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The jaw-dropping sequel to breakout YA thriller Don't Turn Around, which Kirkus Reviews named a Best Book of the Year, calling it "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo for teens, a surefire hit"

Noa Torsen is on the run. Having outsmarted the sinister corporation Pike & Dolan, Noa and her friend Zeke now move stealthily across the country, protecting runaways before they become test subjects for P&D's horrific experiments. Noa knows all too well what that feels like: Whatever they did to her has left her exhausted and scared.

Back in Boston, Peter anxiously follows Noa's movements from his computer, using his hacker skills to feed her the information she needs to stay alive. But he's desperate to do something more, especially when he learns what P&D has done to his ex-girlfriend Amanda.

Then, in an explosive confrontation, Noa and her team are trapped in the one place they thought was safe. It will take everything Noa and Peter have to bring down the corporation before it gets them first. And with no one to trust and enemies hiding at every turn, they may be the only people alive who can.

This stunning second book in the critically acclaimed Don't Turn Around trilogy raises the stakes to their absolute limit and will leave readers begging for the exciting conclusion, Don't Let Go.

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Book Twirps says

This review may contain minor spoilers from the first book. Proceed with caution.

At the end of Don't Turn Around, Noa, Peter and Zeke narrowly escaped the evil Pike & Dolan corporation after uncovering their dangerous and unethical experiments on wayward teens. Though they would like to think they have stopped P&D, it soon becomes apparent that there may be other warehouses across the country, so Noa and Zeke set out to investigate/help other potential victims while Peter stays in Boston to feed them intel and help them stay ahead of the threat.

But P&D are more dangerous than any of the kids could have imagined. During a rescue mission gone awry in Phoenix, Noa and Zeke find themselves in deep trouble, and Peter finds himself even more immersed in P&D's evil deeds when he realizes Amanda, his ex-girlfriend, may have been infected with the virus.

No one can be trusted.

Everyone is in danger.

I LOVED the first book in this series, and really enjoyed this one as well. I love the action, the mystery and the thrills. Ms. Gagnon definitely knows how to build tension and craft explosive and heart-pounding action scenes.

While I felt the pace to this one was a bit uneven (the first half kind of dragged in places but the second half was way intense), and I did like the first installment more, this book is definitely worth a look. It's definitely a "filler" book, but I didn't feel it completely suffered from the dreaded "second book syndrome". There's a ton of information revealed and plenty of twists which perfectly sets up for what is sure to be an epic conclusion in book three.

I loved Noa in the first book and I loved her even more in this installment. I love her strength, her resourcefulness and her ability to adapt. She's strong, intense and determined.

I must admit, I was a bit disappointed in Peter in this installment. I think I liked it better when he and Noa were physically working together in the first book. Their relationship felt more cohesive. Peter seemed to be a bit off in this one, which makes sense because of his determination to help Amanda. Speaking of Amanda — I'm not really a fan. I just couldn't connect with her for some reason. I'm hoping maybe that connection finally happens once book three comes along.

An uneven start turned into a thrilling read full of suspense and plot twists. If you are a fan of fast-paced thrillers, I highly recommend this series. You won't be disappointed!

Jared says

The book I read was Don't Look Now by Michelle Gagnon.

This book is about Noa and Peter who are hackers trying to get ride of two people called Pike and Dolle

(P&D). They have a project called project Persephone which is when P&D take kids and operate on them and then cut them into pieces and put them in crab pots. During one of Noa's raids something went wrong when a guy named Cole from P&D Corporation was sent out to capture Zeke and Noa but they managed to escape from him but the kid they tried to save never got put alive. So now we go to Peter who in all of this is trying to make sure his ex-girlfriend Amanda is ok because she is ill and is probably because of PEMA. Peter is so worried because his brother died of that same disease and he wants to make sure she is ok. After that bad raid Noa and Peter try to help each other but because Peter is in Boston and Noa is in Arizona they can't do much so Noa tells him that they are going to try harder at the raids and get more kids out. So then... You will have to read The rest of the book because I don't want to give it away. If you liked this book you should defiantly read the third book Don't Let Go by Michelle Gagnon.

