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Luna Valencia is the founder of the hottest artificial intelligence startup in history. She's about to become incredibly rich and powerful. But just when she's about to take her company public, her world begins to fall apart.

On the day of her startup's IPO, a stock exchange shooter plummets Luna into a downward spiral toward a threat more menacing than she ever imagined possible. Faced with losing her company, her entire world, Luna searches for answers to a series of terrifying accusations. Failing to uncover the truth could destroy her company... but success would get her killed.

Big Data is a fresh approach to the artificial intelligence sci-fi thriller. If you like fast-paced action, heart-stopping tension, and tech-filled worlds set in the near future, then you'll love Lucas Carlson's latest novel

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From Reader Review Big Data for online ebook

Bev says

Luna Velencia started her own company out of a meek inheritance she received from her family. She built it up and it is the leading application company. But there is someone who needs her company really bad to do bad things to innocent people. She is ousted of her own company. Taye Flanagan is the one person who can stop this evil person, and has temporary. He needs Luna's help in getting Ancien back on track. Alex Sonne is an ex-cop, who is a part time p.i. and part time consultant for the police. His own son died way to early. Could it have been murder, and are these people responsible for his son's death? Can Alex, Luna, and Taye stop these bad people before more innocent people die? Read the book to find out. I was given a copy of this book for an honest and unbiased review. There is a lot of computer jargon in this book, but I understood it enough to get to the heart of the story.

Tulay says

Next generation mega-weapon!

This book is about Artificial intelligence. Starts at the New York stock exchange floor. Taye run out of time, he is trying to warn Luna about her software is killing five million people more in a year. Is this population control? How do we prevent evil people from getting their hands on software that one day will destroy us. Cars, airplanes, hospitals, our appliances and homes, just a few for now are runs on software. In this story Gaia Wrath killing very efficiently, without any trace. This story kept me up, had to re read parts before writing a review, thank you Lucas Carlson.

Betsy R. Harper says

Good storyline!

Great story about what happens when advanced technology is in the wrong hands. We all wonder about the recent advances and how it impacts. This story packs a punch!

Onaiza Khan says

I'm so glad that I read 'Big Data'. The plot is just amazing. It is so fresh and creative. And apart from being entertaining, the story has a strong relevance today. This is a book I would recommend to everyone.

Coming to the writing, I'd say it's very impressive. This is the first time I've read Lucas' work and I don't want it to be the last. I don't have any complaints about 'Big Data' except the fact that I wanted to know more about the characters, understand them better. The speed with which the book flows is amazing, I love speed but I felt like if I had a little more exposure to the lives of Luna, and Alex, I would have loved them instead of just liking them.

Saffron Mavros says

I just picked it up because the story was something different. Can I say I loved it? Oh yes!!! It was a fantastic tale that weaved together law, business, murders (or make that genocide) and mystery. Each chapter was unveiling details while at the same time plunging into new mysteries.

Reading this story was one whirlwind. Once you reach the thrilling part, which is about five chapters into the story, I don't really think its possible to put it down (unless maybe your battery runs out). What a breath taking saga! The novel is well researched and presents you with accurate facts, each concept put so simply that you might end up falling in love with software, technology and yes, hacking. Winks!

The cliché cat-mouse chase had a meaning. It wasn't just happening for the sake of it. Every plot had its purpose. The way different things and plots connected in the end, it was marvellous.

PS: It was as good as a Dan Brown masterpiece.

Bernard Jan says

Big Data: A Startup Thriller Novel is a new ingenious creation by Lucas Carlson, a fiction and non-fiction author and entrepreneur, who already got my attention and won me over with his first thrilling startup novel *The Term Sheet*.

Big Data is a maddening ride through our near future where artificial intelligence is incorporated in our lives to the point that people rely on its services more than on their natural instincts, reasoning and decision making. It serves us, it helps us, it cures us, and then it kills us...

This is exactly what happens when Luna Valencia's most-advanced supercomputer in history Ancien starts to refine and improve on its own code which can “solve many problems in the world of artificial intelligence without human assistance, interpretation, or intervention.” It is the holy grail in the world of computers, but it also is the weapon for mass murder in the world of humans.

Luna Valencia's own baby becomes her executor when it falls into the hands of Doug Kensington and Thor Massino, two ill-intentioned ambitious and unscrupulous people. There is no safe place for her or anyone, because suddenly “people are dying. Everybody. Everywhere. People are dying faster all over—in every region of the world—at a higher rate.”

On her quest to uncover the truth about mysterious deaths, Luna not only faces losing her company but is hunted and chased into walking the path covered with bodies and smeared with blood, both of the innocent and guilty ones. Even losing her own life is something she has to deal with in order to stop computers from killing people. The whole world is in grave danger.

