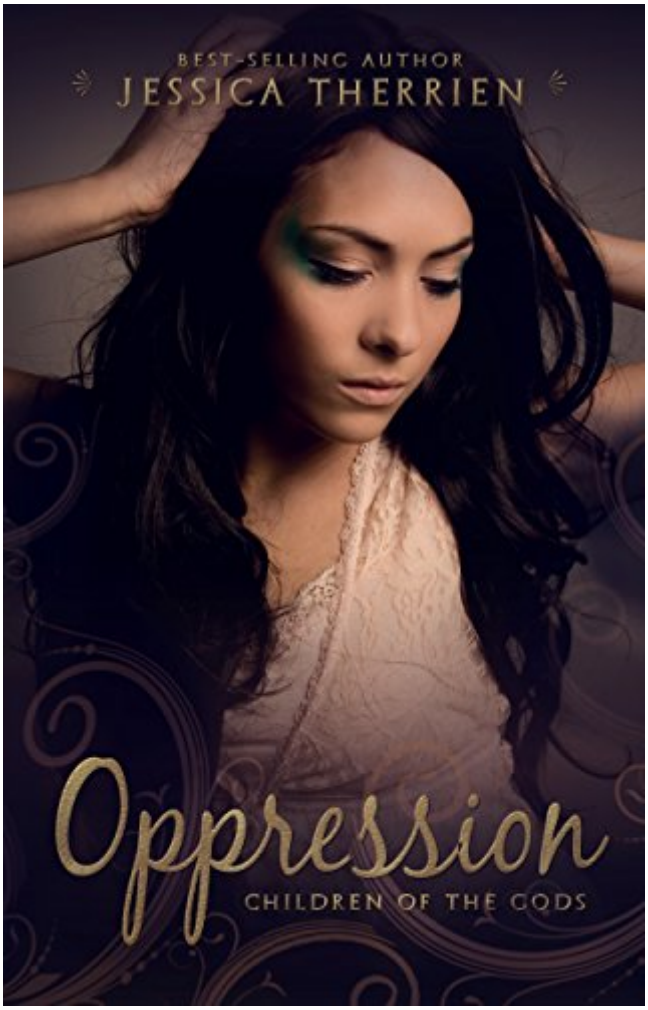
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Synopsis

There are others like her. Many of them. And they have been waiting for her a long time... Elyse knows what it means to keep a secret. She's been keeping secrets her whole life. Two, actually. First, that she ages five times slower than average people, so that while she looks eighteen years old, she's closer to eighty.Ã Â Second, that her blood has a mysterious power to heal. For Elyse, these things don't make her special. They make life dangerous. After the death of her parents, she's been careful to keep her secret as closely guarded as possible. Now, only one other person in the world knows about her age and ability.Ã Â Or so she thinks.Ã Â Elyse is not the only one keeping secrets. There are others like her all over the world, descendants of the very people the Greeks considered gods. She is one of them, and they have been waiting for her for a long time. Some are waiting for her to put an end to centuries of traditions that have oppressed their people under the guise of safeguarding them. Others are determined to keep her from doing just that. But for Elyse, the game is just beginning - and she's not entirely willing to play by their rules. The Children of the Gods is based on the idea that the Greek gods were never really gods at all, but a secret race that has been living among us for centuries. Fans of Shatter Me, Percy Jackson, Divergent, and Harry Potter will love this series.This book is for anyone who enjoys:Greek mythologyYoung Adult love storiesSupernatural abilitiesBooks with a dystopian twist

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Customer Reviews

Thanks so, so much to the author for this ARC copy for an honest review!This book was the ending to my read-a-thon President’s Day holiday weekend. It gave me such a warm and fuzzy feeling on the inside and like my binky, when I was a toddler, I couldn’t let it go. Putting this book down was punishment and I couldn’t rest my weary eyes until I’ve glimpsed every last word.There were prophesies, destinies, oracles, a chosen one, oppressed people, villains (who weren’t afraid to literally "hit" a girl), and Greek mythology with a new spin. This is about the descendents of the Greek gods. Each descendent had a special power based on their ancestors’ bloodline. #FreakingAwesome-sauce The only thing I longed for was that kick butt heroine; but Elyse was another kind of creature. She was like Mahatma Gundi or Mother Teresa, who took non-violent approaches. On top of that there was a life or death situation, no scratch that. That implies thrilling suspense. There was a dying situation; and it was slow, drawn out, and completely heart breaking. There was a difficult dilemma. One I don’t think I would ever be able to make a decision on; and this forever endeared me to Elyse. Now I want so much to highlight William, but I can’t without feeling like I’m coveting Ellie’s man. (lol) For hours I sat with Nook propped on my knees, bug eyed eating ju-ju beads...and when the book ended I could have died!Please, please.....I want some more!

Oppression is a fun, well-written book that entertains from the first to last page. Jessica Therrien creates a world that is exciting to enter, and characters you want to know better. It is about young romance in a fantasy world, yet it has a twist. The characters are young in heart and body, but their ages are surprising. It makes you think about how much of our attitude about life is from our body and how much is from our age and our experiences. The book has many of the positive features of the romantic-fantasy worlds in the Twilight and Daughter of Smoke & Bone series. It has a budding youthful relationship like in Twilight, as well as the more thought-provoking aspects of Daughter of Smoke and Bone. However, Oppression is more realistic, with a more likeable main character, than Stephanie Meyer’s Twilight series. And Oppression has great characters with special abilities,

without being as complex as Laini Taylor's Daughter of Smoke & Bone series. The realism and wholesome of the main character makes the book refreshing, and it has a very positive theme: we can still be enthusiastic, lighthearted and youthful no matter what our age in years.

I love it when a book surprises me. I admit that I looked at some of the reviews and wasn't sure how I would feel about this book. I am happy to report that it pulled me in and I really liked it.This is a book that is based on mythology. Elyse is a descendant of the people who the Ancient Greeks considered Gods. The "Gods" weren't "Gods". They just had abilities and longevity. The people have gone underground and hide themselves and their abilities from humans.This book begins as Elyse finds out who she is and why she is the way she is. She is in her 80's, but looks like a teen. She can heal. She has a big heart and it has been hard to see the ones she loves die while she lives.Elyse enters a world of danger and mystery. It is hard to know who to turn to and trust. She is supposed to free her people from oppression, but is a reluctant participant.This book has romance with some innuendo. There is violence. Innocents are killed so the people in control can prove a point. Some parts can be a little disturbing. This book is the beginning of a mythological war.

Oppression by Jessica Therrien builds a secret world within our natural world by introducing us to the Decendants. These are direct decendants of the Gods of Greek mythology that have been living among us mere humans. I really liked that the two main characters had genuine respect, care and love for one another. It was refreshing not to wade through a love triangle or ridiculous plot filler. This alone sets this book apart from many young adult novels. At the back of the book is a list of characters, their ancestor and the ablity they possess. While the story unfolds, the author does a great job of not letting her characters get jumbled or overwhelming to the reader. Action begins within the first chapter and this adventurous tale continues dishing it out. I love a book that has legs and keeps running.This story was a totally enjoyable read and I am already half way through the 2nd in the series, Uprising. The adventure continues....!I received an ebook copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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