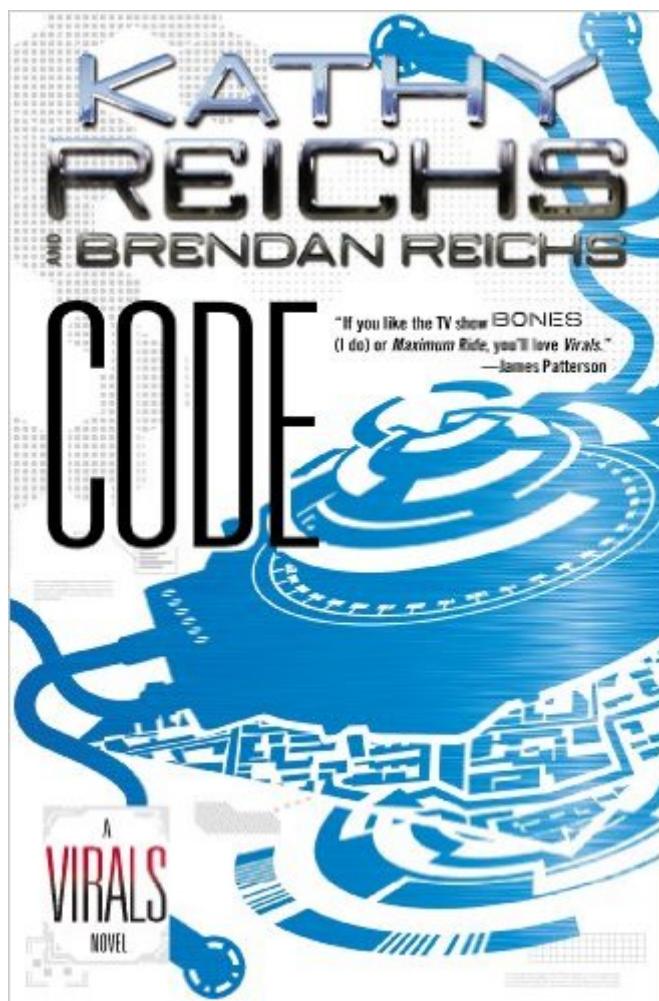


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# Code: A Virals Novel



## **Synopsis**

Tory and the rest of the Virals are put to the ultimate test when they find a geocache containing an ornate puzzle box. Shelton decodes the cipher inside, only to find more tantalizing clues left by "The Gamemaster." A second, greater geocache is within reachâ "if the Virals are up to the challenge. But the hunt takes a dark turn when Tory locates the other boxâ "it contains a fake bomb, along with a sinister proposal from The Gamemaster. Now, the real game has begun: another bomb is out thereâ "a real oneâ "and the clock is ticking.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The action never stops in this science fiction thriller series. This time Tory and the other Virals find themselves in a race to solve the clues left by the Gamemaster before he unleashes a terrible tragedy. It begins innocently when Hi buys a metal detector and begins geocaching. The kids discover a hidden box Loggerhead Island that begins a treasure hunt with codes, clues from chemistry, and other clues to test their abilities. They need to keep the game secret or face serious consequences. Meanwhile, Tory is still being dragged into becoming a debutante by her father's girlfriend Whitney. The current dilemma is choosing the boy to escort her when she is presented. She is torn between golden boy Jason and her friend Ben who is also one of the Virals. The two boys definitely do not get along and, in fact, have a couple of fistfights during this story. Tory is fourteen and has never really had a boyfriend. Despite being precocious and mature for her age,

she isn't quite ready for that. Speaking of Whitney, she is gradually moving stuff into Tory's father's home and trying to become Tory's best friend. Tory doesn't really get along with her and she certainly isn't thinking of Whitney as the one to replace the mother she lost in a drunk driving accident a year earlier. Tory throws a tantrum when her father Kit announces the Whitney will be moving in which makes her seem like a more realistic 14-year-old. To complicate matters even more, Chance has been released from the mental hospital he was in during the last book and is determined to find out what is going on with the Virals. He is aided by Madison who one of the mean girls at school and who witnessed Tory flaring and is now convinced she is possessed. This story sees the Virals learning more about their new powers and also sees a betrayal by one of the kids. I couldn't put this fast-paced adventure down and loved it.

Love this series as much as the Bones series. These teens are smart, funny and so creative. They are always up to their eyeballs in mischief trying to solve a mystery just like Aunt Tempe. Highly recommend all the Viral books to teens and adults for an entertaining fast paced read. Cannot wait until the new book is released. Of course, I pre-ordered it!!

I still enjoyed this book, the puzzle element was a neat addition to their usual hijinks. Though, the Virals' powers started into a more 'science-fiction'-ie type of thing than just wolf powers. I will reserve my opinions on that until the next book(s) when the powers evolve more or information is found on them. I'd like to see it more on the 'realistic' side (well, as realistic as this kind of thing can get), heightened senses and all that that you would expect from a normal wolf. Anywho, it's a neat series, and a good read for not only teens, but adults too. I received this book in a giveaway at Stacy's Book Blog: [...]

I love reading about Kathy Reichs group of kids infected with a virus that gives them..well, hypersensitive powers that enables them to solve clues that lead to a variety of adventures. This novel is the third one chronologically timewise from when they are first infected and reflects their discoveries of new powers as they learn to control those powers and put them to use as a wolf pack. These novels are obviously geared for YA readers, but as a huge fan of The Goonies, I have always loved reading and/or watching movies (i.e., Super 8) where a group of kids varying in age teenwise get involved in solving mysteries to save the day. This one finds our protégies caught up in what at first seems just a game whereby they get clues via the internet and proceed to dig up a geocache containing an ornate puzzle box that has a cipher inside they must decode to further the

game which very quickly becomes very dangerous as "The Gamemaster" ups the challenges. Like the kids in The Goonies who find clues which will lead to the treasure they hope will save their homes but have to overcome booby traps with a family of bandits on their trail, the Virals find themselves in dangerous life-threatening situations...with a hurricane headed their way.

Kathy and Brendan Reichs never disappoint. Yes the initial population of this book is geared towards high school/young adults, but any normal adult will find the story well written and exciting. Like many Kathy Reichs books, you end up staying up late just to get more and more of the story in.

There is a strong possibility that I may be simply fascinated with Kathy Reichs and now her son. This series are such great books, right up there with the Temperance Brennan novels. Indeed so because these books are about the "strange" happenings with her great niece Tory. Tory is as fearless as her great aunt and gets into just as much trouble but unlike Aunt Tempe, she still has to answer to her dad. Great Read!

The third book in the Virals series finds our crew of accidentally transformed friends playing a geocaching game. Much like their transformation into a pack by exposure to an experimental vaccine, the game is transformed into a deadly race against time to save lives threatened by a bomb placed somewhere in Charleston by the creepy Gamemaster. Of course, to assist in amping up the climax, a hurricane roars into town. Other than Tory being completely clueless about boys' interest in her, the tale rings true and moves quickly. It is a satisfying addition to the series.

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