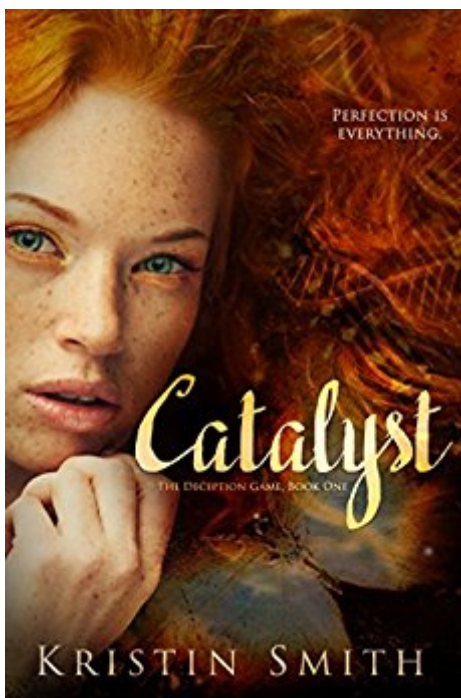


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Synopsis

A fast-paced thrilling adventure, full of danger, romance, and deception—perfect for fans of Veronica Roth's *Divergent* series or Marie Lu's *Legend*. Too pretty. Too smart. Too perfect. In a crumbling, futuristic Las Vegas where the wealthy choose the characteristics of their children like ordering off a drive-thru menu, seventeen-year-old Sienna Preston doesn't fit in. As a normal girl surrounded by genetically modified teenagers, all of her imperfections are on display. But after the death of her father, everything she's ever known and loved changes in an instant. With little skills to help provide for her family, Sienna clings to the two things that come easily—lying and stealing. But not all thief-for-hire assignments go as planned. When a covert exchange of a stolen computer chip is intercepted, she becomes entangled with a corrupt government official who uses her thieving past as leverage, her mother as collateral, and the genetically modified poster boy she's falling for as bait. In order to rescue her mother, there may only be one option—joining forces with the Fringe, an extremist group, and their young leader who's too hot to be bad. Problem is, these revolutionaries aren't what they seem, and the secrets they're hiding could be more dangerous than Sienna is prepared for. In the end, she must be willing to risk everything to save the one thing that matters most.

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Customer Reviews

LOVED this book! A future world with deception and romance. I was planning on stretching this book out over 3-4 weeks by only reading for a few minutes each night but 3 nights in and I couldn't put it down. I read the rest of the book the 4th day I had it. I wish the ext book was available now! If you liked Hunger Games or the Divergent series then this is right up your alley!

I seem to be in the minority here -- but I did not like this books as much as everyone else. First, the concept is a good one. The book starts out ok, but then it goes into juvenile mode. What I didn't like, first of all, was the changes of the heroine without us experiencing it -- we're just told in chapter 2 that, following a family loss, she is all of a sudden a thief. Really! Really? It would've been nice to experience that change. Whatever! Then we get these love interests that fit the stereotype (good boy/bad boy) and the dialogue becomes sappy/corny and not very genuine or original. The bad guys seem more like cartoons, and their actions laughable. And don't get me started on the ending -- I mean, how else would the author continue a "series" without some amnesia thrown in! Again, so original (rolling my eyes here).I gave this book three stars (although 2-stars would've sufficed) because the writer had a good idea for a book that just did not go right for me. I've read this before - by so many other writers who did a better job. Don't think I'll read the other(s) because why spend money on something you already kind of know where it goes?

Catalyst depicts a very realistic future in which genetic modification has taken over. The main character, Sienna, is forced to engage in criminal behavior after her father dies suddenly. When she learns her father's death wasn't an accident, her motives change. Kristin's version of the future is all too real...eventually people likely will choose their children's characteristics thanks to science. But she also packs plenty of action scenes into the book that keep you turning the pages until the very end.

Excellent book! Can't wait for the next one! Definitely worthwhile to read! If you are a fan of Janet Evanovich or Tiffany Snow I would definitely recommend this for you. Especially loved that the

romance is done very tactfully. It gives just enough detail but also leaves some to the imagination. Cool science fiction concept that might be a possibility in the near future!

A great book!!! I love that it's dystopian in feel but not in your face about it. The main character is both real and lovable. The writing is so well done that honestly the words kind of disappeared and I just started seeing the story itself. Very few books am I really able to do that with and those always turn into my favorite. Definitely a reread for me!

As a lover of dystopian novels, Smith's first book in her series provides just the right amount of action and romance in a futuristic society. I found myself instantly connected with Sienna. As I turned the last page, I longed to read more. Definitely looking forward to the next installment in this series.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was an easy read, through such descriptive words I felt as if I were there in the book and experiencing Sienna's emotions. What a rollercoaster!!! Can't wait for the sequel, what a cliff hanger! There was little to no swearing and no sexual content, which I appreciated. My down time is limited and I didn't feel this book was a waste of my time in any way.

read this in one day...what an amazing ride!! Smith's writing is captivating, and the story is unique and addictive (THAT END THOUGH). Can't WAIT for book #2

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