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Biomedical scientist Preston Carter developed the Sustain to improve and save lives. Yet there are others that would see him fail. Extreme religious groups, radical movements, and competing corporations would prefer to see LyfeGen collapse rather than allow “the god organ” to fundamentally alter medicine and the human body. In a race against time, Carter must learn to trust resourceful journalist Audrey Cook. She may hold the key to discovering who is sabotaging the Sustain. And with the organ already implanted in his own body, Carter must uncover the truth before he’s killed by his invention.

THE GOD ORGAN is a near-future medical thriller that takes the reader on a suspenseful ride filled with sinister conspiracies, intriguing biomedical science, and rampant corruption that will leave readers wondering just how dangerous becoming a god may really be.

The God Organ Details

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John Collings says

I went into this book expecting to read a dystopian novel set around the design of this life saving device that would give people immortality, but was quickly surprised by Anthony J. Melchiorri's ability to write more of mystery rather than a science fiction thriller. Granted there are many elements of science fiction going on in this story, and they depict the reality of our age very nicely. Melchiorri takes on issues as the class war going on in America, the inability of regular people having the chance of having the medical care that they need, the power religion holds over some people, the automated world taking over jobs and the diminishing power that print media has in the American society. Even though these issues in the hand of a regular science fiction author would be set in a grandiose landscape, Anthony J. Melchiorri presents his world one very similar to the one we live in. This all centers around the God Organ, a device that is given to very wealthy people because it costs so much money to produce that gives the user safety over cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks, and strokes. This landscape changes when the inventor of this device dies suddenly from a stroke even though he was one of the first people to have this device implanted in his body. The devastating recoil from this comes out in a mystery that is enjoyable and fun to read while intermingling very real characters through the streets of a not so futuristic Chicago. It is a great read, and show Melchiorri's ability to create a great mystery.

Spunky N Sassy says

~~~Doris's ★★★★★ Review~~~

A spectacular futuristic medical thriller. This story is written in amazingly authentic attention detail. Written about the future medical and research forums we are introduced to a phenomenal medical breakthrough. The Sustain or "god organ" is a device surgically inserted into the human body that guarantees longer life span and slows down signs of aging. A truly genius idea. However, something goes wrong when the CEO of the company dies...and he has the Sustain. In a futuristic world where the rich get richer and longer life...and the poor get poorer and have no opportunity for advancement or afford longer life, we are led into a formidable conspiracy. The "god organ is being sabotaged. Is it an inside job? Does it involve religious affiliates? Or could it be something even more sinister? An intriguing story that developed the characters fully and leads you through a maze of whodunnits. Excellent read. I was given this book in exchange for an honest review. I give it 5 stars and highly recommend it. Intriguing and suspenseful!!! Well crafted!

~~~Dee's ★★★★★ Review~~~

Greatest mystery I have read in many years! Laid out like an intricate spider's web, the first few chapters drowns the reader in introducing many vital characters, mind boggling futuristic inventions considered "normal" in that time period and several hidden agendas of both individuals and collective organizations and corporations. I suggest the reader take notes on these introductory chapters to prevent being overwhelmed by an abundance of new information. Then, settle back for a wild ride of mystery, suspicion, intrigue, lies, manipulation, intimidation and deception sprinkled in with surprising twists and turns and intense revelations.

As evidence grows and speculations flourish, the pieces of the puzzle begin to fit together and the tension

and suspense thickens. I love a good mystery, one that keeps you guessing and holding your breathe. My only regret is I wish I could give it ten stars. I was given this book in exchange for an honest review. Five Stars!

Debbie says

Independent Reviewer for Archaeolibrarian-I Dig Good Books.

Very different from my usual reads, and as such, my rating may be a little affected.

The Sustain, and artificial implant the fix everything. And when they say everything, they mean everything. Each time they find a fix, each person who has the Sustain gets an update, specifically adapted to their own DNA. Short of a catastrophic accident, Sustain users are immortal.

So, when users start to die, of a stroke, that the Sustain should have fixed before it caused any damage, where to begin to find to out WHY has to be in production. Preston Carter's job is on the line, indeed, his very LIFE, since he is a Sustain user. But Preston thinks that there is more than a mix up in production going on. Question is, WHAT??? and WHO is doing it.

A huge cast of players in this book, and they take time for their story lines to converge. But I liked that, it meant the big picture, the whodunnit, the driving force behind what was going on, I didn't get til it was revealed in the book. I DID see onw plot twist coming, but not who was behind it and why.

