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When a teenage cyborg is forced to hide out at a small-town high school, the unthinkable happens: she falls in love. But with a covert organization intent on using her as a weapon hot on her trail, now's so not the time for a cyborg to get all emotional!

## **Freaks of Greenfield High Details**

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### StarMan says

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### ♥?¢σσ?ι?♥? (Krystle) says

***You can read this review and more on my blog:***

This was a cute idea for a book but the execution was off. It reminded me a lot of those campy 80's sci-fi fantasy movies that I love. It was filled with melodrama, misunderstanding, and over the top action. All those things made The Freaks of Greenfield High a fun and quick read, but the plot and romance fell flat.

Jay is a cyborg who has just been forced to kill her creator/father and go on the run. I'm not really clear on how long it is before she starts going to Greenfield High and meets twins Tyler and Caro, but I think it was about five years. This is one of the things that just isn't explained very well in the book because if she had in fact been on her own for five years then her lack of knowledge when it comes to the most basic of human interactions doesn't make much sense.

Well, nonsensical or not, Jay is pretty darn naive when she meets the twins; however, it doesn't take very long for her to catch on to the way the world works and the next thing you know, she is beating up the town bullies and falling pretty hard for Tyler.

Jay was a pretty cute main character, and it was cute watching her learn and grow. I liked her from the beginning of the book and never stopped liking her.

Tyler was an annoying romantic lead whose often jerkish behavior towards Jay made it impossible for me to care whether they got together or not. I mean I know the chick was a cyborg and everything, but you just don't slap a girl and call her a "bitch" and then turn around and claim you love her a few days later. That's not cute, it's just wrong. Even though she couldn't feel the slap, you don't his someone you care about, and she could for darn sure feel the pain of being called a rude name by a boy she cared about.

Tyler's sister Caro was another character I enjoyed because she was nice to Jay when almost everyone else treated Jay like crap (including Tyler).

The best part about this book was the action and Sci-fi elements, and when I wasn't suffering through Tyler's inner monologue of self pity and reasons why he shouldn't like Jay but he did, I liked the book. If the entire thing had been written from Jay's point of view, I would have liked it more, and if Tyler had been a better hero I would have liked it a lot more.

At the time of this review, this eBook is free one Amazon, B&N and Smashwords and it will probably be free indefinitely. I've read more than a couple free books and this is nowhere near the worst one so if you are in the mood for an easy fun read, at least you won't have to pay. However, if you want to read a decent romance, I would just shell out a couple of bucks and actually buy a good romance. A likable male lead is worth it.

*Because of language, mild sexual content, and some violence, I would recommend this book for ages 13 and up. There were no sex scenes.*

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### **Chris Payne says**

I don't do book reviews..... I read the book and if I liked it I give it up to 5 stars, if I didn't then it gets a 2, if I didn't finish then it's a 1, that's it I'm afraid.

I read it, I like it, I want more from the author.

As with a vast number of Kindle books there might be the odd spelling and punctuation errors. After reading well over 300 Kindle books of all types and subjects you get used to them and they become less noticeable, unless they effect the story.

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### **Rebecca Foster says**

While navigating through recommendations for me after downloading an ebook on Amazon, I found one that looked spectacular... then accidentally clicked on this one when my daughter hit my elbow, attempting to gain my attention.

"Crap." I thought.

"Whatever... I'll go ahead and see what this is about. I might as well."

So I did exactly that after tending to my daughter, and I have no regrets.

You've probably figured out by now that I wasn't particularly interested. The title seemed a bit silly, and the cover art didn't exactly make me want to read it. It felt... blah. Even the blurb didn't do much for me.

But I really liked the idea of a cyborg love story. It's not something you read every day, after all. So I went ahead and read the first few paragraphs. Then the next few.

And then a few after that!

Aside from a few proofreading errors, this ebook was spectacular. Not just a little good. Not not even really good.

Amazing!

The story of Jay's evolution was meticulously crafted. Dialogue changed over time. Sentence structures changed, and her word usage became less precise and more conversational. The reader could truly witness her evolution into something more than just a cyborg.

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### **Ana Quiambao says**

I immediately got intrigued on the story after reading it's plot. If I remember correctly, other than Cinder by Marissa Meyer, I haven't read a cyborg story. So a cyborg story in a real world setting is new to me. And a total cyborg turning into human and falling in love? Ok...I'm so reading it!

