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"Sullivan has a knack for the thriller." ~ Tim Wu, author of *The Master Switch* and *The Attention Merchants*

BLACK COLLAR - THE NET NEUTRALITY THRILLER

The internet was the people's great equalizer. That's why the American aristocracy had to take it away.

MIT graduates Hart Galliston and Rockle Farnsworth are two weeks away from unveiling their revolutionary display technology when a deadly chance encounter pits them against Senator Martin Lancaster. Hart and Rockle seek vengeance by pursuing one of Martin's daughters, the infamous heiress Brielle Lancaster. However, all is not what it seems with Brielle. Soon she and her two siblings join Hart and Rockle on a quest far more dangerous than revenge. Hart and his friends are uncommon rebels: a computer engineer, a programmer, a socialite, a cable news anchor, and a street artist.

Daniel Sullivan's **Black Collar** thrills with unpredictable twists and meaningful details, captivating as both a modern social commentary and a dark suspenseful read.

This book is intended for mature audiences.

Black Collar Details

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From Reader Review Black Collar for online ebook

Geoff Ingalls says

A well done piece of entertainment

A wonderful blend of tech, modern issues and intriguing characters with just enough fantasy to keep it flowing. A great read.

Alyssa says

OUTSTANDING, OUTSTANDING, OUTSTANDING

I couldn't read this books any faster then I did. It was so well developed, with characters, story lines and ideas.

I am not one to delve into explaining every moment or dissect a book. Any reader can read through what other customers thought. My review is based on Black Collar as an outstanding book that pushed through with horrible, painful family stories and those events propelled this young man forward and he had his day. I cheered, I cried and this book made me THINK and that's what a good book should

I long forward to the next chapter in this trilogy and I hope you stay true to the character and who they've become

CAN'T WAIT Mr Sullivan, as a self published author you took it to the top, great book

Oh, and if there were more stars I would give it a 10 !!!!!!!

pegi carey says

From the wild...a really good time.

I gave this 5 stars for several reasons. I read to be entertained and this was one of those books that,once begun, was hard to put down. Good action, strong characters and a little sex and violence with some righteous vengeance, it had all the ingredients I look for in an entertaining read. What I didn't expect was the thought provoking plot theme of a free internet usurped. It really is disturbing how easily our freedoms could be curtailed or taken away altogether. I will be paying closer attention and exercising my voting power. Thanks for the read, looking forward to many more from this author.

Claire says

I am of two minds on this book. There is a very good plot, complex and well-developed. Two young MIT grads take on political and corporate powerhouses, including a leading candidate for the Presidency. Author Daniel Sullivan, with his background in information technology, is able to present technological ideas in ways that are easy to understand, yet breathtaking in their ingenuity. The pace is fast, and it's difficult to keep

from smiling as you watch the young guns outsmart the established experts.

Where the book fell flat for me was in the writing style, which often seemed like that of a high school student, armed with a thesaurus and determined to impress the teacher with how many details he could fit into the story. Descriptions of the clothing the main characters wore included designer names and the colors of just about every piece worn. Once or twice, it was probably appropriate, but not something that needed to be included every time an important scene took place. Another point that seemed odd to me was the names of the corporations the heroes were battling. They seemed like working titles for the rough draft that were meant to be changed in the editing process, but never were. I get that Sullivan wanted to be sure his readers recognized the dangers of too much power in the hands of those controlling the media, but Comblast, Zerizon, and Zamzung? The too-obvious plays on the real names come off as immature and heavy handed. Finally, a few of the characters are drawn almost like caricatures. The celebrity daughter of one Senator is clearly a Paris Hilton type, a star best known for being a star. The Presidential candidate is seen immediately as evil, rather than being gradually revealed as such. Instead of wasting so much time on the color of the men's shirts or the women's lip gloss, more time should have gone into making the characters multidimensional.

Melinda says

Oh to be brilliant and rich...

This book goes from 0 to 100 mph and just stays there the entire time. It is a book that mixes politics with vengeance, murder, freedoms, entitlement and some very amazing hacking.