Amanda says

We are doing a giveaway of this book on www.appraisingpages.com, check it out while it's still going!

This book takes a whole new turn for the Persefone's Army story, a turn that I really liked. Michelle Gagnon uses the characters and plot she sets up so well in Don't Turn Around and brings it all to an even more intense level. I think I finished this book in a single day, which for this working mom of two toddlers who is often distracted is a big feat. That should tell you that this book is difficult to put down!

I don't think this is too much of a spoiler because at the end of the first book they are separated but Peter and Noa remain separate for much of Don't Look Now and even though I really like their blossoming friendship in Don't Turn Around I really liked seeing Peter and Noa expand as characters on their own. They're both so different even though they have such similar talents and interests that it's great to see those manifest themselves in their unique ways. Even though they are fighting the same battle with Persefone's Army they're fighting very different battles and I liked seeing so many different parts of the action.

Don't Look Now introduced a lot of new characters and twists and turns to the Project Persefone. If you liked Don't Turn Around you would definitely love Don't Look Now, I couldn't put it down because it was so exciting and story-driven.

Chayse Sundt says

This is a series that will put the idea of a thriller in a whole other perspective. This book as well as Don't Look Now will take you on an adventure that will have slight effects of intense nail biting, standing on your toes, yelling madly, and possibly crying. This book would be nothing if it didn't create these emotions that will surely course through your body.

Plot: The book continues from where things left off. Noa is on the run and she is on a mission to save children from the grasp of the men experimenting on them. Dangers are becoming more and more present and they are always watching. The book grabs hold of you and pulls you through the chapters

Characters: We still see Peter, Amanda, Zeke and of course Noa as well as other characters from the first book as well as being introduced to new characters as the story continues. The characters create a family bond that I feel is not present in some of the families of our world. These characters are something else. They

go through things that children are never expected to go through and we are able to see how strong they are and the maturity overpowers their young age.

Romance: There are a couple things that prove interesting in this category. We have Noa and Zeke and we, as readers, want something to happen but life keeps getting in the way. I have decided to categorize life as a word that I learned through Urban Dictionary: Boonish. Going back...We also have Peter and Amanda who although broke up, still have a fire lit between them. Things will hopefully progress further in the next book but I have to say the ending did kill me.

Ending: This is where the yelling and crying comes in. I knew this might have happened and I thought it was going to happen earlier because that is how every author is. They enjoy watching the readers suffer. I have concluded that it is in their nature. It is what it is...

I will keep my eyes peeled for the last book in this amazing series. I invite all readers to check out this thrilling series that will blow your mind apart chapter by chapter. Michelle Gagnon encased me in chills once again and even now when writing this review I peak over my shoulder just in fear that maybe there is someone watching my every move. Be warned.

I give it 5 bites!

April says

You know how certain things can motivate you to get the job done more than others? Receiving an email and two copies of *Don't Look Now* by Michelle Gagnon motivated me to read it sooner. I know, most people don't kowtow to pressure, but I totally do. Also, I figure given the cornucopia of *Don't Turn Around* copies that I received last year, I might as well read and review *Don't Look Now* early so that I don't feel that year-round guilt. It seems that there's this trend with me, where when I feel the pressure to read a sequel, I kind of end up liking the sequel better than the first book. This happened with me and *Don't Look Now* as well. I guess now that I am not trying to figure out what the heck is going on, why the characters are acting the way they are and what the conspiracy is, I can sit back and enjoy the ride.

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Odette Knappers says

I loved this book! I've read this in one day (it's 50 minutes past midnight but hey). First day of the big Books Ever After Readathon and one book down whoohoo!

Let's talk about this awesome book

This book is so NOT suffering from second book syndrome, how awesome!

The story grabbed me in the previous book and held me tight. There is some love in this book but it is logical. Unexpected things happen that throw your expectations upside down and gosh

This book is the perfect combination of a bit scifi in a thriller for ya with a bit of lovestory. Will be reading

the third book really soon!

