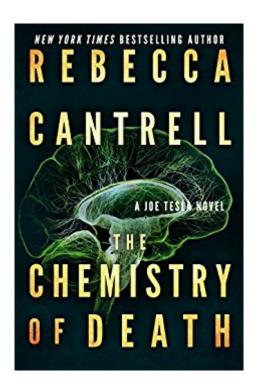


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The Chemistry Of Death (Joe Tesla Series Book 3)





Synopsis

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me...or can they? In the third thrilling installment of this award winning series from New York Times bestseller Rebecca Cantrell, tortured genius Joe Tesla is on the trail of a sadistic serial killer who charms his victims into the bowels of the Manhattan subway system--and who holds the keys to Joe's crippling condition. Can Joe stop the murderous rampage of this silver-tongued killer, or will he become the next victim?

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Customer Reviews

This book has, I think, all but one of the strengths of the previous books in the series. It stars the same protagonists, Joe Tesla and his faithful and smart dog Edison, who are both likeable and admirable and always fun to read about. It shares the same intriguing setting, the underground subway and steam tunnels beneath Grand Central Station in Manhattan. Additionally, it offers an explanation of the perpetrator of the mystery that has underlined the books from the beginning of the series and it seems also to resolve a situation that has been on-going from the beginning. The

strength of the first two books that seems to me mostly missing from this one (and except for the thought-controlled wheelchair) is inventiveness. By now I am used to Joe's brilliance and inventiveness. I am used to his navigation of Manhattan's underground tunnel system. Even though this book has an exciting last couple of chapters, it felt a little "more of the same." I am perfectly willing to believe that the issue is my own--that I read the three volumes in too quick a succession--but I found this one less exciting/a bit less interesting than the previous books.

Rebecca Cantrell can write suspense so wonderfully. Her plotting, character development, foreshadowing, transitions, and excitement level are ALWAYS first-rate. This latest Joe Tesla book moves the character ahead and through some past baggage in a very satisfying way. This whodunit not only stands wonderfully alone as an excellent novel, but it answers some lingering questions satisfyingly, and it moves the protagonist forward to address new challenges in the next book. Cantrell does internal dialogue beautifully and you feel connected and concerned for Joe and his buddy Edison. I highly recommend this book. More importantly, I recommend this author. If you have not read her other work, you have truly missed out on some great writing.

Love the Joe Tesla series, they always surprise me. I was not totally surprised with how this book turned out, that is, who the villain turned out to be. It could only have been one of two possible characters, and the further I got into the book, there really was only one clear choice of who the villain would turn out to be. However, I was surprised that the villain turned out to be a serial killer, that was an unexpected twist. You can't help but be charmed by Joe and his lovable service dog, Einstein. I like the new romantic interest for Joe, and his new underground gardens. Now that we know the who, what, where and how of how Joe was crippled by agoraphobia, I'm wondering if we will see a cure before long. I secretly hope not, because I selfishly want to keep Joe underground and inside so that I can keep enjoying the series for a long time to come.

I've enjoyed the Tesla trilogy; solid escapism. This third book ties up many loose ends although the AW's involvement is still a little unclear. And didn't he have a copy of a plate somewhere? Plus a couple of other ends still dangle but is not essential to the plot that they be cleared up. I got the feeling that a new story arc with the same character set could be in the winds if Cantrell feels so inclined but if she doesn't, then she hasn't left her readers out in the cold. Despite the satisfaction of clearing a few things up, I think I found this book to be the weakest of the three. It felt a bit Hollywood-formulaic with the evil genius, the almost human dog and overly fond of ending

paragraphs on cliff hangers.

I discovered the Order of the Sanguines series and feel in love with Rebecca Cantrell's writing. Fascinating characters, locations you can see come to life in your mind and twisted plots that leave you guessing until the last pages.

Great finish to this series. Left room for a fourth book who knows. Joe knows someone is trying to kill another your woman he is doing everything he can to stop the killer. Near the beginning of the book we get a hint of who the killer is but it is only one word. The authorities are finally beginning to realize that they have a serial killer in the tunnel's or using the tunnels. This becomes a life or death struggle for Joe. This book keeps you reading well into the night. Will Joe survive and find his true love?

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