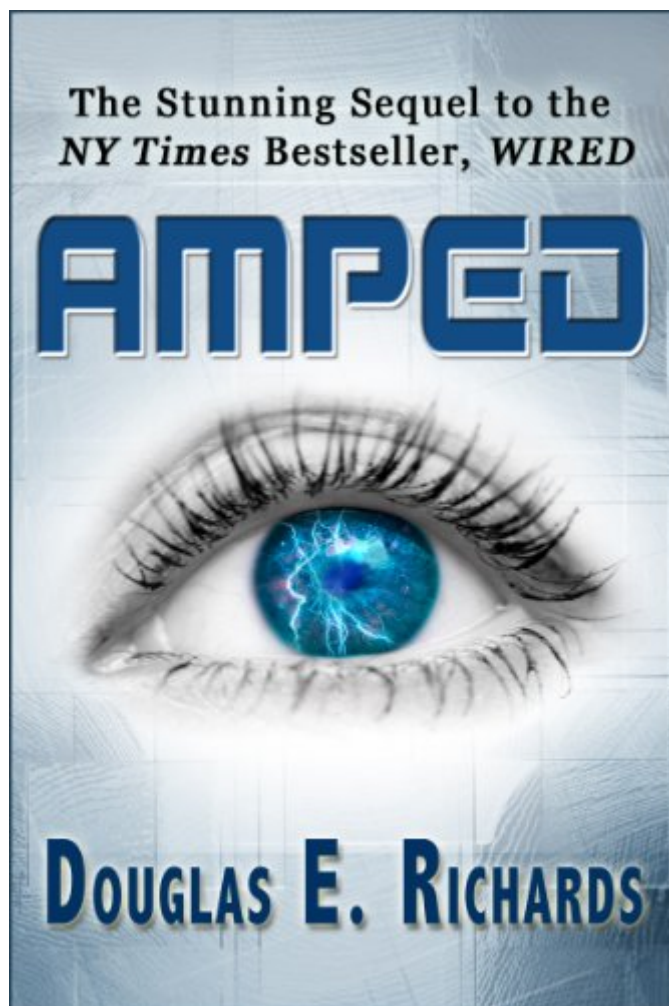


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

After reading *Wired* I was curious about what else could be in the author's mind prepared for Kira Miller and David Dosh. I should say that I was totally shocked by the course of the plot since the *Alien Story* was something that gave me some doubts about what was coming. Had the author turned into a such a plot out of the blue? Where was the reality that was so well substantiated in the previous book? Still I was too much engaged and could only wait to the end to find out what was behind this surrealistic idea. And I was totally compensated by the end of the story where every part of the puzzle was put in the right place completing a wonderful story and a second book of this sequel that was as good as the first one. I truly recommend this book.

When I started reading this sequel, I was curious where the author would take the story. After all, what do you do with these "enhanced IQs"? Kira Miller, the brilliant geneticist who created the gelcap that could allow your IQ to climb to unprecedented levels, is now happily partnered with David Dosh or is she? When she comes across some damning evidence that David has kept secret from her, she doesn't know what to believe. Is this the same man she fell in love with? At the same time David has found his own troubling evidence that points him in a direction and paints Kira as the dangerous psychopath the government thinks she is. The stakes are higher than ever: the government is still after them with only one objective in mind--elimination, no questions asked. As if that isn't enough, there is another elusive enemy out there waiting and biding his time for the perfect time to strike out at Kira and David. These 2 events would be enough for most thriller-type novels, but Mr. Richards throws in another fantastic science-fiction scenario at the readers and makes it

work. The action is non-stop, the characters are fully fleshed out and the science used is enough to satisfy even the toughest scifi critic. I thought I had figured out the who, what and where only to find out that I had only scratched the tip of the iceberg. I kept reading at a voracious pace to find out what was the "real" story and who were the bad guys. Could I trust my own judgment of character to even figure that much out or would Mr. Richards blow that out of the water too? AMPED is a smart, action-packed thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the last page is read. Fans of science fiction and thrillers will certainly want to add this one to their library. It's a keeper. Highly Recommended.

This is the second installment in the "wired" series and just as dazzling as the first novel. This novel grabs the reader and never lets go, and combines excellent characterizations, fast-moving plot, and brilliant scientific speculation. This all comes together to make this a highly readable novel that most readers will not be able to put down. I know that I could not. My only criticism of this novel is that it really had almost too many twists and turns. There were one or 2 of these twists and turns that I think could have been done away with without compromising the main story. However, this is a mild criticism and many readers will not agree with me. This one is a page turner and truest meaning of the term and I can highly recommend it. RJB.

A super sequel to Wired. Jeeze. Was not disappointed at all. We have an attack on the headquarters for Kira and Desh. Metzger is killed and Kira and Desh are on the run to an alternate site. We also have Jake, a Spec Ops Colonel, who is after Kira and Desh. He believes what he's been told. They are terrorists. Jake has a team of very, very good Spec Ops guys who are moving heaven and earth to kill Kira and Desh. Jake isn't a murderer though and any of the civilian scientists, if caught, are to be well treated. He thinks they are dupes in Kira's world. Jake is actually a very honorable guy. A fact that both Kira and Desh are amazed to learn. Loads of secrets in this one. First from Kira and Metzger, who surprise, wasn't really killed. He and Kira's alternate are trying to save the day along with Matt. Desh is captured because he refuses to kill any of Jake's Spec Ops guys. Of course being Spec Ops himself ain't no way he's gonna kill guys who are just doing their job. Kira trades herself for Desh and then meets Jake face to face. Jake keeps his word and Desh is left where he can be found. Kira, of course, enhanced herself with a time release gel cap. Jake treats her well but doesn't trust her. Kira tries to make her case to Jake but he ain't buyin it. He believes what he's been told about both Kira and Desh. Once she's enhanced she makes her escape. Right through Jake and four guards. Way ta go Kira. Desh picks her up later and they discuss Jake and what's going

on. We also have an alien space ship that arrives and sprinkles nanites all over earth. This of course freaks out most of the planet. A load of super scientists from all over the world converge on a cruise ship off Angola. The UN is running the show and no one can figure out what the heck is going on with the nanites. Really scratched my head over the alien threat. I should have known it wasn't what it seemed. Jake contacts Kira and asks for her help. She sends Matt and Desh. Desh who was wounded trying to take out Frey who has returned from Wired. Seems he wasn't really dead and is hellbent on running his own show killing anyone in his way is easy for the enhanced Frey. Desh is okay to go with Matt after enhancement. He's there for security for Matt. He and Jake meet and lo and behold they like each other from the get go. This book is a roller coaster of a ride. Loads of good guys, Kira, Desh and her crew along with Jake who turns out to be a man of honor and someone they can all trust. I'll look forward to seeing Jake in the next novels. Also glad Metzger is still around. Lost Jim Connelly is this one though. Gonna miss Desh's old boss big time. Five Stars

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