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Will Landon accept his past - and his future? Will he discover the truth? What's hidden in the Restricted Tower, and who is Artemis?

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Mike says

I received this book as a giveaway. I really enjoyed the story. Nice teen read. Very original with a few nice twists. You don't see many books involving telekinesis. My only negative is that I would like to see a smoother transition of time, otherwise, nice job. I am looking forward to reading more from this author.

Kerry Reis says

In one tragic moment, troubled teen Landon's hidden psychokinetic powers burst forth, destroying his home and turning him into an orphaned fugitive. He is rescued from the streets by agents of a secret scientific organization that brings gifted teens like Landon to a hidden massive structure called the Gymnasium in order to train them on how to control and use their powers. However, Landon will find nothing is simple in making new friends, working through his guilt and sifting through the secrets. This is a well-written first novel in a young adult sci-fi series that deftly balances teen angst issues and government conspiracies.

Maria Nairne says

Loved this book. Despite the fact that I solved part of the mystery half way through the book I was still interested. Landon is cool and I liked how the other characters were created as well. I'm looking forward to getting my hands on book 2.

Daniel says

I took a chance on this book and was not disappointed in the least. The Search for Artemis is the first book by the author P.D. Griffith and I think in time we will look back on it as the launching pad of what will no doubt be a promising career for the author. I love that I will now get a chance to be that annoying guy and say I read his stuff before everyone else thought it was cool to do so.

The premise of the book is pretty simple, a kid discovers he has telekinetic powers, is scared and gets recruited by an institute called The Gymnasium to help him learn how to control and harness his abilities. He makes some friends, the strong popular kid becomes his adversary and adventures ensue. It's a pretty familiar premise that many a book, comic book, and movie have started with in regards to an everyday kid getting super powers. It's been done a million times. However the author takes this premise and begins to subtly tweak it, twist it and change it. Taking this familiar concept and launch it in a very different, open ended direction. I have always considered myself good at predicting twists and turns when it comes to a story. However even I couldn't predict where things would go in this book. The author takes some risks and is great at making his story go down unexpected paths.

This is a theme I started noticing about half way through his book. He sets out with familiar if not cliche character archetypes, plot devices, and situations then begins to gently nudge, prod, redirect these archetypes

until they break free of their mold and become something entirely different. You can feel the influence's he has had, everything from classic novels such as Treasure Island, to a bit of Japanese Anime, old Kung Fu movies, Harry Potter, and X-Men.

The beginning of the book starts a little slow, it feels a bit blocky and at times awkward. However the minute Landon arrives at the Gymnasium you can tell Griffith found his feet, found his comfort zone and the story takes off from there. Immediately changing, improving and reshaping my entire view of the book. The story he tells, the groundwork he lays down and world he creates within this novel and his general prose is easily worth the 5-star rating I gave it. You can feel the improvement in the writing, the uniqueness of the author's voice as the story gets better and better not only from chapter to chapter, but from page to page.

What Griffith does quite well is build his characters, build the relationships and plot structure without being overly wordy and bogging the reader down with useless information. His characters are easy to relate to and are easy to identify with without being cliche. What's fantastic is that while Landon has made friends with many of the characters, there is a subtle sense that he keeps them at arms length, he doesn't let them in. Griffith paints a seemingly simplistic young adult novel with subtle shades of grey, adding clever depth and layers to his premise. Every character has the potential of being good or bad, and it's not even certain that our hero is on the right side of the battle.

I finished the first novel and immediately bought the follow up novel The Prince's Trap. If this is the first offering of a first time author, then I cannot wait to see where not only this series goes, but the author goes as he continues to grow and polish his craft. I highly recommend this book, and I hope you take the same chance I took in reading it. Not only will you not be disappointed, but like me you will also get the opportunity to be that annoying person bragging to their friends about how you were into P.D. Griffith before he got all big and famous ;)

Michelle says

This is one of those books that I knew I was going to like based on the description. I love superpowers, and when you throw in some mystery and a dash of mythology, I was hooked! The Search for Artemis reminded me of X-men mixed with the Disney movie, Sky High. It is a super fun adventure, and I loved every minute of it.

