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"Raw. Smart. Quick-witted. Mouthwatering. Just a few adjectives that describe this exquisite tale. Do not let this unforgettable story, or its incredible cast of characters, slip by you."—**DARYNDA JONES**, *New York Times* bestselling author

Kellen Hockley usually keeps quiet about his past, but once upon a time he loved a girl named Angela. He hasn't seen her in a decade, but now he has to break the news to her that his team of rogue treasure hunters accidentally killed her husband. He's had better days...

It's not the news that's delivered to Angela Neko that breaks her apart—it's the rumble, Texas drawl delivering it. She can't believe she's hearing Kellen's voice again. But there's no time for distractions. When Angela's own life is threatened, yielding up all of her lies and secrets, she and Kellen must figure out how to reverse the geopolitical firestorm she lit to save the world, to save Kellen's cat...and just maybe to save each other.

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Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

This had a very interesting start. Perfect Gravity starts at the same point in time that Wanted and Wired, book one in the Tether series, started. While the time line is the same this time Angela Neko and Kellen Hockley are the main characters and we see things from their point of view. Seems that someone wants Angela dead. She runs to her old flame, Kellen, for protection. Turns out that many things are not as they seem as Kellen and Angela try to stop a war only to find out that the war is also not what they thought it was. This is full of twists and turns driven by some very interesting characters. My favorite is the cat. Seems she has been augmented and in addition to cuddling and purring she can make a big difference in the outcome of the story. This does come to a nice conclusion leaving me wondering if this is a two book series. I hope not as the world building and back story leave many more places for the story to continue.

I received a free copy of the book in return for an honest review.

Marta Cox says

Three and a half

Having read Wanted and Wired I was desperate to learn more about the varied characters this author has dreamed up. I was really looking forward to seeing how this dark future envisaged for mankind could be somehow turned around. We met the wonderfully caring Kellen previously and it was clear he has some sort of past connection with congress woman Angela but in this story we get not only more of their backstory but fresh insights into just why Angela is the tough no nonsense woman she has become. With the very real possibility of war looming Angela is sure she knows her duty but has no idea that she's about to become a target herself !

I love the world building in place here as its futuristic enough to feel different and yet not full of gobbledegook that needs repeated explanations. The author excels in giving us vibrant diverse supporting characters and I have to admit that the effervescent Chloe and Yoink the very special cat just stole every scene they were in. Plus I wanted more Dan Dan but alas that wasn't to be but who knows what the future of this series holds .

Ok nitty gritty time and in sorry but I didn't really care much for Angela. She's ruthlessly cold and I struggled to warm to her. The author attempts to redeem her with a sad loss but even then her reaction was to take a life ! I do understand revenge is a strong motive but it just didn't work for me . Plus there's a moment when she requested something from Dan Dan that had me wanting to bang her over the head ! I tried to feel sympathy for her but honestly she's my least favourite character in this series. Will she mellow in the future? If brutal I'm hoping we don't get too much of Angela but other characters have me salivating because come on with all that mech technology something surely can be done ! For me this wasn't as good as the first book but I'd definitely read more from this author.

This voluntary take is of a copy I requested from Netgalley and my thoughts and comments are honest and I believe fair

Coral says

In a dystopian, alternate reality world, the world is basically a mess, where nature is sacrificed for technological power.

Angela, a senator was actively campaigning for her mentor's presidential election when the world crumbled around her. Managing to escape a bomb blast meant for her, she enlisted the help of her old sweetheart, Kellen. Kellen, a rebel whom with his group helped unfortunate humans and animals who were abandoned by the UNAN government.

While the plot is predictable, it is quite simple and straight to the point. The technical jargons are much more manageable compared to the first book and we get to understand how the world works. How it became that way is still mostly a mystery.

My main problem with this book like the 1st book in the series is still the characters. Angela is almost TSTL. For someone who went to MIST (said to be the best learning institute), how could she not see or even a glimmer of suspiciousness on what is happening. (Then again, the plot would be different if that happens) Not to mention, the book did not paint her a good light at all, with her being a typical politician who doesn't seem to care about the people. She doesn't seem to have any redeeming qualities. And Kellen seems bland, aside from being the rebel group and still loving Angela even though he can't forgive her for her actions; there's not much to describe him.

I would love to know more about the world but having mediocre characters bore me.

