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Carolyn says

I thought the second book was much better than the first because of the action in it. It is a great kids book. Thank you Douglas Richards for sending both the books to me. I appreciate the idea of authors letting us preview their books.

Izzy says

Very Detailed

I really liked the way Richard explained the characters and would recommend this title for people interested in sci fi.

Katie says

This was a fast-paced adventure. There were more 'scary parts' where the children were threatened, but they were never hurt. I asked my daughter if she thought it was scary, and she told me no because she knew it would work out in the end.

The Brothers says

Asher (10yo) read. "I really liked all the alien technology, like the med-pen with three different buttons. One of the buttons relieves you from pain for 30 minutes, another button makes wounds heal faster, and the last button kills any infection in your body. I would like to be in one of the Morcan prisons, because they are mansions!"

Heather says

Cute and very science-y. A bit too blatantly educational for my adult taste, but as a little nerd-child I would have loved these books.

However, Paragon needs some better editors. In the first two books, I spotted a number of missing commas, and in the second book I found at least two misuses of homonyms.

Disclaimer: I was sent the first two volumes by the author after I failed to win them on First Reads.

KyleeJ says

I enjoyed *Captured* even more than *Trapped*! I already knew Ryan and Regan Resnick. I knew how clever they are and how well they work together. In *Captured* the alien city under Brewster, Pennsylvania is invaded by an as yet unknown and unidentified being. There are even more challenges and puzzles for the siblings to overcome and solve. I don't want to give away too much of the plot in this review. I just hope that Mr. Richards will continue with this series at some point.

Wendy says

This was a real page-turner. It picks up a few months after the first book left off with Regan and Ryan actively participating in the discoveries and experiments of the Prometheus Project. When they do an overnight in the alien city to help out another scientist, they wake up to find everyone gone. It seems as if the city is deserted. They find one security guard and the three of them discover that an alien named Tezoc Zoran has taken control of the city and all the staff within. He tells them that he will kill a member of the team every few hours until Regan and Ryan's father comes up with a solution to his problem, starting with their mother. Through escaping from the mercenaries working with the alien, Regan and Ryan are able to put the pieces together and realize the totality of Zoran's devious plan. They are also able to put a stop to it using their deductive powers.

The last chapter in the book where the principal marks them as underachievers made me laugh considering all they really do outside of school.

I am looking forward to reading the third book in this series and sharing it with my students.

Desiree reilly says

douglas made a gret book and they are great and the kiid safed the world and the earth and the author has a great inmanastoin and they are great book to read and for kid of all ages ty doguglas and i am going after 3 and 4

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Carrie Spellman for TeensReadToo.com

Quick note: This is the second book in THE PROMETHEUS PROJECT series (which I say mostly because I hope there will be many more), but it definitely stands alone. The first book, TRAPPED, is nicely recapped in the first chapter of CAPTURED, and referred to often enough that you don't really feel like you've missed anything. Other than the fun of reading the first one.

Ryan and Regan Resnick are extremely smart kids. Maybe a little too smart. But boy is everyone else lucky that they are! Last summer, their scientist parents dragged them to a sleepy town in Pennsylvania, for no reason that they could see. Until they found the secret city that the government, and their parents, were studying, under high security. It was built by aliens. Ryan and Regan's dad was the first person to ever break through the barrier that the aliens put up. Until Ryan and Regan found their own way in. It's a good thing they did, too. Since they ended up having to save everyone. Now they are the youngest members of the

Prometheus Project.

Between school and the Prometheus Project, Ryan and Regan have plenty to occupy their time and minds. Especially since they seem to have acquired some telepathic ability that connects them to each other as well as to the main computer in the city. They can communicate as well as sense the connections. At least they could with the computer until it sent out some kind of warning the other day, and seems to have shut down. But no one in the city seems to notice anything strange, so they let it go.

Planning to do some exploring and help with a few experiments, they meet their parents in the building that they've set up shop in. Much to the brother and sister's disappointment, their parents have a dinner party planned and are ready to go home. After much convincing it is agreed that they will be allowed to stay overnight by themselves. After all, the city is guarded by the best security the government can offer. Plus their parents are planning to be back at six in the morning.