Veyr technical in some placew, a bit too much for me. I just didn't understand all the technical, medical and biological mumbo jumbo! But then again, this is set in the future, approx 50 years in the future, so some of it may never come true, but it certainly makes ya fink!

You gotta be on your toes with this book, and I had to concentrate. For ME, this is a good thing! Especially as the story lines converge and merge.

Like I said, very different to my usual read, a much more complex story with twists and turns that happen on a penny.

4 stars.

Deborah Hickey says

I was provided a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Politics, science, business and religion collide!

Let me start by saying that this book is very different from what I typically review, but this is the kind of book that appeals to both the optimist and the pessimist in me. This story has a little bit of everything rolled into one very unique package. I will admit that this book started as a very difficult read, but ended up being one of those books I will tell my friends about for years.

The God Organ is written from the perspective of multiple characters with a variety of backgrounds and

varying involvement. Each character is a voice from a different point of view which wraps intricately into a tale that kept me intrigued until the very end. While I initially started out having a difficult time keeping everything straight, the author brilliantly weaves a story that rapidly became difficult to put down.

If you are one of those people who appreciate knowing all sides of the story you will find *The God Organ* a very interesting and satisfying read! I enjoyed this book so much that I am not only recommending it, I will be giving it as a gift.

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Karen Arrowood says

My rating: 3.5 out of 5 stars

Medical thriller is one of my all-time favorite genres, so I was thrilled when I won a copy of this book from the author in a contest.

It is apparent that Mr. Melchiorri is quite knowledgeable about biomedical technology. He does a good job of creating a near future that is plausible and seems desirable. It's 2063, and people with enough money can afford to have a Sustain implanted – a biomedical device designed to dramatically improve a person's health. The Sustain is tailored to each individual, and is able to prevent chronic conditions such as cancer, heart attacks and strokes, as well as dramatically speed healing. It keeps a person in peak physical condition, , preventing excess weight gain, and even smoothing out wrinkles. As with all medical advances, there are unintended consequences; people who receive a sustain live much longer, and are much healthier, so they are continuing to work much later in life. This means there is little room for advancement for younger people, and even fewer entry level positions for new college graduates. Unemployment skyrockets, and poverty increases. The downward spiral begins....

Some things apparently never change. High-level executives still aspire to even more money and power, and companies still make decisions based on the bottom line. Of course, there are radical groups denouncing the Sustain as an abomination, using religious fervor to advance their own agendas. And disgruntled workers, looking for anyone else to blame, become zealots. Inevitably, disaster ensues.

The author skillfully weaves several storylines together in a fascinating story.

It was a little slow in places, seeming to me to get bogged down in too many technical details. Overall, I enjoyed this book. I'm just not sure I would read it again (one of my personal criteria for a 4-star rating). However, I look forward to reading other books from Mr. Melchiorri.

Ash Rowe says

The God Organ By Anthony J. Melchiorri A Futuristic Medical Mystery set in the year 2036. An artificial implant named Sustain helps grant those who can afford to get it near immortality. Now those who could

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The twist and turns in plot was wonderful and trying to figure who or what causes the Sustain to fail was a fun mystery to try and solve. The ending was perfect.

I also liked the whole aspect that this may be what our future is looking forward to It actually caused my husband I to have a wonderful discussion about immortality and the effects it would have on the economy and what would we do if we had the option to get something like the Sustain.

This book was a very enjoyable science fiction medical mystery/thriller. I'd recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good mystery/thriller.

Meghan says

I enjoyed this book. It has a good narrative pace, a good balance of characters, and a good storyline. The science fiction medical base is plausible and creative. There are enough intriguing mysteries for the reader to delve into the "whodunnit" quite easily. There are two things that I wish were different, and which distracted from my complete enjoyment. One is the last chapter, which I found a bit redundant such that I ended up skimming it. The other is the book's title. A title should lure a reader in and allude to a greater meaning within the book. I don't think "The God Organ" as a title passes muster. I would prefer a title more like "The Eternal Device," or perhaps "Sustainment." Through the narrative I didn't feel that people engineering the Sustain behaved like Gods, and I didn't feel that the Sustain was an organ, it was more like an bio-electronic device that mediated natural organ functionality. The real meaning behind the book was corporate malfeasance and how good people can end up doing bad things. I think the title should be reconsidered to better reflect these themes.

Darlene says

The God Organ

This was an excellent read. The characters well thought out. Lots of twists and turns. Just when you think you know who done it another twist makes you rethink your position. I really enjoyed this book.