Are all technology people born cleverly devious? In this book they are sidelining financial institutions, broadcasting frequencies, credit cards, my personal favorite was the paintball gun setup.

This comes down to the question of this: If you had the intelligence and the money to do the right thing, and by doing so save something invaluable to your country, would you do it? Even if you or your friends could potentially land in prison or worse.

This is what the book is about. A group of people is faced with an untenable situation involving the Internet, some Senators, vengeance and a lot of creativity. They all answer the question the same way, and proceed to put innovative plans in place to make problems go away.

The book pointed out the corruption in government, the deregulation of industries which has resulted in lower quality products and reinforcement of the Good Old Boys Network. There is a rousing speech on White Monday which I found very true and heartfelt. It is where Black Collar is defined.

This is not a novel where you will get confused about who is good and who is evil, it is obvious, maybe not from the very beginning, but shortly after. The characters on the side of good aren't all fabulously attractive, well one of them isn't, the rest of them are. They all have millions of dollars, though some of that was self-made. The good people are young, interesting, brilliant, artistic and relatively moral. The Evil ones can be fabulously attractive too, but aren't necessarily. The main one is. All the evil ones are filthy rich.

The story pits one side against the other, and actually practically the entire country against one of them. (can't tell, you'll have to read it). The depth and breadth of the plots that the youngsters get up to is the high

entertainment in the book, as well as the results they cause.

Overall: Read It! It is a message of optimism in a time of greed, political corruption and collusion. It is a great adventure. If I could do these things, I would be hacker enemy #1

Juli Manz says

Five star book. One star author editorial. Wish I could give it a five.

Great story that really captured my attention. Two different plots that tangled together nicely with some unexpected twists. However, when reading the author's view on the have's and have not's in the world and how every one "deserves" things just because they exist, I immediately became turned off and will not read or recommend this author. Entitlement is a HUGE problem in our society. No one deserves anything. If a person wants to go to college, that's great. Take out student loans like I did. And pay them back, like I did and shut up about it. I didn't expect someone to give me a free education just because I exist. I worked damn hard for it. Then I got a job that offered excellent benefits so I had great health care. Before then, my parents covered my through their great jobs that they worked hard to earn benefits through. No one DESERVES anything just because they exist. There is no such thing as "free." If you, Daniel, want people educated and insured, who do think is going to pay for that? The rich, you say? Because they "deserve" it? Unfortunately it will be me, the middle class paying, not the rich. I already pay for other people's health care, while I have my own, so I guess I should now pay for their education, too. If someone wants to go to college, pay for it -- student loans are available -- or don't go. It's that easy. Unfortunately, our esteemed President has made it impossible to go without insurance, even if you're a man and don't need prenatal care -- according to law, you still must carry it. But get a job and EARN the benefit instead of being a leach on society and thinking it's DESERVED. I really enjoyed the book, but you ruined it with your "debt free, free health" nonsense. There is no free.

Ed Combs says

Absolutely gripping

Trying not to sound like a rubber stamped cliché, but how do you get around, intense, provoking, mind boggling, thrilling, non-stop, realistic, etc.?

"Daniel Sullivan's", "Black collar" is the first book I have read where I actually caught myself holding my breath between sentences waiting to see what was next. Numerous times I had to force myself to slow down, take a breath, thinking did I read that right, and then go back re-read the paragraph just to make sure I hadn't mis-read anything.

This is one Author I will do what ever it takes to shake his hand, give him a "Well done" and hopefully get an autographed copy!

Well done Sir, well done!

Ed (DV) Combs

Dorothy Gagnon says

Pursuing Justice

A highly successful U. S. Senator showed outward signs of age due to the consumption of alcohol. Worse his abuse of women over the years made him a very dangerous person to be involved in an affair. Driving dangerously one night he crashed into another car, and then purposely drove it over the edge killing all inside.

Unknown to Martin, one person was thrown through the windshield and seriously injured, but got a look at the Vehicle that caused the death of his family. He vowed then if he lived, he would track him down and make him pay.

