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When seventeen-year-old Eriah Collingwood gets recruited into the Melange – the governing division of America – not only does he free himself from the limitations of the camps, but he also sets out to save his father's life with a dangerous quest to retrieve the elixir of life.

During the challenging integration process, Eriah struggles to work alongside his fellow recruits, discovering an expanding conflict when he finds himself involved in an overwhelming case that might solve the mystery behind the loss of his childhood memories.

As the integration advances, he experiences the ultimate test: controlling the sinister device that he was implanted with at ten years old - it threatens to dismantle his entire plan. Some of the consequences of the decisions that follow might be disastrous enough to unfold his apparently imperfect life.

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Amber says

I received an advanced reader copy in exchange for an honest review. Thank you to author D.R. Windsor.

Rating: 3.5/5

It was hard for me to land on a "fair" rating for this one given the fact it's a first draft of and it's subject to change, but this is where I am with it after just finishing.

Things I didn't like:

I knew there was a chance I'd be reminded of other YA dystopian novels upon reading this because they're so popular right now but it was very similar to two in particular, not necessarily in overall plot but in how things were set up. A lot of the dialogue seemed forced and unrealistic. Characters occasionally said things for no other purpose than to pass on information to the reader and it didn't flow well. A lot of them had very similar voices. Some of the information was excessive. I enjoyed detailed settings and whatnot but there were a few sentences (maybe even paragraphs) that weren't relevant to the story as a whole. There was also so much information on some of the lore/mythology that it felt very rushed at times. I feel like it just needs to go through another good round of editing.

Things I did like:

The overall plot was original and unlike anything I've read prior to this book. The names of the different societies, locations, jobs, objects, etc. were all unique as well so that was nice to see. I liked that there wasn't really a damsel in this book. All the ladies knew how to handle themselves and they didn't need to be saved, though the leading man of the story acted more like a damsel himself which was frustrating for me. One thing I really liked was that at all times I knew exactly where, geographically, the characters were. In other dystopian novels I've read (The Hunger Games series in particular) I was left wondering where in the world the setting was supposed to be and if the rest of the world was in the same state of disarray. This one pretty much covered its bases as far as that goes.

In other words...

All flaws aside, this book just wasn't for me. It's a unique and interesting take on the dystopian/post apocalyptic genre but I personally just didn't get that into it. I wish the author good luck though as he continues the process to getting it out there and published!

Sarah says

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to author D.R. Windsor.)

"I used to be a pre-member of Jersey. More recently, of the Melange. Now I don't know who

I am.”

This was quite a complex dystopian story, with a couple of twists.

Eriah worked hard to get where he wanted to go in this book, even if his big mouth could have gotten him in trouble at times. He did seem to care a lot about his parents though, even if his actions weren't 100% by the rule.

The storyline in this was quite complex, and there was quite a lot of world building. I did find it a little confusing in places, and found I had to concentrate really hard to keep track of what was going on. I also found that the storyline went in a direction I hadn't thought it would go at the start, and there were a couple of twists that I didn't see coming.

The ending to this was okay, although it was clear that the story would continue in the next book. Overall; complex dystopian, but I had a bit of trouble following it at times.

6.5 out of 10

Jennymort ? Dark Lordette says

****I was given a copy of the novel from the author for an honest review.****

I was pretty surprised by this book. At first I thought it was going to be like other dystopia novels I've read in the last few years, but nope, that is fortunately not the case.

Eriah is the main protagonist and he is different from any other person he knows. He does not think or act the same as others and it tends to get him in trouble. Some of his memories are missing, his father's health is on the line, and he will do anything to achieve his goals.

However, things don't end up the way he expects them too. Dun dun dunnnn.

This book took me on twists and turns and really had me using my brain. Sometimes it was difficult to follow due to the writing, but after a while I got used to it. The historical facts are awesome and explained very well.

I would recommend this to other readers who are looking for a new interesting dystopian novel.

Thank you D.R. for this awesome read and I hope that you will be able to send me the next one!

Nancy Jackson says

Advanced Reader Copy received for honest review

Can I honestly say I fell in love with this story? What a completely different take on dystopian!

In this novel, the racist pigs of the government have altered society to make everyone hate those who seem inferior (the population of darker individuals), ring a bell? It makes a great story with a sadist government president who represents a female version of Hitler, gassing people who to her view should not be in society.

As far as the protagonist Eriah, he sets sail to save his father and is trying to find out where he can get the appropriate medication, putting himself in dangerous situations day to day. In the end though, AND WITH AN AMAZING PLOT TWIST, we find why his life has been the way it is and what he must do in order to help his society.

LOVED all the characters, especially Ania, Eriah's partner in the case, who rock as a female character, standing up for herself without the need of anyone else.

Vilma Sendena says

I was given a copy of the novel from the author for an honest review.

