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Configured: Book #1 In The Configured Trilogy



Synopsis

Praise for Configured: "Can I rate it 7 stars? This book is awesome!" "Better than Hunger Games and Divergent" "Hooked from the first chapter!" "There will come a day... when love will mark you as a traitor. In a society where emotions are nothing and function is everything, Avlyn Lark is just trying to blend in. She's lucky to be alive, unlike her twin brother Ben who died when they were four. And she's lucky to have been taken from her biological parents and assigned to a Level Two family. But mastering her emotions? That's a problem, especially when a rebel bomb blows up a building right in front of her." Then on Configuration Day, Avlyn's official transition to adulthood, she starts seeing strange visions. And instead of being placed with a low-level tech company where she could hide herself away, she's hired by Genesis Technologies, the government firm that monitors every citizen. Now, instead of blending in, Avlyn fears she'll be exposed for what she really is. If Gen Tech finds out how deeply she feels, it will ruin her life. And if they find out about her secret meetings with a mysterious but handsome member of the rebel forces, her life will be more than ruined. It will be over. Fans of Divergent, Matched, and the Maze Runner will love this world of dark secrets, intrigue and thirst for a better tomorrow. Buy Configured today to read a YA Dystopian/Light Romance that will leave you wanting more!

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Customer Reviews

Avlyn, reassigned to a compatible family when she was young, is preparing for her configuration. Today she will get her work assignment, check her spouse pairing and move out on her own. She will also cut ties with her school friends, because childhood friendships are discouraged after your configuration. Above all else you must *Remember your function.* Life in the new world, in Elore, created and run by Direction is predictable, safe and dictated by the Direction officials at every level. You must keep control at all times, but what if there's more to life than working and serving your government? Avlyn is about to find out that she's not your average citizen and that keeping control isn't always possible or best. It all starts with a mysterious message she receives *"Lose your life and you might find it. But time is running out. Will she ignore the cryptic message or investigate it and launch herself into a world she didn't believe existed?"* Configured, besides being my favorite dystopian genre, drew me in from the beginning with its parallels to the world we live in today. Direction runs society, their message; fit in, do what you're told to do, don't ask questions. In so many ways these are the unspoken rules we live by today, aren't they? I don't have the space to explore this in depth, but ask yourself why. Why do you do the job you do? Do you love it, or was it the career path that "fit you best?" What choices have you really made for yourself or do you just have the illusion of choice as Avlyn does? We probably don't need a full on revolution to change our lives but Avlyn does. The only choice she has left is to keep doing as Direction tells her to, or join the revolution and use her skill to change things. I loved this book, in case you couldn't tell, and my bet is you will too! It has an overarching truth resonating through it that is summed up in this quote from it.

I absolutely loved this story and was blown away when I found out it was Jenetta Penner's debut novel. I haven't read a dystopian novel in quite some time and now all I want to read next are more dystopian novels until the next in the Configured

Trilogy comes out! The world Jenetta built is fascinating. I can't imagine a life where showing emotion is illegal: it sounds so cold and miserable. I found myself empathizing with Avlyn on so many occasions as well as shedding tears during some scenes. Is there romance? Not outright, but there is definitely budding romance happening throughout the story. I am interested to see if a love triangle possibly develops between Meyer, Aron, and Avlyn. I enjoyed the little bit of tension at the end of the book between Meyer and Aron. I won't lie, I crave drama—especially when it involves love! I also look forward to learning more about Avlyn's unique talent. Did it develop due to environmental causes or is it due to genetics? What I enjoyed most regarding the story is how Avlyn isn't your typical dystopian hero where she becomes a trained fighter (which don't get me wrong, I love a strong butt-kicking female lead); she aids Affinity on a completely different level—one that I have never seen before in a novel. I found it brilliant and refreshing! Great work, Jenetta!

I loved this dystopian book and can't wait to read part 2 when it comes out. It's one of those books that just pulls you in and compels you to keep reading. Not so easy to do with dystopian YA literature which is a market with a lot of competition following the Hunger Games trilogy and the Divergent series. However, this is one of the rare exceptions to that, it seems. It's a fresh take on a world that has a thin layer of veneer over the sordid founding. It's got elements of 1984 and the social hierarchy based on births that one finds in A Brave New World. It also has the dissatisfaction ever present when one has been told he or she really has no real decisions left to make, that to follow orders is to be loyal and to thwart authority to seize control over your own destiny is tantamount to treason. This is a solid book with enough of the adult themes of personal freedoms in the face of a world ruled by few to entertain an adult reader while also enough action and suspense to appeal to older readers in the YA market. There's nothing tawdry about theme or events to give any parents pause. Unless they are the type who don't want children that can think for themselves. In that case, this book is dangerous. The Giver is dangerous for the same reason...but only if you fear your children being more than the human equivalent of sheep. Since I'm opposed to anyone being forced into a sheeple status (sheep people), I think this book is fine. Maybe it will help those kids who can't think for themselves and only can deal with the scantron testing/teach to the test society that discourages free thinking. But if they think for themselves they can't be controlled so easily, meaning many would consider this book far more dangerous. Those who do should be considered suspect. Obviously there's something in it for that type to ensure your child is essentially

a sheep. That's your real enemy. Not those trying to liberate minds from being oppressed into unthinking masses who can't have original ideas.

This book was an enjoyable read. I agree with other reviews that there was a dash of Hunger Games and Divergent thrown in but there is only so many Dystopian type stories to tell. The main character was likable and easy to relate to as she had her moments of doubt and guilt but her humanity and abilities made her stand out in a world where only conformity was rewarded.. Avlyn wanted to do the right thing although the choices she made all had consequences and she would have to live with that. Some secrets are revealed at the end which surprised me so that was a bonus. Overall this was a good first book and this series has piqued my interest so I will reading the next one when it released.

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