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Deus Ex: Icarus Effect



Synopsis

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD. BUT YOU CAN SEE IT FROM HERE. In the near future, with physical augmentation gaining ground and nano-cybernetics only years away, the dawn of limitless human evolution is just beyond the horizon, and a secret corporate cabal of ruthless men intends to make sure that humankind stays under its control. But two people on opposite sides of the world are starting to ask questions that could get them killed. Secret Service agent Anna Kelso has been suspended for investigating the shooting that claimed her partner's life. Anna suspects that the head of a bio-augmentation firm was the real target, and against orders she's turned up a few leads concerning a covert paramilitary force and a cadre of underground hackers. But the cover-up runs deep, and now there's a target on her back. Meanwhile, Ben Saxon, former SAS officer turned mercenary, joins a shadowy special ops outfit. They say they're a force for good, but Saxon quickly learns that the truth is not so clear-cut. So begins a dangerous quest to uncover a deadly secret that will take him from Moscow to London, D.C. to Geneva, and to the dark truth if he lives that long. The year is 2027; in a world consumed by chaos and conspiracy, two people are set on a collision course with the most powerful and dangerous organization in history and the fate of humanity hangs in the balance. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Wow, I was excited to learn about all of the supplementary material which would be coming out in support of Eidos Montreal's Deus Ex: Human Revolution. Having snapped up the first installment of the comic book last week, I was very excited to finally be able to read the "Icarus Effect" after anticipating it for months. Let me state this here for all Deus Ex Fans: It does not disappoint. Written by one of the Authors of the upcoming game himself (He even pays homage to the Games original creators in an appendix) it is part of the Human Revolution Universe, and thus that of the original Deus Ex as well. I shouted in excitement more than once as connections were made to the first game which would make any fan smile. It parallels the plot of the upcoming game and weaves into it snippets of information which absolutely will enhance the immersion factor of playing "Human Revolution" as a world will already have been created in the players mind. It is rich in conspiracy, gives root to many of the factions introduced in the original P.C. game and keeps the Deus Ex feel completely intact. Another enticing aspect of the novel is the philosophical questions it raises around trans-humanism. What makes us human, and does augmentation make us any less of a mortal being. This is a good sign as that question has always been at the heart of Deus Ex. The technology of 2027 is well explained, highly believable and has roots in reality. There are also mentions of world conflicts and struggles which one could also realistically see happening given the current Geo-political structure of the world. In short, it comes highly recommended to anyone looking to enhance their understanding of the Deus Ex Universe.

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