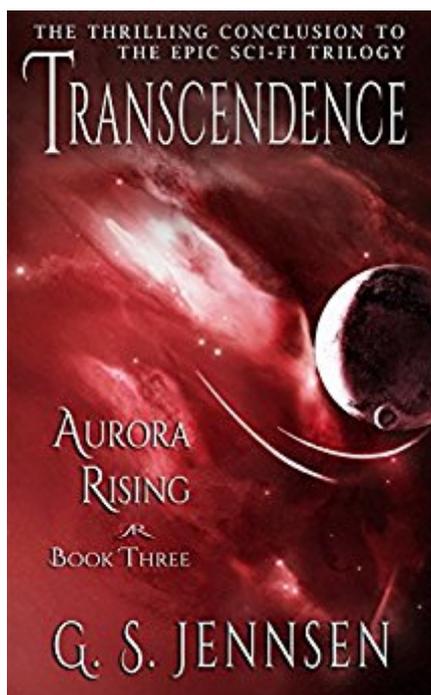


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Synopsis

What does it mean to be human? What if the price of saving humanity is giving up your own? The year is 2322, and we stand upon the precipice of extinction. The invading Metigen armada has decimated the eastern third of settled space in a matter of days, leaving tens of millions dead. Determined to save the heart of human civilization, Earth and Seneca at last put aside their differences to face the threat together. But even this may not be enough to stop the fleet of colossal dreadnoughts inhabited by advanced AIs. Alex Solovy and Caleb Marano hold the key to defeating the invaders, for they know the secrets the aliens wage war to protect. Now they face a deadly gauntlet of relentless alien hunters and assassins sent to kill them before they can unleash a potent new weapon. They will risk everything in a bid to save their families, their loved ones, the entire human race--even if it means they can't save each other. The lines blur between man and machine, ally and enemy, and soldier and civilian. In a final stand against an ancient, powerful foe intent on eradicating it from the universe, humanity comes face to face with its destiny.

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Customer Reviews

1. This is an absolutely amazing book.2. This is an amazing ending to an amazing story.3. G.S. Jennsen is an amazing writer.4. It is my opinion that if you buy and read this book/series, you will gush also. And I'm not even kidding. And this is why I think all of what I just said.1. This book/series is a space opera. Which means it's a really huge story that spans the galaxies. Which means lots of people and places and events. ALL of which were handled beautifully by this writer. I did not scratch my head at any point and wonder - it was all well thought out and nicely tied together.2. The characters were all compelling in their own ways with distinctive and well-developed personalities. There were plenty to love, plenty to hate, and I found myself emotionally invested in pretty much all of them. (Did you hear that, G.S? We need more books about them!)3. The writing was quite well done. In an exciting story such as this one, I sometimes find myself skipping sentences and paragraphs in order to get to more of the story. Not so with this book. I was careful to read each sentence because the writing is just that good. I will echo the other reviewers who have said this book/series is very well done for a first time author. So quit debating with yourself and reading reviews to decide whether or not to purchase and read this book/series. Just do it. And get ready to gush.

For those who love science fiction painted with a broad brush, strong plot lines and well developed characters this is a great read and an excellent closure for the trilogy. You could read this a stand-alone, especially since Jennsen has provide synopses of the two earlier books and a summary list of characters, but I don't recommend it. Transcendence brings together virtually all of the plot lines from the two previous books and - (hope I'm right here) - segways into futher adventures of Alexis and Caleb. In particular, I enjoyed the great dialog, strong female characters, and the male characters who possesed both intelligence and strength, Jennsen adroitly handles combat with nearly invincible aliens, very human relationship issues, the limitations of human intelligence, control of nearly human artificial intelligence, and the importance of individual actions in complex and diverse society under great stress from both within and without. I read though it in two days and am now rereading it more carefully - and enjoying as much as my first read. Hope you enjoy this trilogy as much as I did.

Amazing end to what has been a thoroughly enjoyable series. In this installment it is alien AIs against human/hybrid AIs - the tricky question here is who can out-wit whom. Humanity faces its penultimate challenge: fight as a united force or be annilated. Jennsen has pulled together a supurb conclusion where Alex and Caleb's love for each other is tested in a unique way; more alien

collaborators come out of the woodwork; the good guys have to use every trick and sleight of hand to obscure their plans in order to defeat the aliens - very difficult since the aliens are watching and listening to every move humanity makes; rogue general Liam O'Connell sets about carpet-bombing Federation colonies - who can stop the havoc he is wrecking on the innocent especially when Federation and Alliance forces are tied up battling the alien AIs? It's desperate times for humanity and the fate of all humanity lies in the hands of the newly minted human/hybrid AIs. Jennsen's ability to create strong characters that are likeable, coupled with action and romance has kept me reading this series - couldn't put it down until I had read the last page. A highly recommended story for fans who love a blend of romance, action, war and political drama.

a well written conclusion to the series. only found two typos which is great. the second book pushed the relationship between the two main characters beyond the norm for the genre. if you are one who likes 'romance' novels e.g. like those you often see in grocery checkout lanes with guys with shirts off, then you likely won't be bothered. i however have never understood the attraction to those types of fiction. often books that lack substance and rely on sex to sell. this book does NOT need that though. i don't know if the author's editor pushed that aspect or they simply chose to that route but thankfully in the last book there is not nearly so much in your face. that's good because as said the books are good enough they don't need to use sex as a crutch. a good series not perfect but well worth reading imho nonetheless. i do hope the author continues on with this series. with so many new universes in the mix, the potential story lines would be limited only by the author's imagination.

I thought this book and the whole trilogy were the best books I've read in a while. I actually read the first book about 2 weeks ago on a Monday and I liked it so much I called off of work and read the whole second book by Wednesday of the same week! The characterizations were top notch and I feel like after three books you know the characters so well that you could read quite a bit about their adventures and feel like you are there! As a previous reviewer stated I was content when the last book was over, whereas most of the other authors in sci-fi seem to end the book after the main event without giving any other details or resolution with things that you would like to know about the characters and plot line. Overall, I was extremely happy with the authors writing style and that is what will keep me coming back for any more books that she may write. Hopefully about the characters in Aurora Rising!!

Transcendence does an excellent job of bringing all of the story arcs together in a suspenseful and

intriguing way. Best of all, the very last page leaves you wanting to yell "ah, man!" as it hits home that this is just the beginning of the adventure, and now you have to wait to see where it goes next. Jensen has definitely proven herself to be an author worth paying a lot of attention to.

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