying encounter with 2.0, whose real name is Moses Cruz, and the other members of his multicultural band of teen rebels. Moses tells Alix that her father's company, Banks Strategy Partners—otherwise known as the Doubt Factory—was the lead defense consultant for several major corporations that produced faulty drugs and other products that caused countless people to die. Alix's love for her father conflicts with her growing anxiety that Moses may be telling the truth. Is her devoted dad really a killer? Uncertainty causes Alix to do some investigating on her own and forces her to make a fateful decision. Bacigalupi's characters are clearly drawn and believable. This gripping, outstanding contemporary story cites actual cases of corporate greed, which adds realism to the plot. Suspense builds at a steady pace, leading to increasingly dramatic plot twists and a climax that will leave readers' hearts pounding. Some swearing and mention of drugs and sex make this suitable for older readers.—Martha Simpson, Stratford Library Association, CT --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Praise for *The Doubt Factory*: A 2015 Edgar Award Nominee A 2015 Locus Award Nominee A Winter 2014-2015 Kids' Indie Next List Book\* "[A] provocative thriller.... Fans of Cory Doctorow's work should love this book."—Publishers Weekly, starred review\* "From the opening pages,

this is an action-packed thriller with the FBI, secret service, thousands of rats, a kidnapping, and a little romance.... Bacigalupi scores again."Ã¢ââLibrary Media Connection, starred review

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