The story starts out with a bang. Literally. I was feeling so bad for Landon, it was not easy for him in the beginning. But once he gets to "school", it really starts to get good. From then on I could not put the book down. You meet so many people for me the biggest part was trying to figure out who I liked and could trust and who I couldn't trust. It wasn't always so easy, and I was thrown for a few loops. For most of the book it is pretty hard to tell who the "bad" guys are. And honestly, I'm not even 100% sure that I even know yet. Time, and hopefully book 2, will tell.

Landon is a really great main character. He is really powerful, but not overbearing. Likable without being annoying. Overall, I really enjoyed him. He is someone I can really see myself rooting for.

Artemis is elusive at best. I loved the mythological names. I am a mythology nerd, so any reference to it in books is a big plus for me. I really liked that it took a good portion of the book to get some answers. And what I liked even more, is that some things are still left unanswered. It gives me something to look forward to in the next book.

The Search for Artemis is well written, well thought out and a joy to read. This book picks you up and takes you on a journey. P.D. Griffith did such a great job and I can't wait to see what he has in store for us next!

Meg - A Bookish Affair says

This book holds a very inventive story about a world where telekinesis is a real thing. Landon finds this out the hard way when his parents die in a horrific event. In this world, those with the special gene that controls telekinesis or in layman's terms: the ability to move things with their minds can go to a special school to hone their skills. I really liked once Landon got to the school. Luckily that doesn't happen too far into the book.

This book is the first one in a planned series (I'm actually not totally sure how many books there will be). I think that this book is definitely for those who enjoy series. If you're looking for a standalone book, you could probably read this and enjoy it but I think that you will probably want to read the other books in the series since there are still a lot of questions to be asked once you get to the end of the book. I found myself wondering a lot about if different things (I'm thinking specifically about the society at the school in the book for anyone who has either read the book or is planning to read this book) really factor in to the greater story told as the series progresses. I wish a little bit more of the mysteries in the book had been resolved in this first book. What's so wrong with stand-alone books??? I think the book would have been a little more gripping if we got more detail on what was happening with the different characters.

The writing of the book is very engaging. There is a lot of good detail in the book and you will have no problem feeling what the characters in the book are going through. While there isn't a lot of world building as far as setting goes, there is another sort of world building that goes on in the book with explaining the characters and why they are where they are. I think readers who like science fiction stories with a lot of detail about the basic science behind the story will like this book.

Carol says

I absolutely loved this book. Think a cross between Young James Bond, Alex Rider, Gi Joe and X-men, but only the best parts. It was so much fun and as the story progressed really quite suspenseful. I can't wait for number 2!

Jessica Knauss says

Imagine a world in which kids who can move objects telekinetically get into an epic snowball fight! In this book, it's our own world. Certain children have been found to possess a gene enabling them both to control objects with their minds and to hear others' outward-projected thoughts. Landon Wicker has no idea that these kids exist, much less that he is one of them, until a terrible incident that kills both of his parents and sends him on the run from the law. Eventually, he's found by a recruiter for a special school that develops the abilities of just these types of kids.

The story is very imaginative and kept me reading. Every time I thought I knew where the story was going, some twist would surprise me. Some parts of the time Landon spends in school recall Harry Potter, complete

with a Ron and a Hermione, but shortly after the already mentioned awesome and perfect for sports-inclined readers snowball fight, the plot takes a completely new turn that has nothing to do with Hogwarts.

This is not a fast read. The author has a gift for detail that s/he may employ just a bit too much at times, but since this book is partially a mystery, I wondered which details were important and which red herrings, which is a fun way to read. This is merely the first book in what appears to be a trilogy, with the plot thickening steadily toward the end.

Highly recommended for readers who love a detailed story and a mystery they can sink their teeth into. I'd give it three and half stars if these sites would let me.

