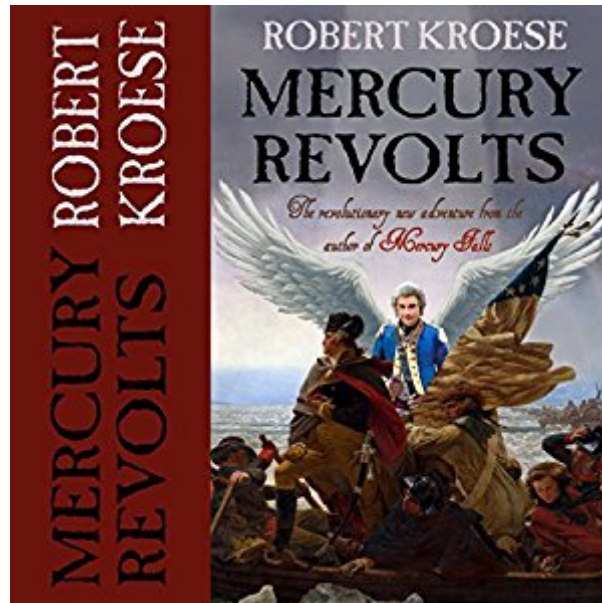


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Synopsis

After a lowly software tester named Suzy Cilbrith uncovers evidence of a vast government conspiracy, she turns to a fringe reporter named Eddie Pratt for help. Far from dismissing her wild claims, Eddie reveals that things are even worse than they appear: the US government has been infiltrated by angels, who are attempting to bring about Heaven on Earth - no matter the cost. Only one angel knows the secret to exposing the cabal: the rogue cherub known as Mercury. But when Mercury learns who is behind the cabal, he realizes he's going to need a lot of help. Old enemies become allies, old friends become bitter enemies, and as competing plots for world domination unfold, it isn't always clear which is which.

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Customer Reviews

If you have read any of the Mercury series this one is a must. It continues the story a few years later but get to find out even more about, well, everything. As before the puns and double entendre run rampant throughout. Having the story being written by an angel who seems to have been assigned to Earth and then forgotten gives you a unique vision of what is happening. The fact that nobody reads what he has written makes that even better. This book is a lot of fun and if you haven't read any of the others you will still enjoy a good read but I suggest you get the others first. It makes this all the more enjoyable.

I read an advance copy of this book and as usual found it super enjoyable and engrossing. Once again Mercury is tasked with saving the world but with such exciting characters and clever writing

nothing feels repetitive about the fourth go around. The book flows smoothly at a fast pace, easily switching between present day and the revolutionary war. No matter your politics you'll enjoy this witty adventure.

Rob Kroese operates in Douglas Adams territory. Absurdist wit, seemingly chaotic plotting, and eccentric characters all mix together with science and the supernatural to form a story that is at turns both guffaw-inducing and surprisingly serious. Kroese is published by Tor's imprint, so if you've ever thought that an author who isn't published by one of the big publishing houses isn't a "real author," let me dissuade you from making that assumption. Kroese is the real deal. I've read all of his Mercury books, and enjoyed each of them. Kroese moves things along at a pretty brisk pace, occasionally slowing down the rapid-fire jokes to give you a breather. This is a good thing, really, as I had to take regular breaks during the first several chapters due to the number of coughing fits the laughter was causing. I'm not exaggerating. There is some seriously funny stuff in here. There are also some really excellent thoughts on what it means to be self-governing, but -- fortunately -- Kroese doesn't let any message overshadow the story. When that happens, even if I agree with the author's politics, it takes me out of the story, and I will eventually stop reading that author if it becomes a regular thing (examples: Terry Goodkind and Stephen King have both been dropped from my list of automatic purchases). It really won't do any good to try and summarize the plot as there's just too much going on to do it justice without giving pretty much everything away. So, I'll just say this: if you've ever pretended a hair dryer was a ray gun, felt like a Java update was ruining your life, or felt like more animals should float at random intervals, you'll enjoy this book.

Book four of the Mercury trilogy is a thrill ride like all the others. But there's a twist. It's a bit more political, a little less romantic and a touch more pessimistic. Okay. Scratch that. Rob Kroese is definitely a lot more pessimistic. It is a fun story. With some laugh-out-loud moments. Like when one character asks another if she's read the Bible, and she answers, "I saw the movie." That is good stuff. Rob is awesome. When is the next one coming out?

Excellent and fun series, angels, demons (also angels, just the opposing team), and another adventure with a favorite character(s). I wish I could say "a perfect ending", but, alas, I cannot. I couldn't have said it on the last book, either though...too many loose ends. But what the heck, it ALL was fun. This one though? Tended to the politic a bit more vehemently than the others, the author wore it on his sleeve proudly for all to either love or....well, how could one not love politics boiled

down to it's absolute simplistic base of good vs evil?Great series, and I want more, would without a doubt buy the next installment. This one was good, but... Idunno, too simple. WTF am I saying here though...a story revolving around a bunch of clueless, yet not so clueless angels, and I'm screaming for depth!?The whole series is 4-5 stars, no doubt. I'm stickin' with 3 on this one because the author hurried. If you've read the others, you really should read this one too, but it has a different feel...almost manifesto-like, and more fun than the "Act of Abjuration" (booooooring), but still.Ok, I said I'd buy the other Merc books, but no way I'm shelling out a buck apiece for a couple 20 page books, so Mercury Swings and Mercury Begins seem sort of..stupid, and quite frankly, offensive on a certain level. But a guy's gotta make a buck.

No matter how convoluted or off-the-wall Robert Kroese gets with his "angels" they make me laugh and give me hope for our species. While the combination of witty/smart and damn lucky Mercury coupled with a female human with insecurities but brave, and several hapless, mostly well meaning cherub/angel types has become formulaic in this series it still works form me. I also learned tidbits about the U.S. Revolutionary War that I did not know! I suspect Kroese would like to move on from the wild and crazy angel but I would buy the next Mercury story in a minute.

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