In “a weird mash-up” of computers and people, “nobody was deciding who would die. Nor was anyone determining how these people would die. The computer figured out those parts on its own. But (...) it was human beings who created the intention to kill. Not the computer. The one thing nobody seemed to be able to synthesize with computers was the creative intention. The spark of why. More and more, any discrete task could be better accomplished by computers than by humans. But the intention behind the task, the creative

force. That was still as mysterious and intractable as the soul.”

Lucas Carlson in this extremely exciting novel also doesn't lose a poetic expression during this fast and crazy artificial intelligence ride for life and death. He barely gives us a moment or two to catch our breath before we are thrown into another life-threatening situation in which someone is programmed to die. The thin line between our near future and actual reality becomes even thinner when we come to realize that technology already today is infused in so many aspects of our lives. We submit ourselves to it, we reap its fruits and we think we control it. Do we, indeed?

Alarm bells are ringing through all 400 pages of Big Data with the warning. We better snap out of our indifference and, as the author says in his afterword, ask ourselves, “how do we prevent bad people from getting their hands on software that could potentially destroy us? The world’s next generation of mega-weapons will be software. Code in machines. Machines that drive our cars, fly our planes, control our homes, run our hospitals, and do something new for us every day. (...) It is time that we, as a global human race, invent and adopt systems of technological checks and balances. Software is infinitely easier to infiltrate and steal than atomic bombs. And if we sit back and do nothing—if we just throw our hands up and ignore the problem—we will have to live with the consequences. (...) And what’s at stake is the very survival of the human race.”

BJ

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Diane Saul says

Luna Valencia is the CEO of Ancien. Ancien is a company that has developed a computer that has the capability to analyze every machine method of learning available. It is the smartest super computer and anyone can build applications on it. The company is about to go public and Luna is being forced out as CEO. On the floor of the stock exchange, just before the company can go public a young man appears. He has a gun and has a bomb strapped to his chest. The gun and bomb are both fake, he just wants Luna's attention. He has been trying to contact her for weeks and this is his desperate way to get an audience with her. He has uncovered something about Ancien that he thinks she needs to know. From this point on the action never stops!

There is a great cast of characters in this book and sometimes you aren't quite sure what side they are on. The action starts and takes you on a non stop roller coaster ride of greed and betrayal. This is a timely book with so much of our lives dependent on computers. Very interesting and original plot. There is a lot of technical language which was way above my head but it didn't take anything away from my enjoyment of the book. Thank you to the author for an advanced copy for a fair and honest review.

Cathie McManus says

Action, terrorism. Wow. loved the action and deceit in this story. If you are looking for action and intrigue, this is the book for you.

One woman's dream turned into a death machine. Making killing look like accidents Makes one wonder if this could happen now. Maybe it is and no one has figured it out yet.

Lucas Carlson is an amazing writer. Looking forward to his next book

Elissa says

This started out slowly for me but the more I read the more swept up I was and started practically speedreading to see what would happen next. A silicon valley startup's IPO is put on hold when the stock market's opening is interrupted by an armed gunmen. Although she'll now be wealthy beyond her dreams, Luna is being forced out of her own company; but is there a larger plot unfolding? And why has the world-wide death rate started climbing in every nation and every category? Inquiring minds read half the night to find out.

5ngela says

This is the second time I read book from Mr Carlson. And I really like his first one except the ending. But I can say that this is much better. It is much more polished except once again for the ending. Big Data is the sequel from Term Sheet with different main characters.

Big Data is in anyway much more different than Term Sheet. The only similarity they had is main antagonist and it is technology thriller. I can see that Mr Carlson have improved much since Term Sheet. You can feel the smoothness and it flows naturally. The characters are also much better. The characterizations is "cleaner" (read mature) than Term Sheet. Maybe because they are adult instead of teenager. But I am glad that Mr Carlson also include Term Sheet main characters even just for cameo. Make me happy because Term Sheet ending is a little too sad for my liking.

The story itself is very great. I really like it. My problem is there's certain character that I feel unnecessary. I mean I don't really understand his purpose in the story. Nevertheless, I still like this character, if only his role was given more consideration. Once again I say that I have problem with the ending. Actually there's nothing wrong with the ending. Instead it was a happy one. My discontent is it was quite weak. I mean with strong story and strong characters, it was quite a disappointment to have weak ending. There's not enough closure. But personally that's just me based on my experience reading story in the same genre. Anyway, I like that Mr Carlson finished the bad guy this time after what he did in Term Sheet and now Big Data. It was really poetic justice. Overall, I really love this story. And I really really enjoy the story. Cannot wait to read Mr Carlson next book.

My rating : 4.5 of 5

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Roger says

My first read from author Lucas Carlson raises the question, Why did I wait so long to read this book? I got it back in early December and there are so many books and so little time, I screwed up. Well-written, captivating characters, the storyline grabs you and runs away with you. I've already put another of his books at #1 on my TBR list.