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 3/5

ARC received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for a fair review

Danielle Annett says

Entertaining and highly engaging. Perfect Gravity was a whirlwind adventure I couldn't put down. As the second book in the Tether series, we see both some old and some new faces. There was the perfect amount of romance for my tastes and I loved how unique the storyline was. The relationship between Kellen and Angela had a lot of ups and downs and there were so many moments when I wondered how the author would pull everything together but she didn't disappoint. If you're a fan of sci-fi romance, you'll love Perfect Gravity! It has action, adventure, some steam, and enough laugh out loud moments to keep you on your toes.

JG says

I love this series! In the first book in Tether we were introduced into a post apocalyptic world where the most of the earth and its wildlife has been decimated. Half organic half cyber robotics humans reside in this new earth and politics and endgames dictate people's fate. Perfect Gravity runs parallel on the latter half of the first book in the series (so it would be best that they be read in order) and this time we concentrate on the

powerhouse senator Angela Neko, who has a very personal past with the throwback brilliant scientist Kellan Walker. These two has a very emotional and tragic past which I would not elaborate on since it would definitely spoil the story. Suffice to say, their story is gripping and is a page turner, add to that the ongoing plot about who really is the bad guy and what is the end game for the ragtag team of Heron Farrad. I cannot get enough of this series plus Angela and Kellan's story and basically their love story is pure gut wrenching emotion balanced perfectly with humor, smarts, snarky conversations and the very essence of what love despite everything truly is. I want the next book please!

*ARC provided thru NetGalley

Susan says

The second book in the Tether series focuses on Senator Angela Neko and Kellan Hockley. Unique dystopian world with a feisty heroine and a sexy hero. Lots of action and romance will keep you quickly turning the pages.

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Rachael Orman says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

I absolutely loved the first book in this series so I was more than happy to jump on the second installment. However, I must say that while I still enjoyed the book, it wasn't as good as the first. The plot was twisted in unexpected ways, but I just didn't feel the same chemistry between the main characters perhaps because their bond started years and years before the book takes place.

I will say that the world building was still awesome, but once again not as much fun as the first book because of how Heron was involved with the technology.

The secondary characters were super awesome - gotta love Chloe and Yoink.

I can't wait to see where this series goes if this wasn't my favorite story, it was unique and fun to read.

Riley says

Perfect Gravity is the second in Vivian Jackson's series that starts with **Wanted and Wired**. I'm not really sure what the series title is. Goodreads says it is **Tether**. Amazon says it is **Wanted and Wired**. It doesn't really matter. Both books are set in the same world with the same set of characters. Both books are complete stories that stand alone.

Vivian Jackson can really write a nice sentence. A lot of nice sentences. And then string them together to make a story that is one of the best investments in time that I have made this year. I love her writing as much as her ability to tell a tale.

Jackson's writing is kind of unprose-esque, where 'prose' is defined as ordinary, everyday way of speaking. While I might think it would be cool to think and to talk the way she writes, in truth, I do not, nor do I know anyone who does. Nevertheless, it is colorful, eye-catching, whoa-stop wordsmithing and frankly, I am jealous. Here are some of my favorites:

He had a terrible voice, composed entirely of flats and sharps. But holy fuckturtle was he pretty.

And the core Kellen was more compassionate than eleven-tenths of the human population.

He was smitten. Incurably so. Probably had never gotten himself fully unsmut...

Most of us say 'sharps and flats'. Leave it to Ms. Jackson to turn things around to get my attention. That 'flats and sharps' line was in the prologue, so as soon as I started the book, I knew I was in for some fun stuff. Here are a few more phrases I appreciated:

brain-screamingly
creepifying blue-bloodery
Schrödinger-esque uncertainty

I'm not sure which I appreciated more – the writing or the story. If I am honest, sometimes I got so caught up in the writing that it got in the way of me just sitting back and enjoying the story. Not too much though.

Leaving behind my admiration of the writing, I'll move on to the story and characters. Non-stop action comes to mind. Also, heat-fueled emotion. Very emotional. In a good way.

Angela is an alpha heroine. As a long time politician, she is accustomed to taking charge, making decisions and expecting others to follow. She is a strong, intelligent woman.

On the surface, Kellen may appear to be beta, supportive and taking his cues from Angela. But in his own animal-filled world, he is the supreme commander because of his utmost respect for the animals. With people, again, his respect for others enables him to intuit when to take charge and when to allow others to lead. I think I fell for Kellen, more than I have for any other heroes I've read about lately.

Kellen and Angela have a past. They met, fell in love, and moved on when they got older and personal goals got in the way of their relationship. That is the short version. It is, of course, much more complex and you will see the story told through flashbacks and remembrances. When they reunite in the present time-line of the story, the past will be both a blessing and a hindrance. I could tell, they were still in love. But they also had the same personal goals that would get in the way. Kellen and Angela will need to figure each other out for the relationship to grow into something sustainable, and to achieve perfect gravity.

