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With rebel leader Darian free at last, the humans and outsiders on Ixeos must find a way to join forces and defeat the Firsts. The problem? All slaves are tracked with GPS, the Firsts are the only ones with power, and roving gangs hate the rebels just as much as they hate the aliens. As Darian and the outsiders from Earth travel the globe through the mysterious tunnels in Paris, they learn that the Firsts are preparing to launch another wave of biological warfare. With a transporter that will allow the aliens to target any city, anywhere on the planet, the rebels know they must stop them at all costs. As things get more dangerous on Ixeos, the outsiders find that they're pushed to their limit. Will they fight for freedom, no matter the price?

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Tara Lee says

I was really excited to read IXEOS: Rebellion by Jennings Wright which is the second book in the IXEOS Trilogy. I'd loved the first one. I was being introduced to a brand new world that was actually parallel to our own with one hitch. Firsts. Those were the group of aliens that had claimed Ixeos as their own and were using humans as slaves. The ones they'd captured anyway. The rest were either part of the resistance/rebellion, in gangs, or just trying to stay as far under the radar as possible. The goal of the resistance in book one was to free their leader, Darian. All of the action came to a head at the end of the book and just exploded and was an awesome read.

It was a little different starting this one. It was quiet and somber and a bit slow at the beginning. Which I suppose was appropriate given the last book. You need a chance to kind of gather your wits about you and take a few breaths before diving back in to the action. The imagery portrayed in the very first paragraph of this book just kind of grabbed me by the arm and said "You WILL read me. Now." It was amazing and sucked me right in. I love that in a story.

I liked coming back to Neahle and Clay and Marty. It's been a while since they'd followed those darn ducks through that tunnel and in to the underground of Ixeos. They've integrated pretty well and seem to be set in their own respective tasks now that the big raid is over. Only now, there's a whole new set of problems. The Firsts are "raising" children for some unknown purpose and seem to have started using bio-chemical agents on the streets of the cities and are taking out ANY living human within the limits.

For a while I found myself wondering when it was going to pick up. I didn't mind the pace of the story, but throw a lot of information at me and I start kind of tuning out. It picked up REAL quick when I least expected it. Which is good in a sense, but bad for the characters in the book. The resistance took some real hits and it was so sad to have to keep reading once I thought I'd figured out what was going to happen.

I loved the reference to A Bug's Life. It's pretty true after all. But scary when you think about the fact that, like Darian and so many other people say, it's going to get worse before it gets better. In the words of Ugl from the movie Neverending Story, "It has to hurt if it's to heal." And the rebellion is hurting. But, on the other hand, they are also taking great strides in moving forward and attempting to take back the planet and defeat the firsts.

There are a lot of new characters introduced in this installment. New arrivals to Ixeos and new outsiders. I like getting to see a little glimpse of all the people that make the machine that is the rebellion work. And they do. They all work together pretty cohesively. No one seems to try and take leadership from anyone else and everyone operates as a unit. Each person knows what they're good at and they do it.

I think Rod ended up being one of my favorite characters in this one. Surprisingly enough given what I knew about him from the last one. He really threw himself in to redeeming himself with the rebellion and with Hannah. And I really liked that I got to see more of Marty this time. He played a HUGE part in this particular novel.

The story is a pretty twisty roller coaster. Like I said it started out slow but picked up quickly. There were some definite high points for our characters. Points where hope seemed to be restored and everyone was ready and raring to go. Those points, however, were followed by the crashing lows that made them wonder if

anything was going to work at all. Because, let's face it, if you let characters in a story like this stay happy for too long it would just kill the book wouldn't it? Haha.

I'd recommend this for anyone who read the first book in the series. For anyone who likes dystopian novels and sci - fi. If you HAVEN'T read book one yet, I highly suggest you do, or you'll be kind of lost. But it was a great read. Kudos again to our author, Jennings Wright, for a wonderful and suspenseful tale.

CCAM&GZM says

Reading Ixeos Rebellion it's like when you meet a good friend after a long time. You know, looking forward to see how he is and try a bit of anxiety to see if something you liked about him has changed... Ixeos has changed. It's more mature, more serious, but just as good as ever.

The losses incurred in the first volume, the success of the "outsiders" and its repercussions bring a deeper seriousness. Humor no longer makes an appearance and the atmosphere is one under pressure and which menaces with a disaster at any moment. Disaster that can come (and sometimes it comes) from any direction.

The ingenuity and the fever of the preparation for the new mission, manifests not as vivid as in the first volume. The enthusiasm and eagerness to obtain the result gives way to deeper analysis. Everything is an unquietness: missions executed as planned or messed up, regrouping and ad-hoc actions. The tomorrow's uncertainty is felt at every step they take. Everything is a matter of life and death. Some will survive, others will not, and the author wants and she succeeds to not let you know what will happen.