Norma says

I had previously read Big Data in eBook format and enjoyed it so that when I had the opportunity to hear the audio version, I was delighted This (new) review is for the Audiobook format, my original review follows.

(Format : Audiobook)

""People are dying ... everybody, everywhere.""

On the day that Luna Valencia is due to stand down as CEO of the company she had grown over the previous ten years, the ceremony is interrupted by a man with a gun - and a bomb. But he's no terrorist: just the opposite. He only wanted to speak to Luna and warn her of what he had discovered before it was too late.

This is a thought provoking, fast paced thriller which captivates the attention from the start. Seen mostly from the point of view of Luna and an old ex cop named Alex, the action is immediate and involving. Despite being about computer code and the outreach of the programmes, it is not filled with off putting jargon but, where needed, explanations are made simple enough for even a novice to grasp in a fascinating way.

The narrator, Robyn A. Roth, does a very good job. Surely one of the best of the female audio dramatists, she both reads the text in tune with the action and gives good voice to all of her characters and in particular to the main protagonist, Luna.

It wasn't until the closing chapters that I began to have doubts. Nothing drastic, just a wobble in my suspension of disbelief. Somehow, the baddies were just that little bit too bad - or crazy. But it still does not negate the earlier excitement of the book which, given the rapid expanse and intelligence of our computer technologies is a very immediate one; and really emphasises the truth of the quotation at the very beginning of Big Data, The problem is not whether machines think, but whether men do."

A recommended read/ listen

(Format : eBook)

"Hello...Is there a problem?"

An exciting techno thriller which emphasises that for every good use to which a tool can be put there can also be an equally bad one. It is not the machine but the person directing it.

People are dying at an unexpectedly high rate but all of the deaths seem to be from natural causes. They are not. So how? And why? A very interesting idea. Characterisation is reasonable but marred by the over the top villain. Never the less, well worth reading.

I received a complimentary copy of Big Data. My thanks to the author

J.E. Grace says

This is the first book that I have read of Lucas Carlson's and it was very entertaining and well written. The storyline was very fast paced with characters that were well fleshed out. The descriptions of the places throughout the story made me feel like I was there. Big Data was a page turner from the very beginning and continued to the end..

The story was a take on the subject of computers that was fresh and made me think as I read. The suspense thriller was set in the world where a super intelligent computer was programmed to do unimaginable things. Luna Valencia, the woman who wrote the computer program, never thought it would be used for such evil. When Luna discovers the truth, only a select few share her view, but they are forced to run for their life. They are determined to find a way to end the madness.

By the time I got to the end of the book the storyline seemed quite real. Maybe it isn't as far fetched after all. You decide, it's well worth the read.

Brian's Book Blog says

We keep worrying about AI taking over...

5 out of 5 stars

Luna Valencia has created a platform that allows almost anyone in the world to have access to a supercomputer. This allows for great strides in almost everything that uses technology. It's everywhere, helping to make the world a better place... for now. On the day of their IPO, someone comes into the NYSE with a bomb strapped to their chest hoping to talk to Luna, to tell her about something she had no idea about. What follows is a technothriller where Luna and everyone around her is in danger at every turn from an invisible antagonist.

The narration by Robyn A Roth was well done. She gave the main character a great voice, and the others in the book were secondary characters. There's nothing wrong with that at all as the story revolves around on person. The audio quality left me a little upset. Listening to this in the car wasn't too bad, but if you listen to it on headphones there is a faint fuzzy background noise throughout the entire book. There were a few times that it went away, but only for a few words. I'm not sure if the narrator or the producer/production company is to blame for this, but if it's possible to clean it up, it might be worth the effort.

Lucas Carlson knows how to write. Big Data kept me interested from beginning to end, grabbing my attention and never letting it go. It's one of those books that the first chapter has you looking down the rabbit hole and the last chapter has you realizing that you've been reading the book all day. Honestly, it reminded me of a mix between Joseph Finder and Michael Crichton.

Big Data is extremely rooted in plausibility. It's just one of those stories that you read and think, well, let's hope that we're not shortsighted and ignore all of the warning signs.

I genuinely started this book and had a hard time putting it down. If you are familiar with other Carlson's other Startup Thriller "The Term Sheet", you won't be disappointed. And if you're new to his storytelling -- this is a great story to jump into. Non-stop action interweaving technology and the real world.

Darlene says

This was a good story. It had shocking moments and moments when you thought all was lost. But, there was always an intervening angel. No one got the girl in the end. And, a hero seems to have slipped. One thing that I didn't like about the story was that it was supposed to tell us what happened to the characters from Term Sheet. Well, we found out all about one but almost nothing on another. But this story was not really a sequel and it stood alone and did a good job of it.