Becky says

Don't Look Now picks up shortly after the end of Don't Turn Around. Noa now leads an army of teens in an attempt to break down the company behind Project Persephone. With Peter's help, they've hacked the company's system and have begun infiltrating their labs. With each new raid they've managed to save more and more teens from the fate Pike & Dolan has in store for them. And as word on the street spreads, targets for the project are becoming scarce. For Noa and the others, this is progress but they won't stop until the project ends.

Michelle Gagnon's Persefone series is an absolute must read for any action junkie! From the very first pages, this series is explosively intense and exciting. This second of the series matches pace with the series debut, Don't Turn Around, drawing readers in with a smart plot that keeps you guessing and characters you can really root for.

I love how the action progresses in the series so far. There is so far very little explanation about PEMA, Pike & Dolan, and Project Persephone, though we do know the ultimate goal seems to be a cure for PEMA, this mysterious illness that affects teens exclusively. I'll be looking forward to seeing how that continues to play out in the final installment of the trilogy.

Ashley says

Originally posted at yAdult Review

As I made it clear here, I love and adore the first book in this series. The way the author writes and portrays her characters was spot on. The second book in the series continued with this portrayal. I made quite a noise when I was approved for this ARC because I was just that! excited! I barely found out that there was a sequel and then I found the ARC and book noises were made. Probably for the best that this was an eARC not a physical copy because it would not have been pretty.

This book picks up quickly after the first book in the series finishes, in the middle of a new caper no less! I had high expectations for this book for many reasons. Love of the first book, love of the storyline, etc. I promise you it didn't let me down. One could easily pick up this book without the first book and know immediately what was going on. The recap was amazing without seeming so "THIS! IS! A! RECAP!" which was much appreciated. In Don't Look Now, good friends Peter and Noa are separated. Peter is still hacking, trying to figure out what happened in Noa's life and essentially the systems working on breaking it down. While this is going on Noa is with Persefone's Army which at this point is a modern day Robin Hood saving people from the worst.

The worst, which has happened to Amanda, who throughout this novel you continue to not trust. Or maybe you do, and if you do can you please tell me why you trust her? She gives me bad vibes (which I know, is so cliché to say).

Obviously Peter and Noa continue to have trust issues with everyone in this story who aren't each other. The

interesting part of the trust issues is that it gets in the way of them moving on with their lives and of course the oh so important plot. Noa slowly starts to trust Zeke, a fellow member of the army, who, while he doesn't understand all the minute details of Noa's life, is okay going slow and waiting for her. It is very sweet and endearing to not have a boy in a teen novel be demanding and be like NOW NOW NOW.

It is hard to review this book without giving too much away, not only about the first book in the series, but of course this book. I will say that while the book nears the end of the novel we're getting closer to what happened and the soon downfall of it all but we're still left hanging for the third and final novel of the series.

Solid 4.5. review closer to publication.

Megan Mann says

It's been four months since Noa, Zeke and Peter escaped the raid in Boston, but things have only gotten worse. It may have gone further underground, but Project Persephone still rages on. Peter spends most of his time collecting information while Noa and Zeke organize raids as the southwest branch of Persephone's Army, a group willing to do anything to save kids from future experimentation.

Things seem quiet, though. Almost too quiet. After discovering another warehouse in Phoenix, Noa and her "soldiers", with Peter's help, formulate a plan to rescue any patients they may have, but they run into problems. Even after a narrow escape, something doesn't feel right about Taylor, a girl they rescued, to Noa. Was she right for not cutting the mission?

All the while, Peter is busy tracking Mason. If he could just hack into his life, maybe he'll figure out what's going on with Project Persephone and be able to do more than just sit behind his computer. Unfortunately, that's not his only problem. Amanda is getting sicker and sicker by the day. Could Mason have been so sadistic as to infect her?

Neither of them could envision what would happen.

