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Danni says

RENNY'S RAGE REVIEW

First off...THEMIS.

OH GOD I FREAKING WISH THEMIS WAS IN IT MORE.

Secondly, there wasn't much characterization. Of Themis. Of Dirk. Of Abby. Of Melaina. Oh God don't get me started on freaking damn Melaina. That bitch.

Thirdly, Nick. Really? You want this douche to be one of the main characters? Over and over he says he's stupid. He even says it like four times. Probably more. He's a freaking wimpy, useless, Peeta wannabe. I hated him the most. I'm so glad it wasn't Nick and Addee. Thank GOD for Themis.

I give it three outta five because of the end. And Themis.

Jae Park says

An interesting post-apocalyptic take on food shortages after a way is discovered to live a lot longer. The rich can afford to take the brown pill, which enables them to stay young and have organ implants if somethings fails. Harsh birth control laws make some people deemed as 'Extras' because their parents did not receive permission to have children, and they must work hard to support the lives of the rich and privileged.

I enjoyed the main characters Adree and Nick, one who was born an Extra and the other born one of the rich class who will start taking the anti-aging pill as soon as he turns 25. Adree works as a raiser of pigs in a barn. Her pigs are very important, as they grow the organs needed to sustain the lives of the elite. When a mistake is made and Adree is blamed, she is punished according to the laws of the land. You'll have to read the book to find out though, no spoilers in my reviews!

This story was incredibly believable and heart breaking at once. Recommended reading for anyone who likes a good story about future times and trials, as well as anyone who revels in good characterization and plot.

Liza says

[I'd have liked to know what happened to Melaina, for example, and I think that, with the amount of cameras on Nick through the first part of the book, he wouldn't have been so easily able to get the badge without his grandfather's knowledge - and everything he was able to do with it a

Amanda says

Quite the interesting page-turned! Pleasantly surprised!

(I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.)

Tammy Louvierre says

I really enjoyed this book, it is unlike anything I have ever read before. Interesting story line, well written, excellent book. Keeps you interested from beginning to end. 5 stars!!!

Joanne Kaminski says

Our world can go so wrong so quickly, and this book is an example of how playing with the potential of a drug that will keep you alive forever can take a wrong turn. Nick Stanton is a young boy whose grandfather has been taking a drug that keeps his family alive forever, and he is about to turn of age to take it as well. As a result of this drug, his grandfather begins controlling other people through secretly drugging their food and making them work for him. He has convinced himself and others around him, that this is for their own good since they are useless criminals anyway. Nick has led a sheltered life and is unaware of the evil ways of his grandfather and is faced with some pretty grown up decisions after he falls in love with one of the hired hands.

I was riveted by this book from the very beginning, and I am so excited to spread the words about it with my high school students that I work with. It not only is a great read for high school students, but also for adults. This is one of those books that makes you think about how putting the wrong drugs in the wrong hands can be extremely disastrous. I hope a sequel is created. I would love to read what happens after the revolution that occurs.

Ekta says

When a company develops a drug to help people live longer—theoretically for the rest of time—a government steps in to make sure everyone gets their share of the resources needed to keep society going. The successor to the company, however, realizes that something just doesn't add up and, with the help of a friend, decides to find out the truth. Kat Kirst's latest young adult novel, *The Cost of Living Forever*, lays out her premise in compelling prose.

Nick Stanton's grandmother dotes on him, and his grandfather, Terrence Stanton, stays busy running their empire that manufactured the drug to keep people alive forever. Terrence displays a deep affection for Nick and manages to make time for him, wanting to begin grooming him to take over the company eventually. While Nick feels somewhat constrained by his privileged life, he also enjoys the benefits.

Adree is the Porcine Mistress of her barn. She tends to and monitors the pigs used as host animals for the organs needed for the Old Timers, the members of the elderly population that started taking the longevity pill after they passed the prime of their lives. Adree may not always like her job, but she does take pride in doing it the best she can. When a key pig dies, however, Adree must suffer consequences disproportionate to the event, and suddenly Nick begins to realize that his grandfather's empire stands on more than just successful

research.

Author Kat Kirst's latest novel will keep readers turning pages to find out what happens to Adree, Nick, and the cast of supporting characters. Kirst's familiarity and comfort with the genre shine. She builds a thought-provoking concept in the idea of a pharmaceutical company successfully developing a drug that will keep people alive continually, and she also answers most of the questions surrounding the development of such a drug.

While Kirst could have spent slightly more time developing and exploring Adree's emotions in the forefront of the story, she easily makes up for this by the relationship she develops between Adree and Nick. The two seem an unlikely pair in the beginning, but by the middle of the book they have bonded and will have readers cheering for both of them. Kirst also doesn't shy away from portraying Nick as a real-life heir to the throne. At key moments in the story Nick's naiveté comes through as a reminder of his lack of contact with the events of the world around him, but Kirst carefully plants these moments so they don't feel forced or overdone. The effect is a wonderfully balanced story that shows growth in Nick's character.

I would highly recommend *The Cost of Living Forever* for anyone who enjoys a good young adult novel that will also challenge adult readers.

Laura Beth says

loved it! can't wait for her next book!

Terri Short Breault says

I was a beta reader for this book. I found it to be very interesting with plenty of twists and turns. It was not at all predictable. A real page turner.

Laura Smith says

I am a middle school reading teacher and I read every book before I recommend it to my students. This is my 4th book I've read written by Kat Kirst, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. Kirst continues to impress me with her story telling abilities. She is right on target with her audience, and it comes across as very authentic. Even as an adult, I want to keep reading until I finish the last page.

As a veteran teacher and an avid reader, I am pretty critical with my reviews. But, every once in a while I come across a great author. Kat Kirst is a great author, and this is how I know. Her books stick with you. Her characters will always have a little place in my heart.

Mallory says

I received this book free of charge in exchange for a fair review...thank you!!

If you are a fan of The Giver series, Matched, the Hunger Games trilogy, etc., you will definitely enjoy this book. This is one of the better dystopian stories I've read in a while. My only criticism is that I would have liked this book to be a series instead of a stand alone.

The idea of a drug existing that can cause immortality seems eerily possible; the idea that only the richest of the rich would have access to this pill seems even more possible. Definitely a great read, and I will be recommending this one to friends.

Khalia Hades says

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MY MOTHERFLECKING REVIEW:

I won this book via a First Reads Giveaway by the author who, I might say, is very nice. the moment I opened this book, there was no way in the world that I could put it down. It's a page turner from the beginning. Unexpected twist and plots are unpredictable. This is the kind of book - and story - that will rock your flecking world. Tipsy turvy. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a recommendation.

All in all, this book was flecking flacking fucking AMAZANG!