This dystopian novel was very, very different to anything of the genre I have read before. It exceeded my expectations given that the storyline went down a path I didn't expect! There were a couple of scenes that became twists that literally raised the hairs on my hands!

The character development is outstanding, especially for Eriah, the protagonist, who struggles to save his father in a quest that he originally does not want to be part of, but the knowledge he might get from it drives him to go deeper. So much, that he gets in big trouble a couple of times.

AND HIS LOVE INTEREST! Their relationship is one that is rather interesting. She likes him but wants to protect him, instead of it being the other way around. When they start becoming closer, he realizes he might have to do something that she will not be happy with, but that will save them all.

Overall I rate this book 5 stars. The historical information had me so interested I couldn't put the book down. And the fact that a completely new religion based on self-love is built in the future for people to live happier with themselves, is amazing.

Props to D.R. Windsor for creating a total page turner!

Megan Emerson says

I was given a copy of this book by the author in exchange for an honest review.

This is a Brilliant new dystopian ya novel written by D.R. Windsor that is excellently written and exceptionally unique to this genre. I really enjoyed this book and loved how the author kept me hooked until the very end and left me wanting more. This is a great read with unexpected twists and turns around every corner.

Amanda McMahan says

D.R Windsor let me read this book for an honest review. I think the first chapter needs to be revised. I like the plot, and concept of the book. The writing is pretty good. The information should not be packed in the first two chapters but built up to it. Very refreshing to read not the same old Dystopian novel. Could easily turn into a four star book just needs some more work. D.R. Windsor Thanks for letting me read Progeny. If you're looking for your next Dystopian novel be on the lookout for Progeny!!

Geo Jalapa says

I received an Advanced Reader Copy from the author for an honest review

"Well fed and alive is the new trend" - Spot on! Basically describes a lot of the theme in the book.

Amazing dystopian fiction! ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER I HAVE READ. It has rich history (both fictional and real), a non-typical love story with characters who are not totally reliant on each other to survive, which is what we usually see. Eriah and Cleo are completely fine on their own, though they survive just a little bit better with the mutual support.

The ending was FANTASTIC, and leaves me very excited to read the next novel. Not to mention the plot twist towards the final chapter, which is mind-boggling.

Highly recommend to any dystopian lover!

Aya Martinez says

I received an advanced reader copy from the reader for an honest review and boy did I love it!

Progeny: The Unknown Nine is the story of Eriah Collingwood, a 17-year old that gets recruited into the governing division of the future America, and is asked to be part of a criminal case that will entangle him in a brouhaha he does not want to be part of.

I loved the entire novel from beginning to end. The characters are all very distinct, not only in color (which by the way, was a VERY COOL take on dystopian - where racism and discrimination play a big part in the society), but also in personalities. They all act and behave differently depending on whether they are Superior or Inferiors, given that if you are an Inferior you can really get punished for everything, even killed for simply tripping over and hitting someone.

Overall, the story was very engaging and I could not put it down. Every page had something different and I even learned some history along the way. Also, the secret societies the author created are fantastic!

5 STARTS!

T. Jackson says

Really great story.

Evely says

I was given an advanced copy of this book for a review thanks to the author.

When I first began reading this book I thought it was going to be just another dystopian fiction novel, following the conventions of books like The Hunger Games and Divergent.

Boy, was I wrong.

Progeny: The Unknown Nine really stood its ground. Eriah's story had me flying through the pages. Although the protagonist's thoughts were choppy at times, what really made this book stand out was the world building. The historical information provided by the author is what really made the book unique and what really captured my attention the most (not to mention the love story! I'm a sucker for a good romance subplot). The author managed to create a unique world, separate from those typically seen in dystopian novels.

This book was very entertaining overall. I would definitely recommend it.

Bella says

(I received an advanced readers copy to read and review)

My rating is more closely to 3.5. I overall enjoyed this novel a lot.

Thoughts:

The beginning was very information heavy and I wasn't a fan of how the information on the dystopian world was relayed to the reader. This made the beginning slightly confusing and I wasn't quite positive on what was happening. The dystopian world was very creative original, though some aspects were similar to other novels.

I also didn't connect to the characters. I found them interesting and complex, but at times I didn't understand their motives for doing certain actions. I did enjoy some of the characters though.

I did enjoy the last 100 pages of the book. The plot twist caught me off guard and I was very pleased with the ending. It was very gripping and made me scream with joy and anger, a lot. I can't stress enough how much I liked the ending.

Overall Verdict:

I overall thought the book was good, but I did have some problems with it.

Ben Alderson says

4.5

What a fantastic start to a series, seriously, A mix between Marie Lu's Legend series and The Giver which lots of unique parts as well.

Really interesting character and relationship building.

Its a great world builder for sure. It ends on the perfect note, really introducing people to the series. I can't wait to get my hands on book two and see how the story progresses!