Angelique Asher says

Mr. Melchiorri has written a very interesting story. The story line is certainly plausible. The characters are well developed and the interaction doesn't seem forced or artificial as in some books that I have read. It does

a great job of sucking the reader in. It is a captivating story. I gave it only 3 stars for several reasons. The biggest is that I felt the title really does not fit the story. It should portray something of the story inside. It isn't really an 'organ' at all, but more of an electronic type of device. Another reason, I do not enjoy an excessive amount of swearing in the books that I read. I just don't feel that there needs to be so much of it in ANY book, but can understand a word here or there. I feel it just doesn't do anything for the story to have it in there. I would recommend this book for anyone who doesn't mind strong language. Overall, I was very impressed with this book and would gladly read Mr. Melchiorri's work again.

Wesley Thomas says

This is a smart, stunning, technological and biological masterpiece. A revolutionary read! An exploration of humanity at its best, biological flaws removed, efficiency heightened. Along with perfect writing, this makes for a riveting read.

We are catapulted into Anthony's version of the future with a suspenseful start. A time that witnesses the invention of an artificial organ known as 'Sustain', along with super-advanced technology. A world that is essentially void of imperfections such as illnesses and disease. To those who can afford to be that is. In a world with a man-made organ known to some as Sustain, but to other religious folk as 'the God organ', the rich stand to extend life dramatically, possibly gaining immortality. But when the CEO of LyfeGen dies due to a stroke, which is reportedly virtually impossible, the whole population is in shock. The wealthy individuals who have the implant are fearing theirs may malfunction, and the ones too poor to afford it are convinced this is an act of God punishing those trying to destroy the Lord's image and tamper with the natural order of life and death. But beyond all these worries is the unknown fate of LyfeGen. Newly appointed CEO Preston has the difficult task of finding a reasonable explanation as to the former CEO Joel Cobb's demise. With hundreds of thousands having had the implant, the pressure is on to find out how this happened, and fast! Before the company shares plummet and several are out of work as a result of biotech's leading company LyfeGen becoming bankrupt. They rely on the money from the more affluent members of society, but if they are having fears and doubts, the company will suffer dramatically.

The impact is felt from all angles, a domino effect spreading like a zombie infection.

Conspiracy, corruption, government, deception, and wealth all have a great deal to play in this fast paced thrilling ride. This book is addictive and completely insatiable. We become involved and need to know what exactly happened, and how everything will pan out. Each chapter has you gasping in shock and horror.

There could potentially be a glitch in Sustain, but there are absolutely no blunders in Anthony's writing. The sheer brilliance and originality of this unforgettable read is incredible. The detail, intelligence, creativity and passion in this novel is blatantly apparent. Tonnes of research and impeccable writing has birthed one of the best books in existence, in my opinion, for all reasons detailed in this review. 'The God Organ' stands as a prime example of why we read. To delve into a world beyond our own, observe chaos and follow characters through epic struggles, hard battles and tough decisions. Anthony is without a doubt the king of medical thrillers. The structure is impeccable, with perfectly sized chapters and scenes that make the flow effortlessly smooth.

This work of fiction is much more than an extremely entertaining journey, it poses many questions about the fate of our planet: the advances in science and technology, the increasing gap isolating the ridiculously rich from the pitifully poor, if immortality could exist would there be enough earth space and jobs to

accommodate an eternal species constantly reproducing, and the ever-threatening concern that some form of robotic machinery will dominate the human race. This is a read that will not be easily forgotten. You won't be able to jump into another book straight after finishing this, it will linger in your mind for days. Not only the excellence, but the thoughts provoked as a result of this medical, literate, marvel of suspense. You will completely re-examine the world.

If I were you I would buy this immediately, a 99c book with the quality of an international bestseller, and several hundred pages worth of quantity. Oh and the book will return to full price on the 24th November! So you need to act fast. Young or old, bookworm or the occasional reader, the appeal of this novel knows no bounds.

Breathtakingly original and wildly suspenseful.

The ending, well, words fail an accurate depiction of the heart pounding madness that ensues as true agendas and identities are revealed. Everything is neatly tied together, explaining everything, that completely blows your mind. An epic book, and an epic ending.

I cannot recommend this book enough.

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JC82 says

So I read this book over the span of about a week which is quite long for me in terms of how swift I usually finish a novel and it wasn't due to any disinterest or slow moving plotlines but rather a desire to absorb all that was happening in this story.