Perfect Gravity has politics, war, ethics, social change, romance, animal rescue, people rescue, good cyborgs, bad cyborgs, and lots and lots of tech. And a cat. I must not forget to mention Zoink. Zoink is a cat, cybernetically altered to be a sort of communications officer, translating between humans and animals. Zoink's speech is a bit formal, but she gets her point across. "Lucky cat says sum of luck is proportional to number of belly rubs sustained,.....More rubbing is urgently required." Despite Zoink's high-tech-edness, Zoink is still a cat that purrs, rubs against people and has her favorite humans. Zoink is one cool cat!

Ms. Jackson must be a scifi/fantasy geek. I felt the influence of *Firefly* and *The Princess Bride*, and there was at least one direct *Dune* reference. I wouldn't be surprised if there were more classics, directly or

indirectly referenced, that I did not notice.

At the end of **Perfect Gravity**, it is hard to tell where things will head next in this series. But there are other characters whose stories might yet be told. For one thing, the space station that played a role in **Wanted and Wired** has gone dark. What happened to it and the queen that ran it? Then there is fae-light Marie, quirky, cheerful, and yet, with the ability to be ruthless when needed. And finally, Garrett with his alien conspiracy theories. I kind of like the idea of introducing aliens to this world, just when they don't need any more complications.

Five stars for **Perfect Gravity** – I love this series!

Through Netgalley, the publisher provided a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

Perfect Gravity picks up where its prequel, Wanted and Wired, ended. These two stories slightly overlap each other, so I was already familiar with the characters Kellen Hockley and Angela Neko. Although I did not know their backstories and history together. So, I was very excited to read the story behind them and I just adored Kellen's character. I didn't think I was going to like Angela's character, but I most certainly did. This story is told initially with present/past recollections. I learned about the history between both Angela and Kellen through their remembrances of their youth together. It was a wonderful way to give merit to the second chance romance between these two characters without it feeling like insta-love.

Kellen's best friend Heron Farad offered Angela sanctuary without realizing what it would mean to Kellen. Suffice to say Kellen was not thrilled because seeing her meant remembering how things ended with Angela and that was not something that had ever stopped hurting him. The way she turned him loose had created a hole in his heart and he had yet to mend it. This time though he was not going to even give her a chance to hurt him, he was going to keep his distance and bide his time until she was gone. Angela though had other thoughts on the matter.

Angela has made many sacrifices to get where she is today but her deepest loss was that of Kellen. For a long time, she was not truly honest with herself about her true feelings but she had never stopped trying to contact him. When she was faced with seeing him again after all these years she was hoping that maybe there would be a sliver of a chance that they could be friends and possibly more. Though, before she even has much of an opportunity to rectify past mistakes she is pulled into a world of chaos where cities are being destroyed and civilians are being killed by drones of unknown origins.

Kellen and Angela have to, with the help of their friends, see beyond all the red herrings in order to find out who really is behind the destruction of civilization as they know it. With no shortage of political machinations, getting to the truth of the matter will be Angela's biggest challenge yet. When that curtain is drawn and the culprit is revealed it will be a betrayal beyond imagining. This was a sweet love story but I felt that the political and science fiction elements were just as memorable. I love this series!

Who cannot love a story that is set in a dystopian world where artificial intelligence has become so advanced

that robots can pass as living people?! Not to mention orbiting space stations, animals who have been altered in order to act as information gatherers, and a cat who is able to command them all. Perfect Gravity was a perfect continuation of the Tether series and I am eagerly anticipating the next installment of this series!

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Neil says

I received a free copy via Netgalley in exchange for a honest review.

I had not read the first book in the series and really struggled with the characters. This is really forgettable with far better Science Fiction / Romance out there.

Jeffe Kennedy says

Loved this sequel, too! A complex and powerful heroine in this one, with a storyline more devoted to her arc and coming to terms with wielding her formidable intelligence. Excellent read!

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at SmexyBooks-<http://smexybooks.com/2017/11/novembe...>

The world has undergone an environmental disaster, humanity is becoming more technologically dependent, and TX is its own separate entity. Two young lovers are separated by lies and end up on the opposite sides of a war (I think). Angela is a continental senator and the war minister. Her goal is to help re-elect her mentor as the president-no matter what it takes. His control over her life from childhood has warped her to some degree. Kellen has loved Angela all his life but she sent him away and he never forgave her for that. Years later, a series of circumstances bring them back together to save the world.