Sarah says

The Search for Artemis is quickly moving and, at parts, proceeds at a breakneck pace. Something is always happening, and while some of the book might not have the shock value the author was going for, there is enough raw humanity here to please almost any reader. The story of Landon is absorbing, as Griffith is realistic in dealing with Landon's growth, development and his emotional reactions to events as they happen. Despite its flaws, The Search for Artemis will leave fans with a slam-dunk ending that will cause them to yearn for the second book in this series.

Read my full review here:

<http://bookwormblues.blogspot.com/201...>

Sheila says

Like a cross between Harry Potter, X-Men and Ender's Game, P.D. Griffith's The Search for Artemis starts when a boy's world falls apart and ends in battle, betrayal, and brave determination. The story starts rather slowly but by the end I was eagerly turning pages, surprised at the revelations and looking forward to more.

An exciting first scene has strangers chasing fifteen-year-old Landon across town, while Landon tries to remember what happened the night before. But the story's soon slowed down by complex sentences, quick point of view changes, and determined descriptions. The writing soars though with some wonderful phrases as Landon delights in the scent of fresh bread, ponders the sour smell of an ancient tome, or stares at the toppling towers of his mother's illogical library. And soon the plot begins to soar too.

The characters are plausibly real with all the trials of childhood recurring in a school for the telekinetically gifted. A wonderful snowball fight reminds me of Hogwarts. Training exercises remind me of Ender's Game. And a nicely tuned sense for science ties the students' skills together, giving that same logical feeling to telekinesis which J. K. Rowling gave to magic. A touch of mystery, a well-drawn taste for adventure, and a nicely evocative approach to teenaged emotions make this an appealing teen or young adult novel. Not perfect, but definitely enjoyable, this tale has enough completeness to satisfy, enough logic to intrigue, and enough patience to let the reader deduce what might be going on without spelling everything out. The ending's clearly set up for a sequel but the reader doesn't feel cheated, just eager for more.

Disclosure: I received a free copy of this novel from the publisher in exchange for my honest review.

A Book Vacation says

This is a fantastic novel full of action and intrigue as Landon realizes his full potential in the psychokinetic world. Alone and confused, the novel opens with Landon running for his life from the men in suits after a tragedy befalls his family. I was drawn into the series from the very beginning as it sets itself up as a mystery. Who are these men in suits? What do they want? Is Landon really safe at the Gymnasium? Who is Artemis? The answer to these questions are the opposite of what is expected, giving this novel the mysterious qualities readers love, and making for an exceptional rollercoaster ride as Landon fights for what is right. I really enjoyed this story, and the characterization is wonderful. Landon is an easily likable character; he is an honest, yet naïve young man with a good heart. Griffith has done a superb job creating a unique and original piece in The Search For Artemis, and I am extremely excited to see where the series goes...

To see my full review upon release (2/4/12):

<http://bookvacations.wordpress.com/20...>

Heather says

I enjoyed this book. Very unpredictable but not "that doesn't even make sense!" type. I loved the twists and turns and felt for Landon as he learned of his abilities, his patents, how this happened, and what he plans to do about it. Good book.

Lori Pescatore says

I absolutely loved this book. It is the perfect addition to any girl or boy's young adult library. This Author has created a very likeable lead character, whose tragic past and unique gifts instantly pull you into his world. The descriptions are very original and exciting to read and picture inside your mind. The ending left me wanting to know more about what will happen next as the secrets and lies come tumbling outward. I am looking forward to the next part of this exciting adventure. Onward Apollo!

Lori Pescatore
Author of:
Human Blend
Earth Blend

Karla(Book Addict) says

deleting reviews if you want to take a look at them you can do so on my blog, link on my profile

Readinista says

In the beginning, I was drawn into the story and found *The Search for Artemis* intriguing and different. Then somewhere a little bit before the middle, I lost interest. I often had to take a break after reading one chapter because I grew tired of reading it. Then I would force myself to continue reading. The story wasn't necessarily bad, but more so it just didn't compel me to keep reading. Perhaps it would hold a child's interest more than mine. However, I do have to give Griffith credit for originality and creativity.