Melchiorri weaves a very intricate, complex, through provoking suspense thriller that centers around a very delicate topic. Science vs nature vs ethics vs religion. He wraps both our hopes and our fears into a tale about the future in breakthrough medical technology, technology that could cure almost all illness and grant the bearer a god-like immortality in the form of what is called a Sustain. Its a medical implant that provides the patient with all it needs to withstand any genetic prone illness or terminal disease. At first glance many readers will say this is an abhorrence, why would anyone think of this but upon further reflection how would someone turn an opportunity to rid humanity of disease and death down. How could you deny the idea of saying a loved one with Cancer, or bringing a child out of a coma. This book brings to the forefront all those arguments, immortality versus the natural cycle of life and death.

Melchiorri also envisions what our society could come to be granted such power. How greed can override humanity and morals, how self-preservation can diminish compassion and empathy. He also delves into the increasing divide and gap that could take place between social classes, how societal structure will slowly leave those less fortunate facing a sort of slow extinction.

All these factors and turmoil reside within all the characters that Melchiorri brings to life in this book. Each character fighting their own ethical, moral battle and each character crossing paths that piece together this larger conspiracy and the larger questions of; Is it right? Should we have the power to sustain life without death? And should we have the power to decide who lives and who dies?

This is a complex thriller that will leave you thinking long and hard after you have finished it. The writing is both scientific and mysterious, the line between hero and villain is obscure and the boundaries between right and wrong are nothing but vague. A great read for both sci-fi and suspense/thriller fans.

Miria Vanessa says

Set in the year 2036, a period foreseen to be under great medical advancements, The God Organ presents us with a futuristic thriller involving the medical industry that enthralled me from the first chapter. This story is told from multiple POVs, which I think added to the depth and richness of the book. It was very easy to follow, even through all the details. The plot in itself I believed to be actually plausible in the future, which adds to this story. I think its a book that makes you think and reflect to what extent we as a human race striving for technological advancements are actually willing to give up or retain our humanity.

The God Organ has a great pace and never slacks. It is a very complex and intricate book, so its not a quick, easy read. Aside from all the technological advances and issues portrayed, there is also a lot of ethical subplots that come up quite often. The only thing I thought was off was the title. It's really not a good match to what the book is actually about.

Overall, a very interesting read and definitely peaked my interest in reading more from this author.

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Lindsay says

Okay. *deep breath* I'm going to try my best to put all my thoughts into words and still be somewhat coherent. When I first heard about this book, my eyes were pulled directly to the word "dystopian" and I said HELL YES! I love being drawn into a well built futuristic world! In that aspect, I wasn't disappointed. Melchiorri did a fantastic job putting together a not-too-distant future with realistic potential. The way that health care and technology are headed, it was very easy to imagine this kind of future within my lifetime.

And this is where I begin to find it hard to rate this book. Even though it is dystopian, it is also very political and is more medical thriller than I'm used to. This is NOT my typical genre. I have read my fair share of John Grisham novels back in the day, and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this book to Grisham fans. Just like back in my angsty teen years though, I found myself getting bogged down by technical jargon. The God Organ leans heavily on the scientific and political aspect of the medical system. It has a way of stalling the story for me.

The story was intriguing enough that I kept plugging along. I still needed to know how it would all turn out! As the story moved forward, the characters really began to open up (and there are a LOT of characters). I had a hard time telling them apart at first, but I really enjoyed all of the various POVs and how they blended with each other.

Overall, Melchiorri has a great writing style, and the editing is nearly perfect! I would recommend it to the right friends, and would consider reading more books by this author. :)

A copy of this book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Isis says

I would like to thank the author for giving me a copy of this e-book to read in exchange for an honest review. Though I received this e-book for free that in no way impacts my review.

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A wild ride, this thriller will keep you guessing all the way down the home stretch. Filled with vibrant characters, each a unique individual, the story is told via chapters based upon each different character. Bouncing back and forth between their separate stories allows their subtle, and not so subtle, interconnectedness to be seen. And once seen, mapping out the killer(s) should be easy, yet it's anything but.

Mr. Melchiorri has a real talent for creating a believable future world, taking bits and pieces of existing technology and envisioning a new technological advancement that is rooted in all that we strive for - a sense of immortality. Yet even in his future that golden chalice that offers never ending life is only available to the wealthy. So some things never change, even while changing radically. More than a worthwhile read for fans of biotechnology and mystery/thrillers, this book will make you think!