Ryan and Regan wake up the next morning to find that it's already eight o'clock, and their parents still aren't back. They set out to investigate, only to find the city apparently deserted. No scientists, not even security people. Something is definitely wrong. And it looks like it's up to Ryan and Regan to solve it. As long as whatever took out the computer doesn't get them next.

Fast paced adventure, mixed with quick thinking. I don't know if I would have nearly the presence of mind that these two have, but it sure was fun to ride along with them! There is a lot of scientific information, which I'm sure is very interesting if you get it. I can speak from experience and say that it's not necessary to understand all of it. It's done in a way that just about anybody can follow, and doesn't make you feel dumb for not getting it all. Ryan and Regan are great fun, and the story is just a cool idea! The whole book is very well written, but the last chapter is too perfect! You'll agree when you read it.

I'm (impatiently) looking forward to getting a copy of the first book in the mail, and the next one as soon as the author can get it finished!

Margaret says

Exceptional

Terrific story, particularly for children and thinking adults. We have come to know the main characters quite well and they are charming. The Prometheus Project, the city, is fascinating. But the best part lies in the puzzles created which must be solved to overcome the problems encountered. Great fun to read!

Tami says

Captured is the second book in The Prometheus Project. In the first book, Trapped, Ryan and Regan Resnick were surprised to learn that their parents were part of the Prometheus Project, a top-secret team of scientists who discovered an alien city buried within the Earth. Due to their unquenchable curiosity, quick wit, and predisposition to find trouble, the children not only discovered their parents' secret but also managed to become an important part of the team.

In Captured, Ryan and Regan are given a warning from the teacher, an alien device that communicates with the kids telepathically. They are told that an intruder has entered the alien city. A security check doesn't seem

to find anything. Then, strange things begin to happen. The head of security suddenly loses his memory, in fact he can't remember order that initial security check. Something weird is going on.

I was captivated by Captured. I found the second book in this great series just as entertaining and action filled as the first book.

Amanda says

Brother/sister duo Ryan and Regan are back only this time they're officially part of the team of scientists working in the top-secret alien city discovered deep underground in Pennsylvania. They rush off every day after school to work in the city of Prometheus. One weekend they convince their parents to let them sleep over in the city, only to wake up to discover all of the adults captured by a ruthless alien escaped convict whose mind control abilities mysteriously fail to work on the kids. It's up to them to save not just the adults, but the earth itself from alien rule.

This second entry in the series moves the plot and characters forward at a pleasant pace, particularly for middle grade fiction. Ryan and Regan's relationship has progressed from that of a tolerant brother/sister pair to one featuring mutual respect from working together. More mysteries of the alien city are creatively revealed through the infiltration of an alien escaped convict.

The villain is sufficiently challenging without being too frightening. There is no undo violence or threats made. He is a threat, but one the kids can live up to.

The length is more appropriate this time, which was a nice improvement. However, I do feel some of the writing can improve. Although the science will be interesting and challenging to young readers, sometimes the writing itself seemed to be skewed a bit too young.

Overall, this is another strong entry in this middle grade series. I firmly believe the series will keep young readers with an interest in scifi and secret government operations happily engaged while parents and guardians can have peace of mind about what they are reading.

Check out my full review. (Link will be live on August 30, 2011)

Note: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Shelley says

This is a fast paced series. It was easy to follow the characters. As I finished one book, I couldn't wait to get the next one to see what happens. I like science, and this made you think a bit. You never know what is going to happen next.

itpdx says

I am not the target audience for this book. It is a children's book aimed at middle readers. Lots of action and brain stretching challenges. This is an improvement over the first book with less overt explanation of

characters feelings.

NOTE: I passed this book and the first of series on to my 11 year old nephews, they both liked the books very much. They like that they are futuristic and involve a mystery.

Kathy says

Captured is the second book of The Prometheus Project series by Douglas E. Richards. Aimed at 8-12 years olds this is the perfect book for children who are interested in Science and like Science Fiction. The children in this book use their brains instead of their brawn. They analyze, ask questions, make connections and reason things out to solve the problems they face.

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