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Asterion



Synopsis

The world of the near future. Dictatorships still exist. One such place is America. The America of the past is not the America of the future. Fear and uncertainty has led to a leader for life who has taken control of everything. Every business, private organization and even religion is under his control. The common apathy has led to austerity. Control is tenuous at best, but it will be maintained, at any and all costs. Taylor Scott, scientist desires to turn his experience creating military technology into an ambitious humanitarian project that will alleviate the shortages and improve life for the citizens by creating a semi-intelligent beast of burden capable of performing agricultural tasks. Plentiful food, better quality of life for the citizens and reduced fossil fuel consumption are the benefits. However, the leader for life has another plan, a sinister purpose for the beasts. His operatives on the inside modify the experiment and steal Taylor's intellectual property to create a beast that is battle ready and can wield the power of the leader without reservation and with no remorse. Miscalculation? No, cold calculation. Mistake? No, total domination of the populace is within grasp. Taylor continues the experiment with the help of fellow scientist, Christine Summers who shares his interests and their interest in each other grows. Unknown to them, their subject will not be the work beast they intended. No, he will be much more. The experiment is a success, and their creation is not alone. Taylor and Christine must now destroy what they have created. Pursued by their experiment and the leader, they join forces with the freedom fighters and help them win their liberty from tyranny and its unfeeling beasts of war. Playing God has its consequences. Asterion is a fast paced hard science techno-thriller with plenty of action to keep you on the edge of your seat.

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Customer Reviews

I grabbed this during a free promotion, and I will start my review by admitting this was the second time in my adult life that I've read a Fiction novel of any kind, as most of the time I read non-fiction, bios, info, etc...I had never heard of "Christian Sci-fi" before and had my doubts going in, since, if novels are going to be anything like Christian movies, those tend to be very cheesy. I was pleasantly surprised that Ken Morvant's Asterion was not. It's established early that a few of his characters are Christians and the dialogue between them doesn't attempt to preach at the reader. If you're a fan of stories like Planet of the Apes, and classic sci fi that takes a look at the consequences of using emerging technologies for evil, you'll want to add this to your collection. Not to mention the story flows nicely from start to finish. Sometimes the scenes change abruptly and could use smoother transition from one location to the other, but the small things like that didn't detract from how much I enjoyed reading this.

Asterion is a true sic-fi tale. Meaning it is based on science that is developing and may turn out to be prophetic in the long run on the science and political side of things. The overall story is that a Scientist and his coworkers create a hybrid beast of burden that is intelligent like a human. They do this to benefit the world by having a smart animal that can plant and tend to growing food for the overpopulated world. However unknown to them their project is hijacked by members of the government for their own agenda. Now the Scientist and his girl friend are on the run from their own creation. This book was an interesting look at how the events of Revelation could come to pass. The book itself is well written and it is obvious from the first chapter that Mr. Morvant has a firm grasp of the science of DNA splicing and cloning. The story is engaging at times and very well thought out. For me personally it was a bit too detailed and I got lost in the science and political details given. The authors thoughts on society is presented in a several very long documentary scenes that overwhelmed me. However if your a fan of authors like Asimov and Roddenberry who are very detail oriented then this will be a great read for you. There is lots of action and intrigue. But because

I got lost several times I'm giving this one four stars.

I liked the book, I love when people put day to day themes of Scifi. Also see the states destroyed and in a new civil war was great. The down part is that it's too Christian in the romance part, If they are going through that ordeal it's hard to believe that they didn't have intimacy. It was worth the read... The prize fine...

Written in a government dominated future, a secretive christian working for the government genetically engeneers a beast of burden to help with the production of food for an overtaxed world and dodgy president. Unknown to him there are other plans for his beast and a few manipulations leaves him with unexpected results which could drastically alter the world as we know it. In the company of other underground 'illeagal' christians who think he has created an abomination and is playing god, he is able to travel and take on everything he created and those who wish him to fail. Written like an action movie this book takes a hard and fast journey around the country through laboratories to swamps. The technology is beyond futuristic yet somehow believable. At what point do we stop pushing the limits of what science CAN do and wonder if we SHOULD? The government involvement and presidential rise to power is not that far fetched, in fact we see some of it today, very relevent and very scary if we are looking at our future society.

I will be watching for the next book. It was an interesting concept and certainly had plenty of action. A fast read.

I was drawn in by the storyline. Immediately, there were bad writing choices with the interpersonal relationships. The relationships did not feel real. Many spelling, grammatical, punctuation, and story break errors made it a distracting read. It was a struggle to keep up with who was doing or saying anything at times. I believe with a good dose of editing that this book could be top notch because of the cool scenario that was offered.

The story and premise of this book is good, but the writing is blotchy. I was hoping for a bit more faith orientation in the story since it is a Christian novel, but at least it wasn't full of gratuitous sex. For the price since I got it for free I really can't complain.

The author frequently changes scenes/thoughts without preparation. This produces a disjointed flow

of the story line. I have no interest in reading additional works because of this nuisance.

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