I'm not even sure how to describe this book. It somehow managed to overwhelm and underwhelm at the same time. We are buried in technologic terms with a world too weak to support it. Our two leads are polar opposites and while that should guarantee a nice tension-filled reconnection romance, I felt almost no chemistry between them. Angela goes from cold and methodical to sex-starved and clingy while Kellen's "good old boy" persona grew tedious. We are told he is an outlaw but I don't see much rebellion in this story. Clunky dialogue and random scene/character placement left me trying to hurry towards the end. It's only once I figure out exactly what was going on was my interest snagged, but by then, it was too late. I was at the end and relieved to be done.

Beth says

Angela had her goals set and nothing was going to keep her from reaching them. That means she made sacrifices along the way. One of the biggest sacrifices Angela made was walking away from Kellen, her old school best friend, and lover.

Years later, Kellen's team is hired to take out an android replica of Angela's husband only to find out that it was the real deal, killing Angela's husband. Angela has not lived with her husband in years and her marriage was a marriage of power not love so she wasn't overly wrought about the loss...but her life is now at risk.

Kellen's boss/team leader offers Angela sanctuary along their group not realizing the effect it would have on Kellen. Kellen doesn't want to face the hurt and love he still has for Angela but Angela seems to want to reignite at least a friendship if not more.

Fast-paced, action intense and filled with marvelous world building, *Perfect Gravity* is a complex and multi-layered adventure that will tantalize the sci-fi fan in us all.

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Jacque says

Oh boy. I had such high hopes for this one. The blurb for *Perfect Gravity* immediately caught my attention. Sci-Fi Romances are a weakness for me. I haven't come across many so when I do, I gobble them right up. I get so excited to see what authors create as a future for us and when they throw in romance, sign me up. I didn't read the previous title which makes me new to this series. However, I do think there is more than enough in the book that I had no problem catching up so that's not my problem. So what's my problem?

It's really hard to enjoy a story when you just don't like the main character. Not Kellen. From the very

beginning, I found him to be a great character. I loved how each of his layers are peeled away, both past and present, and we get to know him more and more. I knew no matter what he did, good or bad, once Yoink was introduced, I was going to adore him until the end.

My problem lays with Angela. I was iffy from the get-go. The story starts, they are young meeting for the first time, I'm mildly intrigued. But, as the story progressed, I began to like her less and less. Her political priorities seemed honorable but everything else, I kept thinking WTH?! A quarter of the way into the book and already I was figuring things out and yet, she couldn't see it. For someone so smart, she was clueless. Towards the end, I felt myself beginning to thaw towards her. Then there she goes again making me not like her.

The futurist background story I really enjoyed, and the additional characters really drew me in. OMG, I love Chloe! Cheeky, sassy, now her story I would love to read. Heron and Mari, their story I think I may go back and read especially since I would like to know more about this series and their world. Daniel, without going into detail, him I just found disturbing. Maybe, down the road, I'll give it another go re-reading Perfect Gravity. Maybe I just need more time to warm up to Angela. Maybe.

I received this book from The JeepDiva with the express purpose of an honest review. The opinions, contents, and rating of this review are solely mine

Stars - 3, Flames - 2

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

PERFECT GRAVITY picks up pretty much right after the events of its prequel WANTED AND WIRED. Characters from that book play significant roles in this one but it's not really a necessity to have read WANTED AND WIRED to understand what is going on here. I loved the dystopian setting of this series where technology has advanced to the point where robots can pass as human, space stations are common, and animals and people can be altered with various sorts of technologies. The plot in PERFECT GRAVITY felt very much like a sci-fi political thriller with the addition of a very romantic second-chance romance.

I enjoyed the political aspect of PERFECT GRAVITY as it gave an excellent glimpse into how this world works and functions through the eyes of those who run the world. Angela is an amazingly intelligent and determined character and is so without having to be necessarily be an expert in physical weapons, that's what her friends are for. Her weapon is her mind and her connections in the political and military sphere. She is difficult to like but I kind of get it because of how she was brought up and her experiences. I didn't really understand Angela and Kellen's attraction to each other in the first place as they seemed to be such opposites personality-wise. The romance was fine and has some very sweet and sexy moments but I just felt like I was missing something in the reason they fell for each other. One thing I loved about their relationship though was their snarky banter and love for quoting bad poetry as a way of flirting with each other.

PERFECT GRAVITY is full of twists and turns, intense action, and complex political dealings all set on a backdrop of a futuristic dystopian world where technology rules but nature and humans pay the price for the actions of the powerful elite. While I wasn't super thrilled by the main couple, I am looking forward to

seeing what is in-store for this world in future books.
