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At the end of the 21st century, the future of humanity hangs in the balance, caught between the radioactive waste of a half century of nuclear wars and the repressive authority of the Republic. Angels sacrifice their wings to join a secret fraternity of freedom fighters, risking classification as mutants and consignment to the Republic's slave dens. Each warrior is a volunteer, but no angel anticipates the full cost of his fall.

The eyes of the Republic are everywhere.

Having sacrificed his wings in a bid to save humanity, fallen angel Armand has a bold plan to assassinate presidential candidate Maximilian Blackstone. When things go awry and his partner is gravely injured, Armand fears he will fail and forever lose the chance to rejoin the angels in heaven.

Theodora is a wraith, a woman who officially doesn't exist. She lives in the shadows, taking risks to earn bounties-bounties that buy new life for those she loves. Captured when her latest hit goes horribly wrong, Theodora finds herself the prisoner of a strong, arrogant stranger. Soon enough, Theodora and Armand find their missions--and their hearts--entwined. But in their desperate attempt to save the world, will they be able to save each other?

This series was previously published under the pseudonym Claire Delacroix.

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Heather says

The third installment of the Prometheus Project picks up right where book 2 ends, and this book focuses on the wraith, Theodora, who we met in Delilah and Rafe's story. The fallen angel this book focuses on is Armand, also known as Amorous, who we met in book one. He was one of the two angels that fell to the earth at the Mount Royal Circus. Armand is disheartened by what he has found on earth and regrets volunteering for his mission. He also does not want to kill anyone. He and his partner are tasked with killing the presidential candidate, Maxamillion Blackstone, and in order to accomplish this they go undercover at the Institute. While there, Armand and his partner thwart an assassination attempt against the Oracle by Theodora. Armand takes her hostage and away they go on their adventure. He gets Theodora to agree to kill Blackstone and they escape the Institute. Throughout their adventure the sparks fly and the trust build. The passion between the two is passionate and their love story is strong. I loved the epic culmination scene at the end when Theodora realizes that Armand decided to stay on earth to be with her.

I have enjoyed this series, is it set up so differently than other series. It has the traditional narrated scenes between the characters, but it also incorporates news bulletins, memos, historical documents complete with "sources" and "related articles". It adds something to the story that has been enjoyable and refreshing. I look forward to reading book 4 next.

Stephanie G says

Armand is a fallen angel who's mission on earth is the assassinate presidential candidate Maximilian Blackstone but things go horribly wrong when his partner Baruch is shot and taken by the society to be harvested. In order to save his friend and complete his mission so he may rejoin his fellow angels in heaven, Armand will need to work with the very wraith responsible for the situation he is in. Theodora is a wraith, some one that doesn't officially exist, and takes care of the ones she loves and keeps hidden by going after bounties from assassinations. After a botched hit, Theodora reluctantly works with Armand to help complete his mission. It isn't long before their walls start to come down and they stop seeing each other as enemies but rather the part of themselves that is missing. Their new found love and trust in each other will be tested when they will not only try to save Baruch but help save the world.

I did not care for Armand or Theodora at first. Armand complained and complained about the situation he volunteered for but didn't do much to change it. Theodora's way of putting cred (money) over human life rubbed me the wrong way. She claimed to go out after the Oracle to help one of the Shade's (humans born with a physical defect and not considered normal) when she knew that he would never want such a thing. They were both really set in their ways of thinking until they met each other. Armand showed Theodora that she could trust, love and rely on others and through his strong faith, gave her hope. Theodora in turn showed Armand the true pleasures of being human and gave him a reason to fight. Both these characters are passionate and loyal to those they care about and in the end, they were two of my favorite characters from the series.

Rebel is the final chapter in the Prometheus Project trilogy. We see even more of the horrible ways the Shades are treated but the time finally comes for them to stand up and demand change. You really wanted to stand up and cheer for them. All the familiar characters of the series are back and ready to bring those

responsible for the repression and evil behind the scenes scheming, to justice. Rebel takes the unusual mix of science, romance and religion and make it not only work well but make it a wonderful read. Rebel definitely takes the series out with a bang.

~Stephanie G

Jeri says

This was a very exciting story in this 3rd installment. We meet Armand the fallen angel that must complete a mission that goes against his morals and then we meet Theodora who is a wraith in the Republic who's moral codes are questionable. I loved that the characters were such opposites that grew together for the greater good. It was an action packed ride with one scrape after another it kept me on the edge of my seat. I found the overall story compelling with its complex structure. It's a good read if you like to go to the future.

Danielles says

Ik kan gee sterren geven...ik vond het leuk, maar ook helemaal weer niet,...buiten het paranormale vind ik het geweldig! maar al die Angels en dingen die niet kunnen, ben ik nog even niet aan toe!
Ik ga het ooit later nog eens proberen,.....

