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**Ambition is a free short story prequel (5K- approx. 20 pages) to Perception, capturing the beginning of Noah and Zoe's story from Noah's POV.**

## Ambition Details

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## From Reader Review Ambition for online ebook

### **Lelia Taylor says**

About a year and a half ago, I read and reviewed a book called Perception, first in a trilogy. It was a young adult dystopian but not at all typical of the subgenre. Usually, these stories revolve around a repressive society and an underlying resistance from the people being downtrodden. In this case, though, the tale centers on class division brought about by genetic alteration that gives a small portion of the populace distinct advantages in appearance, wealth, lifespan, etc. The two primary characters are Zoe, a GAP, and Noah, a natural. The two are worlds apart in status and privilege.

Ambition offers us a brief look at what Noah is all about and his ambivalence about the cause. He has a near-hatred of the GAPs but how much of his feeling is “inherited” from his father who spoke out for justice and how much due to his beginning attraction to Zoe who doesn’t even remember his name? It reminded me of what I liked about this young man when I read Perception and these few pages have enticed me to get back to the trilogy as soon as I can.

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### **Isabel Sanchez says**

Creo que me gustan mas las partes con la perspectiva de Noah que de Zoe.  
Espero que en los dos libros que hay, se sigan viendo caps con la perspectiva de Noah.

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### **Shash says**

This is a very short prequel. It sets the world up and did peak my interest in the series.

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### **Sarah says**

(Source: Downloaded for free from smashwords.com)

This was an okay short story, about a boy called Noah as he organises a protest about the rights Genetically Altered People have in the dystopian society where he lives. Will be interesting to see where the story goes from here.

6 out of 10.

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### **Anna says**

Ambition is a short introduction to what I'm hopeful will be a good series.

I'm quite excited to find out what happens with Noah and Zoe and how the story develops, beginning with Perception, book 1 of The Perception Series.

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### **chucklesthescot says**

I read this prequel before deciding whether or not to read the first book in the series and in hindsight this might have been a mistake. This is a retelling of what happens in the start of the book Perception but told from Noah's point of view so I think this will appeal more to those who have read the book already as a bonus story. If like me you read it to try and decide if you want to read the book, it might not make your mind up for you.

We discover that Noah's father was an activist against genetically altered people getting all the good things society has to offer at the expense of ordinary humans. After his father's murder, Noah is reluctantly stepping into his footsteps running a blog and setting up demonstrations. Plus he has a crush on the GAP girl that his mother works for, who seems less snotty than her rude family. Basically this is what happens in the story.

It is a nicely written shortie that sets the scene for what is going on in Noah's mind and what his family have had to suffer. It also included the first two chapters of Perception and on reading that, we see events from Zoe's point of view. I do have a free copy of the full novel so I might take a look at it at some point in the future. The two stars is because it didn't fully grab me and make me desperate to read the book, but as it was just a scene setter I don't want to be really harsh on it!

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### **S. Daisy says**

This is a short story prequel for the Perception Trilogy by the same author. It is a YA dystopian story taking place outside Los Angeles, California around the year 2040. Basically, it tells the same story that the first chapter or two of the first book in the trilogy does, but it is from a different perspective; that of Noah Brody. Feel free to look up my review of that other book, Perception, to read more about it.

There is not much plot to this story... basically, it just paves the way for the reader to try out the series. It is not a stand-alone story, at all. Three stars.

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### **old account (rl) says**

2.5 stars.

I didn't hate it and I didn't love it either. Noah was strong and resilient. I loved his attitude and his passion for promoting equality for his family and his people. The writing and plotline were satisfactory for both a novella and a freebie download. It certainly does its job of making you want to read the rest of the series.

Overall? This book was a light and easy read. It certainly had me smiling! I recommend it for dystopian fans who are looking for a ten-minute read to have with their cup of coffee.

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## **Bonnie Clevenger says**

This is a prequill to the Perception Trilogy.  
This is Noah Body's take on the day before Zoe Vanderveen seeks his help.  
It was a televised protest that got Zoe's attention of Noah.  
She knew him as the sometime hired help, son of their maid.  
After the death of her brother Liam, she discovered a one word note "Dexter".  
A Dexter was being interviewed at the protest.  
The next day she left Sol City, in disguise, to find answers.

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## **Suzanne says**

Oh, I want more from Noah :)

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## **Grahamb says**

Just a retro chapter back to the early part of the story explaining the view from Brody's perspective. Good stuff.

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## **Meg says**

Overall, not bad.  
It establishes the rules of the world fairly well, although some things are a bit vague.  
It readily establishes both an internal and external conflict for Noah, and established a connection with Zoe.  
Probably should have been a prologue segment in the first novel and not a standalone piece.

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## **OpenBookSociety.com says**

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Summary:

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Review:

This was a prequel to the Perception trilogy, capturing the beginning of Noah and Zoe's story from Noah's point of view. I found the story enticing enough to pick up other titles by this author, especially the first book in this trilogy.

Noah and Zoe live in a dystopian society where you have the GAP's (genetically altered persons) and Naturals. We learn that Noah's father was a well known preacher with a strong following. The reader gets a glimpse into the lives of naturals versus GAP's....and the disparity between the two.

Overall, this book was an easy read which made me want to (and I did) pick up the first book in the series. I recommend this title to dystopian fans who are looking for a quick read to wet their appetite for the series.

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## **Sandra "Jezanz" says**

### **INITIAL THOUGHTS**

After having read Bk#1 in the Perception Series, and finding out about this prequel novella I found myself wanting to read more about Noah and his life prior to him getting involved with Zoe Vanderveen and her plans to find out exactly why and how her brother Liam has disappeared.

### **MY REVIEW**

So this one is a FREE prequel. The cover fits well with the others in the Perception Series. We learn about Noah's family, his mum who is ill and finding it difficult to keep up to the needs of her job working for the Vanderveen's. We also learn about Noah's two younger brothers and where and how they live. Compared to how the GAP live Noah and his family live like paupers. The thing is I think we will learn throughout the series that really it is the "Naturals" who are more living with more happiness and contentment than the GAPs who have everything and want for nothing. We learn that Noah's father was a preacher was shot. Noah's father's "flock" look to Noah for leadership. Noah is an anti-GAP demonstrator with his friends. This novella introduces us to one of Noah's friends who is a pivotal character in Bk#1.

So did I enjoy I enjoy the novella? Yes I did and I think it could be read before or after Bk#1. Would I recommend reading the novella? Yes though, you do learn most of the facts from the novella in Bk#1. I still enjoyed it and hey it was a FREE download so no excuse not to read it! Would I read more in the Perception Series? As I've already read Bk#1 I'd say I've all ready read more and I definitely want to read more, much more. Would I read other titles by this Author? Yes I have already marked some of them on Goodreads that I'd love to read.

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**Jolyn says****Story from another perspective**

It is always interesting to see the story from another perspective.

I like Noah's character so I liked hearing his perspective. You definitely need to read this short story after Perception though or it won't make much sense.

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