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Dr. Robert Newman is a man obsessed--obsessed with the death of his wife from a rare genetic disease--obsessed with finding a cure to save her sister from the same fate. After years of single-minded effort, he has developed a revolutionary gene therapy procedure. Now the most devastating of human diseases can be stopped in their tracks. But within weeks, his discovery has unleashed a deadly cancer epidemic. His life is threatened and everyone he loves becomes his enemy. As he searches frantically for clues, he discovers a long dormant secret hidden within the human genome. Dr. Newman realizes that malignant transformation in human cells is not a random event. The marked increase in malignancies has a more horrific explanation. Silent for millennia, Cancer is now awakening as a rationale entity with an agenda of its own. And unless it can be stopped, no one--least of all Dr. Robert Newman--has long to live.

The Transformed Details

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Wendy says

awful

This is so terrible. Can't believe I kept reading to the end but it was stopping to watch at a car wreck.

Laura Trachtenberg says

Good science horror story

The story line was good and the science was reasonable, although somewhat exaggerated. Vaccines cannot be made from scratch that quickly. The author needed to proofread his book better, as there were lots of typos. Overall I found it an entertaining read.

Catrina Bradley says

At 62% through, I'm at once fascinated and horrified. A hybrid of Robin Cook and Stephen King, two of my favorite genre authors.

Update: Worth reading - I'm glad I chose this Kindle freebie. If I could give 1/2 stars, I'd give it 3 1/2. Better than average, and I'd not hesitate to recommend it to fans of medical thrillers with a twist.

Katie says

Fascinating premise, written by a doctor who obviously knows of what he speaks. I would suggest that it could do with some re-editing and proof reading but on the whole I really enjoyed this book. Lost a star because of the cheesy romance.

Jenni says

The Transformed had me gripped from page 1, and I read it in one sitting. It follows scientist Doctor Newman, who is obsessed with finding the cure to his sister-in-law's genetic condition. His research, on which he has worked tirelessly for years, is nearly complete when he is attacked by a woman who has woken from a coma shouting the strange word Sartan. One attack from a demented patient can be explained away, but when he is attacked again by someone shouting Sartan he starts to get worried. But what has an ancient Hebrew word for cancer got to do with the attacks.

There are so many ways The Transformed could have gone wrong. The back story about the dead wife and

her ill sister is clichéd, but is written beautifully and believably, and provides a ticking clock that drives the story along. Similarly I nearly stopped reading when it became obvious what Sartan was, but I'm glad I pushed on, as the story, while taking on a sci-fi plot nearer the end, is very gripping and well written.

For fans of medical thrillers, this is a fantastic read. Raphael Hirsch is a well known scientist, and as such the scientific detail in the novel is of the highest standard. The back story of Sartan is also believable, although maybe too 'out there' for some medical thriller fans. Apart from the heavy sci-fi plot near the end of the book, which stretched believability, it was a great book and an author I'll be watching.

[Cross-posted to tomesofthesoul.blogspot.com - Rating at TotS - 4.5]

Deborah Sastroredjo says

The story had me intrigued and made me think of the 'what if' later on. It's written very good, great research and has solid twists and turns

Genevieve says

This book sounds so intriguing! Too bad I can't get past the first chapter that is full of inappropriate topics. I wish the authors would leave out all the garbage and bad language and just tell the story.

Tracy Beth says

[http://freshcoffeespot.blogspot.com/2...](http://freshcoffeespot.blogspot.com/2011/09/invasion-from-within.html)

Ricky Kimsey says

Invasion From Within

This is a reverse on the usual alien invasion story. Instead of invading externally the aliens invade us from within our bodies with the help of a scientist who becomes their unwitting pawn.

Angela says

3.5 stars

This story went down a path I was not expecting it to go down, but I enjoyed it all the same!

Lorie says

i read hirsch's "informed consent" and couldn't put it down because i really wanted to get to the end and 'figure it all out.' i was hoping this book would be as suspenseful. while "informed consent" told a story that was plausible (in a sense), i did not find this to be the case as much with "the transformed." i enjoyed reading it, but it wasn't a "can't put it down" book. if you have not read "informed consent," i would read that one first. if you like medical mysteries, you will enjoy this book.

Michael Stern says

This is the first novel from Dr. Raphael Hirsch, a renowned genetics researcher and Chief of the Division of Rheumatology at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Having previously read his second effort, Informed Consent that was published in 2004, I was even more impressed by this book, as its content and style reminded me of some of the best Michael Crichton fiction - with elements of The Andromeda Strain, Jurassic Park, and Prey combined with a dose of pre-Biblical anthropology to form a compelling, terrifying, and all-too-realistic page-turner. Can't wait to see what Dr. Hirsch sets his pen to next!

Jeanne Clement says

Interesting read

Was actually thrilled this was a complete book and not a series! Didn't care much for the hero, too absorbed in the past...like he was already dead inside. The female love interest should have run the other way. The plot was just okay, but I did at least finish. Okay for a rainy evening.