All characters are important, and their separation into main and secondary is superfluous. Old and new characters you'll feel them, you'll know them and you will deplore their disappearance. The relationships that are born or developed can be destroyed at any moment. The author introduces in a delicate manner several love stories whose kismet remains to be known. Something binds the "outsiders" to Ixeos and their desire to return "home" becomes evanescent. All these will increase the stake and the need to win. I like how Darian does not take over the action. With his own anxieties, a good leader and comrade, he integrates, leads the rebellion and takes risks just like everyone else.

The action runs smoothly and the plans' details, the way of solving problems or discovering new ones, the feelings and thoughts of the characters put you in the heat of all events.

The last volume should bring more answers. That's because in Ixeos Rebellion new unknowns occur. What you knew is totally changed, what you did not know you still don't know. Who or what is London, who or what is Darian and what they can do, Clay's "special" connection with Ixeos (yes, I didn't forgot about it) remains a mystery, and the ending - although you are given the information that not everything is what it seems to be - it's best to leave you wide-eyed.

Conclusion: I met an old friend and I love it just as much.

"What do you think he's going to do first?" [...]

Neahle shrugged and continued eating her apple. It was the biggest question on everyone's mind, and no one had an answer. That didn't keep anyone from asking.

Obviously, the Firsts aren't going to let them go that easily. They'd kill them in a heartbeat... It's all going

to have to be timed to have the least amount of casualties."

"Casualties. You mean deaths." Clay sighed. He was twenty years old. He'd been a typical beach bum back in North Carolina. His transition to a soldier had been from necessity, not temperament.

"Yeah, deaths. We have to trust that Darian will come up with a plan for them. [...]

Wherever he's from, whatever he is, he's all we've got."

Nicole Hewitt says

This review and many others can be found on my blog - Feed Your Fiction Addiction.

Even though this is technically a tour for Ixeos Rebellion, I also read Ixeos (the first book in the series) for this review. so I'm going to talk about both. (For a synopsis of Ixeos, see below).

Honestly, these books are a bit difficult for me to review because they weren't what I was expecting and they didn't exactly fit in with the type of book that I typically like to read. When I read the blurb for Ixeos, I was expecting a YA dystopian fantasy. And this series definitely has some elements of the genre - the main characters find themselves stolen away to an alternate version of earth. A version that has been overrun by aliens and where humans have been forced into slavery. It certainly sounds dystopian, doesn't it? The problem is that the books didn't read like dystopian novels in my opinion. While the teens are swept away to Ixeos in a supernatural manner, there is very little other supernatural activity in the book (besides a few isolated scenes which I won't go into because it would spoil part of the mystery of one of the characters). And, while the planet is overrun with aliens, we don't see them much at all and when we do, they just seem like people - just kind of dangerous people. So, yes, the setting is dystopian, but the books don't meet my general expectations for a dystopian novel.

So, if these books don't seem like dystopian novels, what are they? I felt like they read more like technological thrillers maybe? The first book centers around the group racing to crack the aliens' codes using World War II code machines. They are attempting to break the leader of the revolution out of prison, but the prison moves constantly and they need to break these codes in order to figure out where he will be. The second book involves the revolutionaries trying to disable the aliens' satellites so that they can free the slaves. Of course, there is more to both books than that, but those elements are the ones that stood out as the main plots of the books. The books were well-written and would probably really appeal to someone who loves this type of book. I just found myself losing interest because it's not the type of book I'm completely interested in. I found myself skimming some of the technological stuff so that I could get to the character development scenes (including romance - there wasn't a huge romantic element to the books, but there was some). So, having said all that, here are a few specifics:

What I enjoyed:

The characters.

I was interested in getting to know these characters and I really enjoyed the scenes that focused on building their relationships. There were LOTS of characters in these books (perhaps a few too many) and I thought that Wright did a good job of giving them all distinct personalities.

The cinematic feel.

I actually found myself thinking that I would really enjoy this story if it were made into a TV show. I know that's ironic since I said that I wasn't crazy about the genre, but I think it would really play out well on the

small screen and would be similar to other shows that I love (something along the lines of Revolution). I think that, as a TV series, we would have time to really get to know all of these characters that Wright created, which would heighten the stakes for us. I think that the world that Wright created would be really interesting on TV as well.

What I didn't love:

The lack of POV.

These books seemed to have a sort of omniscient point of view, which I wasn't fond of. I felt like I couldn't get to know the characters as well this way and would have preferred seeing the world from one or two characters perspectives.

Overall, I thought that Ixeos and Ixeos Rebellion were well-executed, but they weren't exactly my style. If you enjoy technological thrillers with a splash of dystopian fantasy, then these are the books for you! 3/5 Stars.

Disclosure: Ixeos Rebellion was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review (I downloaded Ixeos for free on Amazon awhile back). No other compensation was given. All opinions are my own*

Marni says

Action, adventure, love, loss, friendship, hope, fear and the unknown. These and many more things make up IXEOS: Rebellion. The rebels, not giving up, hiding and fighting off not only the Firsts but also the human gangs, are doing their best to outwit the enemy.