The Search for Artemis is a story about Landon Wicker who one day demonstrates psychokinetic abilities but the event ends in tragedy. Landon runs from the scene afraid of what he's done and what will happen to him only to find that men in black suits are chasing him. Fear of what they will do to him propels him to continue to run and hide from these mysterious men. His fleeing comes to end when a woman saves him and takes him to the Gymnasium, a training facility for psychokinetic individuals. There Landon learns what's happened to him and how to control his unique abilities.

Read the rest of my review at <http://www.readinista.com/2011/12/rev...>

Tahlia Newland says

The Search for Artemis is a well-paced, enjoyable story that hooks you from the beginning and keeps you reading.

Blurb: Fifteen year-old Landon Wicker is psychokinetic, but the tragic unleashing of his abilities forces him to run from everything he knows. He finds solace, however, in the company of hundreds of psychokinetics like him when he's brought to the Gymnasium. Forced into a life where people don't just see--but control--the world around them and teenagers lift city buses with a thought, Landon struggles to accept his new reality and the guilt over his painful secret. But everything changes when a chance encounter with a mysterious girl propels him on a hunt for answers. Uncovering dark truths the Gymnasium would do anything to keep hidden, Landon must choose where his loyalties lie.

The story has strong similarities to Harry Potter and *Forbidden Mind* by Kimberley Kinrade, but this doesn't diminish the fact that the author has woven these elements into something well worth reading for young adult audiences, both boys and girls. Landon's character is well fleshed out and established early on. The settings are well described without being overdone and the plot is flawless. For the most part, the story is well-written in immediate, engaging prose.

There were a few copy errors, and a couple were pretty poor; 'They're' instead of 'their' and 'slinked' instead of 'slunk'. However, the file I read is months old, so these are hopefully fixed by now. The real issue was the head-hopping. There wasn't a great deal of it; and some of the changes in point of view were well enough done and long enough that the reading still flowed smoothly, so they weren't an issue. However, the short jumps in point of view were simply unnecessary and muddied the scenes, thus lowering their impact.

It's like speeding along a nice straight road with fabulous scenery and suddenly there's a huge bump in the road. You're jolted out of the story.

I would love to give this 4 stars and a place in the Awesome Indies, but I can't unless the above faults are fixed, so I give it 3.5 stars, but still highly recommend it for young adult readers.

Flosi says

Exciting

What would it be like to be able to read someone's thought? Or to lift an object 30 times your weight, just with your thoughts? Pretty cool, huh. Check out this book and the rest of the series.

Jamie says

The Search for Artemis is a good book with action, suspense and a bit of mystery.

Landon Wicker is a fifteen year old boy who is not looking forward to the school year starting. One day his parents are arguing and Landon goes out to try to stop them and gets angry with his father. This is when his psychokinetic abilities show up. He had no idea that he was psychokinetic. This also causes his parents deaths.

He doesn't know what to do so he takes off and spends time alone in the city trying to figure out what to do. He didn't mean for this to happen. Throughout the city he comes across men in suits that seem to be after him, although he is not sure why. It's not long before he is rescued by a woman from the Gymnasium. He has no idea what he is getting himself into but he sees this as his only option at the moment. The Gymnasium is a school that no one really knows about but is where kids with psychokinetic abilities are brought to.

Landon struggles learning his new abilities but it's not long until he starts to master them. He makes some friends and things are seeming to go good for him. He has finally found somewhere he feels he belongs. Although he is always wondering if there is something else going on in the restricted tower. Will he get the chance to find out?

For me this book was good but it was slow at times and took me some time to get into it. There seemed to be surprises throughout. The ending was a shocker, did not see it coming at all. Overall a nice read. I would continue with this series to see what happens with the characters. This e-book was provided to me for review. This did not affect my review in any way.

Zachary Knowlton says

The Search for Artemis is a fast-paced, intriguing read that I had a hard time putting down (one of the first books I've read not listened to in a long time). It has many of my favorite fantasy elements including a training school (and all the awesomeness that comes with it), inner-conflict within the main character and plenty red herrings/foreshadowing that keeps you guessing. The best way to describe this book, in my

opinion, is a cross between X-Men, Ender's Game, & Harry Potter. Great stuff P.D., looking forward to book #2!
