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# Defy The Stars



## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Star Wars: Lost Stars* and *Bloodline* comes a thrilling sci-fi adventure that Kass Morgan, bestselling author of *The 100* series, calls "startlingly original and achingly romantic...nothing short of masterful." She's a soldier -- Noemi Vidal is willing to risk anything to protect her planet, Genesis, including her own life. To their enemies on Earth, she's a rebel. He's a machine -- Abandoned in space for years, utterly alone, Abel's advanced programming has begun to evolve. He wants only to protect his creator, and to be free. To the people of Genesis, he's an abomination. Noemi and Abel are enemies in an interstellar war, forced by chance to work together as they embark on a daring journey through the stars. Their efforts would end the fighting for good, but they're not without sacrifice. The stakes are even higher than either of them first realized, and the more time they spend together, the more they're forced to question everything they'd been taught was true. An epic and romantic adventure, perfect for fans of *The Lunar Chronicles* and *Illuminae*.

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## Customer Reviews

Favorite Quote: "Because of you, I've been truly alive. And now that I've lived, I can be ready to die for something I believe in and the person I love." I do love a good YA novel in space. They are few and far between. I like how it wasn't just like aliens on Earth but actual travel to different planets, seeing different societies. I picked this one up on sale for my kindle and it is more than worth it. This novel POV swaps between our two main leads, Noemi and Abel. Some people aren't a fan of swapping but I personally like it. I think the swapping really helps the story move along nicely. I thought the pacing was pretty well done, but I can see how some people may find it a bit slow. While it's not jam-packed with action, it's not completely lacking in that department. I feel this book was the big set up. It has a lot of character building and gives a good idea of the situation the worlds are all in. It sets up the overarching problem and widens the perspective of Noemi who has always seen the way her planet (Genesis) deals with the other planets. It gives her doubt, that while some aspects are great, maybe not everything they do is right. While yes she grows quite a bit, it was quite interesting to see how her views on Abel changed over time. How Abel slowly grew from an android to a being with a soul. On the same side, to also see how Abel's view of himself changed, how he came to realize he had emotions, wants, needs, desires. The romance is definitely a slow burn. No insta-love here folks. We have an awkward android learning that he's not just a machine and what love is, versus a girl that originally wouldn't have thought twice about romance since he's an android. Then his mannerisms, thoughts, actions all begin to change her perspective. If he has a soul, hopes, dreams, can cry... It's an interesting premise. I enjoyed the writing, the settings, the cast of characters. Even the side characters had their charm and I feel we will see a lot more of them in the books to come. This novel leaves a lot of questions unanswered and has a lot of room to grow. I feel the overarching plot between Earth, Genesis and the other planets is not only very plausible, but well thought out. I'm most interested in where it will go from here. I'm looking forward to the sequel.

This is a very good book. I first picked it up in the library and read the initial 60 pages. Then I couldn't stop thinking about it-- the situation and characters and excellently realized future universe was fascinating and very compelling. This is a space opera that blends all the good from Star Wars and Star Trek with particularly great characterization. Highly recommended.

In these troubled times, this is a story of the planetary immigrant. The heroes, both robot and human, have much to teach all of us about how to get along to solve common problems to ensure the future of both. I read this book in one sitting!

Claudia Gray never ceases to amaze me with her novels. Her intricate plots and lovable characters always make for a good read. The story reminds me of Battlestar Galactica meets The Expanse. Definitely recommend.

Not exactly a heady science fiction novel but definitely entertaining. One of a kind android, moody teen, warring Earth colonized planets, possibly love?

Good si-fi reading.

Excellent book. Very well written. The exploration of the characters is phenomenal. The scifi is excellent and kinda similar to star gate. I also loved the heavy environmentalism under tones!!

This book was so fantastic I read it in one day and I think I will sit right back down and read it again.

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