The action is never ending with this book, the story a fight for all things right. I found myself cheering the rebels on, joining in on the merriment they celebrated, afraid of loss of one and saddened of the loss of another. I couldn't stop reading! The reader gets to learn more about the characters and those who were in the background in the first book are given their time to shine. We get to learn more about Darian, who we expected to be a lot like his father, but discover that in many ways he's different.

This book starts and just keeps going forward. The first book took care of the backstory and this book just lets you go for the ride with the characters, their plans, their discoveries and what it entails for the land and its people as a whole. The author truly amazes me with how she figured out where things were, how the characters would get there, landmarks, etc. She does it flawlessly but almost to the point that there's just too much being tossed at the reader at one time. I would suggest a couple maps inserted for the reader to reference just so they could see the scheme of the entire operation as a whole.

This book and the first have been categorized in several genres; dystopian, science fiction, tech thriller, etc. It's hard to pinpoint exactly what type of book it is, but I find that a bit refreshing. I had read the first book a few months prior and was thrown a bit because it wasn't a normal this or that type of book. I wasn't sure how I would take it in the end and I found that it was nice to be thrown for a loop and so I happily geared up for IXEOS: Rebellion and was not disappointed.

I look forward to more books about IXEOS, the non-earth world, the rebels and the fight they bring to the table. I recommend this to anyone who is looking for something outside of the box as a whole but definitely for the science fiction reader.

Oana D. H. says

After they released Darian all they wanted to do was fight and win. They wanted to get their home back-they wanted to kill all the Firsts and live in peace again. But what if that isn't as easy as they thought?

Speechless again, like i was after i read the first book in this series. I liked Rebellion- i liked the fact that everything was much better and there was a lot of actions and new things. It wasn't something simple or boring. It was interesting and hard to ignore, an original idea. And that's something that in my opinion matters.

The fight-the way the humans reacted was exactly what the Firsts didn't expect. And it was perfect. Hard decisions. Some happy moments and sad moments. And some things i can't believe that happened. It was fun and i enjoyed reading about how they planned everything-especially how Marty reacted every time he had a new idea. Or when something important happened. It makes you think about how the world you live in is right now or how it could be if we were invaded by aliens. Something that i hope will never happen.

I could say that everything was perfect-but i can't. Mainly,because one character died and i didn't expect that. But the rest..yeah,like i said i am speechless! I didn't expect this! But i liked it.

Still Neahle,Marty and Clay are my favorites. Marty because he was brilliant. Neahle because she was stronger than she thought. And Clay because he was brave enough to help rescuing the kids. And more. I won't write everything. You'll know more after you read the book.

Darian-i expected him to have powers like Landon, but i guess he was different. But the fact that he didn't give up makes me believe that he was a good leader. He did everything he could to save the slaves, even if he had to make some hard decisions.

If i could i would write about all the characters, but that would take longer and i don't want to write more details about what happened in the book.

The difference between this book and the first one is that in Rebellion the humans are trying to get back their planet by doing everything they can. A huge battle. An important one.. But the end of the book? That was ..I'm not even sure what to write about that. Shock? Yeah. I still can't believe that.

Anyway,i recommend this book, and the first one in the series,to everyone! I liked it.. So you have to give it a try.

Christy says

I really enjoyed this second book of the Ixeos Trilogy. Dystopian in nature, this trilogy follows the lives of Neahle, Marty, and Clay along with fellow "outsiders" who have been brought to the planet Ixeos by way of a tunnel. My review of the first book can be found here: Ixeos review.

Ixeos is a planet just like Earth, except that it is years into our future and aliens called The Firsts have taken over the planet and are enslaving humans. The "outsiders" are the only ones who can save Ixeos. They help

the rebel cells that are determined to win the planet back.

The old characters are back and some of the secondary characters are playing a bigger part in Ixeos: Rebellion. Marty is probably my favorite character in these books. He is someone who would not have had much impact on our Earth, but on Ixeos he is a hero. His computer hacking skills and knowledge of all things techy have raised him to VIP status. He is lovable and geeky and funny. I feel like in this book, he is the best developed character, and his storyline is the most interesting. I hope Neahle plays a more prominent role in the third book. I felt that though she did have some storyline this time, her personality didn't get the chance to shine.

The different settings in Ixeos: Rebellion make for an interesting geography lesson. The tunnels that "the outsiders" use in Ixeos can lead them almost anywhere in the world, as long as tunnels existed before the war. Ms. Wright introduces many different areas of the world including Paris, Seoul, and Boston.

I highly recommend this book to young adult and adult readers alike. I love dystopian literature, and this one met my expectations of an exciting read.

a_tiffyfit says

Review to come, part of a book tour!

Laurie Hopkins says

Can't stop reading

I just don't want to put it down, the author grabs you from book one and you just want to read until everyone is free and the mystery of Land on and Darian is solved.