This. Was. So. GOOD. I had been dying for an advanced copy of these for MONTHS and was able to snag a copy at ALA. Thank god for that, too, because this was incredible. It was just as fast paced as the first one with just as many twists and turns. This is truly some of the best thriller/suspense work I've read and it's not typically my favored genre. If you haven't read *Don't Turn Around* yet, you're missing out. Especially since you'll be dying to read this one.

Only problem: now I have to wait for the next installment. Ugh.

*** Booksessed * Bec says**

August :(

Leslie says

This was a gripping second book in The Persefone Project trilogy. I eagerly await to see what happens in the conclusion. While the first book was all about Noa avoiding being caught and trying to figure out what they did to her before she woke up on that operating table and escaped the warehouse she had been kept in for close to a month, this one was about her finding the courage deep inside of herself to believe that they could once and for all take down Project Persephone. She has to find her footing with each raid they go on to find kids to save. Along with Noa's perspective, we also get glimpses of what's happening back in Boston while Noa is heading the Southwest Unit of the Persephone Army through Peter as he handles the hacking part of taking down the bad guys (*cough*Mason*cough*); we also get to see a lot more from Amanda's perspective than we did in the first book as she becomes ill and denies the obvious until the end of the novel; and the final perspective is of a new character that we're introduced to early on, Tao, that we are able to watch grow as a character from the point he joins Noa's unit up until the end.

Also, unlike book one, this novel had romance in it, but it is frustrating because the timing just is so off between Noa and Zeke throughout the whole novel until it's too late. I'm upset about Zeke still and I don't think I'll be able to get over his death. Seriously. I was rooting for Noa and him to end up together because the chemistry between them was written so well that you couldn't help buy ship them together. That final Noa/Zeke scene was just heart-wrenching - You're trying to prepare yourself for Zeke's exit, yet you still want to see them happy and together. I don't even know if I can get on board with shipping Noa with anyone else after Zeke, even if the other character is Peter. But alas, every great thriller has to kill off at least one of the characters that you grow to love otherwise it would be dull and predictable. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this and am looking forward to the final book.

Kathy Martin says

The middle book in the Don't Turn Around trilogy has Noa working with Zeke and some others in the Southwest United States. Peter remains in Boston where he is doing the computer work for the group. Peter is also involved again with his old girlfriend Amanda who has been infected with PEMA. He is still trying to find evidence that the large corporation is still kidnapping and experimenting on street kids in order to be the first to find a cure for PEMA. He is also still trying to get something on Mason who is the one who threatened Peter and caused Amanda to be infected.

In the Southwest, Noa and group are still raiding the secret clinics they find to free the kids who are being experimented on. They have a safe house in Roy and Monica who are retired doctors who somehow made a fortune. This is the first time Noa ever remembers having a home and feeling safe. Unfortunately, a raid in Phoenix goes bad and trouble follows them home to Roy and Monica's.

The story switches viewpoint frequently between Noa, Peter and Amanda. All three are interesting people and well drawn characters. The story is filled with excitement as a group of kids try to go up against a major corporation. It is a real David and Goliath situation.

I look forward to reading the third book in the trilogy to see how the story concludes.

Kevin says

3.5 stars.

There's still a lot to love about this series, but I didn't quite enjoy the second one as much as the first. Don't Look Now like its predecessor, Don't Turn Around, is an action packed thriller that truly has some ultimate suspense moments.

Clearly the writing is awesome and leaves you on the edge of your seat, so why Kevin only 3.5 stars??? Well, that all comes down to some *certain* characters and that the first half, while suspenseful, nothing really happened in the direction of the plot.

I love chapters or sections whenever Noa or Teo were the main characters. Noa one of the original story-tellers from the first one is just super interesting. She has had the roughest time of any characters for sure, but has remained awesomely badass. She's smart, hardcore, and definitely a born leader in my book. She does so much for her team of runaways and the mission to help other teens when really she could just go into hiding and save herself. That's the definition of a hero to me.