If not for the part of Jay being a cyborg, this story totally be a typical YA Romance of a new girl who've fallen in love with an ex-jock, all this time protecting someone plus all the cliche bullying stories etc. The cyborg part with incredible abilities definitely put the story's excitement to a new level. And for the cyborg to feel and fall in love is like the movie AI plus a love story.

I was anticipating lots of actions, with Jay's abilities and all so I was quite disappointed to have just an explosion and remnants of the actions in the end. I just wished I've "seen" Jay in action and "see" for myself her real capabilities. Well, other than that and my problem of sometimes forgetting Jay is the cyborg girl and not te guy, I really enjoyed reading it. Reading Jay experience love for a boy for the very first time and thinking there's something literally wrong with her is quite refreshing. She's not a typical heroine that's innocent because she's literally innocent from the like/love boyfriend-girlfriend thing, which is actually entertaining.

The changes she's experiencing as everything in her changes into more like a human is such a unique plot. I could feel what she's going through just by reading, it feels like I could relate with her even if I'm not a cyborg. Ms. Anderson's way in words exactly expresses what the characters are feeling - simple, natural and straight to the point.

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### **JPR™ says**

I was pleasantly surprised with this book.  
I liked it a lot. :)

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### **Shreelekha D says**

Great book. The plot was simple but also complex at the same time. The romance between Tyler and Jay is enough to leave a fangirl obsessing for a week. Despite the title of the book, i found this book to be one of the rare books to give "feels". The plot twist about Michael being Mike Davidson and The one where Jay is

still alive made me bang my fists in the air. At the end, all i have to say is "Perfection."

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### **Lex says**

~~Nope. Didn't read the blurb but yeah, am reading it. I just have to trust JP that this is good as he said cause his rees are always good. Or else I'll just blame him and say that he's rees are now tainted if I didn't like it.~~

Er... It's okay, good even. Although, I don't know. It's just a bit boring when you get to 70% of it. And seriously, **NOT COOL Tyler**. Even though she's a cyborg, you can't do that to a girl. So minus points for this book. Only **BAD GUYS** do that to girls. And you're not even a bad guy! For god sake you're the male lead! >:(

Tyler was a well-known figure in school, a jock, before the books starts but then he was labeled as an emo type of guy and a freak. I was like wondering why is he labeled as freak? Does he have some weird tendencies? Super powers maybe? But when the truth was out, I was like, that's it? Just because of that? Huh. Okay. Tyler's choices sucks.

And I started to lose interest. :( But in any case, it's not really a bad read, Jay is a cool character. She and the rest of the characters made me laugh for some parts. Although I really wanted to know what happened to Jay. I want Jay's POV for that last part. :O

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### **P.J. Sharon says**

A thoroughly enjoyable read! How is a teenaged girl cyborg to fit in at a new school? By attaching herself to the guy that is on the outs with everyone else. This story grabbed me right away and I enjoyed Maree Anderson's easy style and her spot on teen-speak. The characters were believable and I was impressed with Anderson's ability to create such a loveable and meaningful character such as Jay, a cyborg on the run from a secret agency bent on capturing her and using her for their own means. Anderson gave this cyborg some interesting dilemmas and a kick butt approach that made her endearing and real. She also nailed the teen boy experience and voice, and I totally forgot I was reading something a woman wrote. Tyler is an unlikely hero, being that he is an outcast in his school and faints at the sight of blood. But from the first moment you meet him (when he's examining a huge zit on his chin), to when he is lovingly tormenting his kid sister Caro (who gives it back in spades), Tyler is real and sweet, and I enjoyed watching his growth throughout the story.

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### **Katy says**

~~Okay, I'll read it. You already know what I'm wanting from this.~~

2.5 stars - This was a fun read, as long as I remembered not to take it too seriously. If the cover had depicted something more scifi-ish, I wouldn't have thought it was anything special. The story about a cyborg going into hiding in the middle of nowhere, meeting new people and making friends and realizing that he/she can feel is not a new concept. It was cliche and predictable (Michael's role has been done before too), but it was

entertaining and enjoyable.