Interesting story of how a crash survivor struggled to get his body well and in shape to pursue the murderer and bring justice for his loving family.

Allastar Morpheus Sevan says

Black Collar: Book 1 of the Uncommon Rebels Trilogy by Daniel Sullivan; published by Paper Airplane Press (2014-07-30).

“Necessitous men are not free men.”

From the epigraph to its final paragraph, the political thriller Black Collar by first-time author Daniel Sullivan, is an excellent and engaging work of literary fiction.

Black Collar is set in a fictional America where a half dozen colossal media corporations determine 90% of what citizens read, watch, or listen to; where the U.S. Supreme Court has handed those same corporations carte blanche influence over local, state and federal political elections; where shadowy government agencies routinely conduct massive, illegal surveillance of millions of ordinary Americans; and where that last bastion of free speech - the internet - finally succumbed to the corporate onslaught and died with a whimper under the auspices of the American Liberty Equal Internet Act or ALEIA. Did I say Black Collar was set in a fictional America?

This is the America Hart Galliston and his best friend and partner, Rockle Farnsworth, confront. Recent graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the two are about to launch a software startup called Rockhart Technology, when an evil both banal and extraordinary touches the Galliston family.

Black Collar is a real page-turner that is socially and politically relevant and insightful. Stylistically the language is lean and tight, always driving the story forward. The characters are realistic, engaging, and dynamic. The plotting of Black Collar is well-conceived, the narrative internally consistent, and the action highly cinematic.

I had all but abandoned fictional novels because, while their style is realistic, their plotting usually strives to

avoid reality at all cost. Black Collar is different, it's the epitome of realistic fiction and far surpasses most contemporary examples of the genre. My only regret is that I binged and read the book too quickly (I told ya it was a real page-turner).

I hope Mr. Sullivan will release his second volume of the Uncommon Rebels trilogy soon, I can't wait to see what happens and how these characters mature. One thing I know for sure, someone from Hollywood needs to translate this work of literature to film, because Black Collar would also make a great movie.

Bravo, Daniel Sullivan. Bravo.

Grecia says

Black Collar it has been a true revelation for me.

I received this book for free, I was doubtful about what was the deal about this book, after the first chapter I was confused and hated the fact that Martin was this abusive senator, however the more I read the more I needed to know what was going to happen.

Honestly this book was really great, It well let you understand a little more about politics, but more important it will be a story about courage, standing for the truth, love, vengeance, friendship, unity and liberty.

For those who enjoy thrilling stories this book will definitely inspire your mind and imagination.

Thanks to the author, for delivering such a great book.

Awesome! 5 stars.

Jacquelyn E. Salive says

Up-to-the-Minute Read

Getting a free e-book was a surprise, so I decided to check it out and couldn't put it down. Don't know when I have ever read a book so up to the minute as this book's main concern of net neutrality. It's one of my concerns also. Adding the shady banking practices just added to the immediacy. And more books to come as this is first in a trilogy!

Kathy says

Exceptional

An exceptionally well written tale of the corruption brought about by too much power. One of the best Indy books I have read.

Nancy says

nice try

The story rambled all over the place. The writing ranged from decent to adolescent. There's potential, but some tight editing is needed.

Kelly says

Read this!!

This is a very well written realistic possibility for any nation. While the descriptions of places and actions, at times were too detailed, even the details were eloquent and beautiful. I enjoyed this book so much I couldn't put it down ... it took all day and most of the night. Great character building and varied types of people made this fun to read.

Staci says

There is nothing I love more than finding a new author who can not only hold my attention, but creates an urgent need for me to continue reading just another page...and then another... because you just cannot put it down! Daniel Sullivan has created a story that could be ripped from the headlines and it focuses on what many American's fear - the loss of freedom. Black Collar is more than an entertaining read. It opens the reader's eyes to what can happen and does happen when the government is bought and paid for by "big money". I can't wait to see what Daniel has in store for us in the future. Well done.