Teo was a new character in this book. He is first introduced being saved by Noa's crew and quickly becomes a member, but Teo has internal struggles about the whole situation. I like to think at that age I'd be a badass like Noa, but nope I would definitely be more of a Teo. I just felt like his character made all the situations they were in **real**. He is afraid a lot of the times and he doesn't really know what he's getting himself into. But as the book go on, Teo really starts to change and accept the impact he can make to the cause, which I loved loved loved.

Now to the other two characters driving the story... Peter and Amanda. Peter was awesome in the first one, and he still had some great moments in this one, but his whole impact to the story seemed noncommittal based on his location and impact to the greater cause. He really didn't accomplish much, and for being so smart he made several dumb or "wut" decisions that drove me nuts. I hope Peter and Noa are more involved together in the next book.

Then there's Amanda. I really really despise Amanda. I felt for a lot of the book she was whiny, stubborn, and a distraction to other more important things going on, including Peter. I just was not interested every time she took center stage in the book. However, I do feel bad for her character. She was thrown into this situation by being with Peter, she now has A LOT on her hands from this book, and she does try to help anyway she can, which really isn't that much though.

This whole series reminds me of the Unwind series. They are both super thrilling and exciting, but can have dull parts where nothing really happens...because it's building for the suspense. Mainly, that was the first half of this one. It just took to long for me to be invested, unlike the first one. But when it got good again, it got really really good!

This book was definitely just a plot-mover into the third of the series. For me, that was pretty noticeable based on the main climax towards the end. The ending was pretty awesome though, and def gained the book some points in my book.

Joost says

Het tweede deel van Project Persefone, leuker dan het eerste deel!
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?τ??η? says

UGH.

Almost everything about this book annoyed me- the numerous POV's of people that I didn't care about and that had literally no point to the plot whatsoever, the extreme stupidity of numerous characters, the incessant use of the word "kids" and "teens" to describe the group- EVERYTHING. And, well, that ending.

So the book was split into 4 POVS.

1. NOA- Kickass. Awesome. Kickass. Did I mention awesome? No time for BS because she's too busy being kickass.
2. PETER- TSTL. Literally dude, the word TSTL was invented for you. Find a dictionary, look up the word TSTL and you'll find your picture right next to it.
3. AMANDA- Why the hell were you in this book? Were we supposed to like you or something? Or care about you? Sorry Miss Amanda, I felt like your chapters were totally pointless. No connection to the plot. AT ALL.
4. TEO- Um.....what.the.actual.fuck.?? Thy name is "waste of space". Literally, he only existed to take up space, and fall in ridiculously fast insta-love with Daisy (they started to have sex after knowing each other for 2 days, SERIOUSLY??) and basically draw the spotlight away from anything more interesting.

So yeah, that's the 4 parts.

I feel like this book would've been so much better if there had only been 1 part- Noa. Noa and Zeke. For once, I actually supported their ship. I thought they went well together. If the story had just been about her and Zeke roaming around the country and trashing all the evil buildings, it would've been so much more stronger, so much more satisfying, so much more *everything*. But instead we got *some* Noa/Zeke, and then shitloads of the stupid Teo-And-Daisy Insta-Love Show, and the super-boring Amanda-getting-PEMA, and Peter TSTL trying to go out and get himself killed in every way possible. Basically, it all read like dull filler. Also, it really, REALLY pissed me off that (view spoiler). Because A, he and Noa were great together, and B, now that means she's going to end up with boring Peter who clearly is still hung over his old girlfriend (because why else would we be getting so many chapters about Amanda.)

However, I have hopes for the next book. Hopefully, Zeke will make a miracle recovery from the dead (but a-HA, it never said he was dead in the first place! See, loopholes!) And while we're at it I'm going to hope Cody comes back too. It was never really proven that he died either. It was just like, "Oh, there was a fire in his house blah blah blah some unidentified bodies blah blah" and then that was it. There was never even any mention of him in this second book, so who knows, maybe a case of Forgotten Identity by the author.