Jackie says

Hated it couldn't even finish it

Robin says

This was a well-written, fast-paced book. It is set in the late 21st century after a number of nuclear wars have ravaged the world, leading to a repressive government called the Republic. Theodora is a wraith, a woman who doesn't officially exist, and works as an assassin/bounty hunter to earn money she uses to buy new lives for those she loves. Armand is an angel who has given up his wings to come to Earth and help the fight for freedom. Theodora is captured by Armand when her latest hit goes wrong, and they find their missions and their lives entwined. This book can be read as a standalone, though it is the third in a series with related characters. I couldn't put this book down, and can't wait to read the next (and last) book in the series! Copy gifted by the Publisher in exchange for an honest review.

TinaMarie says

Armand and Baruch's task is to kill Maximilian Blackstone, Theodora is an assassin taking a bounty on the Oracle. Baruch interrupts her, is hurt and taken by the Society. Armand works a deal with Theodora to save Baruch if she will kill Max. She's lost faith in most everything, a touch cynical, where Armand is hope. Lots of

evil plotting, with Lucifer trying to make things go his way.

Nariko says

Of the three I've read so far, *Rebel* had the most sci-fi/urban fantasy/paranormal romance feel to it. It was also probably a bad idea to binge read Books 1-3 in one weekend, back-to-back, which is why I'm setting aside *Abyss* for later.

Maya says

Third book in the series, and still holding my interest. I was initially attracted to the post-nuclear disaster setting, which reminded me of 'The Chrysalids' which I loved in school. The dystopian world is explored more fully in this installment, from the point of view of a voluntarily fallen angel (as in the first two installments) and a so-called wraith: a person who officially doesn't exist in the big-brother type Republic, but who uses the pervasive security and advanced technology of the world to her advantage.

Good: world-building, exploration of psychological and social consequences of class divisions based on genetic/physical health, neat gadgets

Not so good: Though several threads from the different books connected here, I had hoped for more description of what happened next / answered questions for some characters. Maybe this means that they will be further books in this universe? I thought this was intended as a trilogy, but perhaps loose ends may be tied up later. Such as

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why a character in this technologically and medically advanced world would repeatedly ignore something as basic as contraception, with enormous consequences.

END SPOILER

All in all, the unfolding action on three separate narration fronts meant suspense was most intense in this book of all the series so far.

Cynthia says

Armand, the former angel Armaros, sacrificed his wings and his immortality to descend to earth to fulfill a mission in the divine plan to save humanity from itself. He immediately regrets his choice as he feels he was deceived into making the decision.

What kind of creatures were the people who could do this, who could document this abomination, who could even stand in this hall of horrors? If this was humanity, what was the

point of saving them? They were all lost souls already, these people who had made the world into their own hell.

Theodora lives outside of the system. Her passion - earning the “cred” she needs to keep those she cares about out of the hands of The Society. No matter the cost and trusting no one but herself. That all changes when she meets Armand.

He was different from other men she had known, fully equipped with an enviable moral code and a determination to keep his word. He was kind, a quality Theodora had never seen before in any human. She could trust him.

It is a volatile meeting for Armand and Theodora. Their conflicting agendas and diverse personalities clash at every turn. Even though Armand has lost his wings, he is still an angel in every moral sense. Whereas, Theodora believes in the power of “cred” and what it can buy if a person has enough of it. The growth of these two very powerful characters as they learn to let go and love is pure joy, but that is only one part of this delicious story.

Although listed primarily as paranormal romance, it has elements of sci-fi and urban fantasy. It didn’t take me long to acquaint myself with this great world set in the year 2100. Ms. Delacroix did an incredible job of world building. I didn’t have to read the first two in the Prometheus Project Trilogy to understand the terminology: words such as wraith and shade came naturally. I will admit this is a book I normally wouldn’t pick-up in a bookstore as urban fantasy isn’t my cup-o-tea, but I do enjoy a good sci-fi every now and then. I won REBEL in a giveaway, and I am so glad that I just didn’t put it on the TBR for another day.

Chris Coulson says

I enjoyed reading this book. A page turner...

Tez says

Theodora is a wraith, who officially does not exist, and she usually takes every opportunity to earn cred. Interrupted whilst deliberating about her latest mission, she injures an innocent bystander, but that's nothing compared to the hell the man faces in the custody of the Institute for Radiation Studies. And watch out for the Society of Nuclear Darwinists...

The effects of radiation, nuclear fallout, politics, theology, technology, violence, surgery, family secrets, ends justifying the means...if any of these interest you, chances are the Prometheus Project will, too. A bizarre yet fitting mix of paranormal, futuristic and romance, the science makes this trilogy stand above others. It's no secret that its world-building is my drug (no, not Ivanofor), is a definite must-read, and is particularly relevant as the 65th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing was marked recently. This series may very well be the thing to bring science to the masses, truth to fiction, and making speculative sub-genres a

perhaps unexpected source of realism.

P.S. And the romance is nowhere near as annoying as the one in Guardian. But I'm still not completely comfortable with angels among all the awesome science.