There were a few things I did not like about the book though, the main one being the fact that I understand that Tyler is a popular-boy-turned-outcast. But why couldn't he just be someone who was shunned from the clique? Why did the book have to overlabel him by giving him the shaggy, emo look or establishing the fact that he was poet and musician or by turning him from the star jock to the coach of the ladies softball team? Why do all of those have to make him be a freak?

The other thing was there were just some things that Jay did that annoyed me. Like all of these excretions coming from her pores. Yes, she may be some super machine, but flea repellent and zit cream doesn't come from thin air or just some robotic computation. The chemicals or substance must have come from somewhere.

I liked the characters in the book - Jay, Caro, Tyler (although he really pissed me off the way he reacted, specially after everything he had gone through) - and all of the other supporting roles played their respective parts. I just wish there had been some memorable lines that had me smiling or chuckling or had some other emotional effect on me.

Overall, it was not a bad read, and I enjoyed it.

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### **Cassie James says**

I have to confess, I didn't really expect much from this book when I bought it. But a few pages in, I fell in love.

From the exact beginning, it captures your attention. Jay is a character you can't help but love and understand, and Tyler is just so freaking adorable. Filled with humor and romance, *Freaks of Greenfield High* is what I can call a very enjoyable read. Mares Anderson is now an author whose books I will look out for. The relationship between Tyler and Jay, Caro and Jay is one of the main things I love about this book. Her being a cyborg made this very interesting and not at all uncomfortable. All of the book lead to an ending you could have seen coming but still enough to be satisfying. This is definitely a series I will continue with.

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### **Jessica says**

Winner of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Romance Writers of America's Silken Sands Self-Published Star Contest, Young Adult Category

Winner of the Maryland Romance Writers Reveal Your Inner Vixen contest, Young Adult category

Main characters: Jay (cyborg) and Tyler (outcast)

The book begins with a Jay, a cyborg, being commanded by her father/creator, Dr. Alexander Jay Durham, to kill him...

*"I. Do. Not. Want... to do this... Father."*

*Alex's eyelids flew open and he choked on a gasp. Real tears glistened in her eyes. It should have been impossible for her to fight the command, impossible for her to produce tears.*

*A malfunction or a miracle? Only time would tell. And Alex had run out of time.*

*He snatched a deep breath and clasped his hands, settling them into his lap. His eyelids drifted closed. "Cyborg Unit Gamma-Dash-One, commence sequence J-O-H-N-3-colon-16."*

*"Commencing sequence J-O-H-N-3-colon-16," the cyborg repeated. "I love you, Father." And in one swift, efficient movement, she broke the old man's neck.*

*As humans often liked to do in such circumstances, she closed her eyes, honoring her creator and his contribution to this world with a minute of silence and utter stillness. She would have preferred to bury him but that was not part of the plan.*

In honor of her creator she names herself Jay.

Jay moves to a middle class town and does her best to blend in and conceal her identity. She signs up for school, what would be more out of place than a teenage girl not attending school.

Tyler, high school student with a talent for writing music and portraiture, is tormented by the other kids in his class and often referred to as a freak. He wished he could go some place new and reinvent himself. He meets Jay and insta crush on the new hot girl.

Jay is doing her best to fit in but continually does things that a typical teenage girl wouldn't. She finds herself feeling emotions beyond what she programmed to feel.

This is a sweet story and so far I am really enjoying this book.

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## **Tez says**

There are three things I'd like to see more of in fiction: ninja, bionics, and cyborgs. Maree Anderson has provided us with the latter, enclosing it in a YA tale of...well, coming to term with feelings, but the author takes that sap and executes it superbly so it's no way near as cheesy as it sounds.

Needless to say, the cyborg is my favourite character. (Not so much her love interest, who writes love songs. I've never been one for balladry.) Read this, and you'll understand why Jay Smith is so awesome - she's my new favourite heroine.

Now, to convince the author to create a ninja character...

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**Eleni Konstantine says**

Brilliant. Cool on its own as a YA tale about fitting in high school with all the cliques. Add the sci fi element of a cyborg who can feel, and it's gold. Aim to read more in this series.

Disclaimer: I know the author personally, but this doesn't affect my rating.

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**Kimberly says**

teen cyborg hiding in high school....sounded good...alas not so much

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