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This trilling tale of dystopian espionage in a post-apocalyptic Japan completes the story that started with Whispers of the Dead—

HAVING LITTLE HOPE left, Roshike's friends refuse to give up as they approach the endgame of their effort to take down the power behind the Batsu. Against almost impossible odds, they're ready to risk their lives to remake the system—but what else are they willing to do, and what are they prepared to lose in order to win?

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Betty says

Endurance of the Free (Miraibanashi, #3) is a gripping conclusion to the new series by James Litherland. It's set in a bleak future time in Japan where the Batsu are the ruling class. Roshike and his allies are striving to overthrow the government and implement a fairer and more humane system of rule. The final installment explores the sacrifices made to accomplish that goal. With thanks to the author for my copy.

Don says

Good conclusion to a great series. Suitable for all young adult and school grade readers.

Sharon says

I would like to thank the author, James Litherland, for giving me a copy of Endurance of the Free. I was under no obligation to review this book and my opinion is freely given.

Roshike has sacrificed himself to the cause, in the hopes that his partners and friends will be able to complete the mission in his absence. Held by the ruthless Batsu governor and tortured for information, will Roshike be able to hold out long enough for his friends to finish the modifications for the Gaku-net? Will this change in protocol allow for all members of their society to be treated fairly under the new code?

This Japanese spy thriller feels very much like a conclusion to the series about a subversive group trying to bring equality and fairness to their society. With great action sequences that would be at home on the silver screen, Endurance of the Free features non-stop thrilling moments until the very end. With more of an ensemble cast, no one character stands out more than the others. As Seiko is my favorite character, I would have liked to have gotten to know her a little better. This book provided the opportunity for the author to let readers into her world more, but I do not feel like I learned any additional facts about her. That being said, I enjoyed reading Endurance of the Free and would recommend that readers who are new to the series start with book 1, Whispers of the Dead.

Sheila says

Third in the Miraibanashi trilogy, Endurance of the Free is smoother, faster reading than its predecessors, building confidently to its exciting conclusion. Themes are explored more deeply than in the other books as rebels seek to create something close to a perfect society. The balance between individual freedom and collective responsibility is nicely explored, in a world where collective responsibility has devolved into authoritarian control. As each step is programmed and planned, the rebels know their new world won't be "perfect—rules never could be—but the inherent authority to make decisions would belong to each individual..."

The spirituality behind rebellion is convincing too, low-key enough not to slow the story, but deep enough to give the narrative genuine meaning and direction. Japanese names and ideas blend very plausibly with Christian themes. And it's all set in a futuristic (but believable) world, where samurai skills are as important as talents with computers, and hope is hard, but not impossible to find.

The action is exciting. The arguments are intriguing. And the plot flows nicely forward, making this my favorite of the trilogy. With minimal but nicely sufficient backstory, it would be well worth reading on its own as well.

Disclosure: I was given a copy and I offer my honest review.

John Naylor says

I received this book directly from the author in exchange for a review.

First of all, do not attempt to start the series with this one.

It continues the story and at the start the heroes are all split up. They each contribute to a bigger goal in their own way. The characters are all well rounded? and interesting in their own way. The plot is as fast as it needs to be and although parts are very technical it doesn't drag.

I see parallels with a country that the author lives in in this series and its current ruler. I am sure that was intentional. There was a strange twist near the end that could possibly be showing how the series might continue. I, for one, hope it does!

Definitely 5 stars and a trilogy worth reading!

R.J. says

I received a free copy of this book.

I enjoyed this trilogy. The style shifted from a more mysterious dystopian style in the first book, to more of a thriller in the latter two books. That's not a bad thing, but different from my favorite parts of the first book.

The ending of this book was solid and fun to read.
