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YA cyber thriller, ReWired, by Shelli Johannes-Wells (writing as S.R. Johannes), which offers a fresh and exciting new take on the genre, and could be described as Ally Carter's HEIST SOCIETY meets THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO for teens.

Sixteen-year-old Ada Lovelace is never more alive and sure of herself than when she's hacking into a "secure" network as her alter ego, the Dark Angel. In the real world, Ada is broken, reeling from her best friend Simone's recent suicide. But online, the reclusive daughter of Senator Lovelace (champion of the new Online Privacy Bill) is a daring white hat hacker and the only female member of the Orwellians, an elite group responsible for a string of high-profile hacks against major corporations, with a mission to protect the little guy. Ada is swiftly proving she's a force to be reckoned with, when a fellow Orwellian betrays her to the FBI. To protect her father's career, Ada is sent to ReBoot, a technology rehab facility for teens...the same rehab Simone attended right before killing herself.

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With a deliciously twisty plot, the topical bite of Cory Doctorow's LITTLE BROTHER, ReWired delves into technology addiction, internet privacy, and corporate/government collection of data, as it vividly illuminates the universally human questions about ethics, privacy, and self-definition that both underpin these socio-political issues and dovetail with classic coming-of-age themes. Ultimately, ReWired is about the daily choices we all make about who we want to be, how much of ourselves we choose to share with others, and the terrifying risks and exhilarating rewards of being ourselves, online and off.

## ReWired Details

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### **Jeannie says**

Ada is at her best when she is online as the Dark Angel. She can get in and out of websites and other people's computers, erasing her tracks as she goes, so no one is the wiser. She is so good that she doesn't get caught...until she does. Ada gets sent to ReBoot, a facility for teen hackers where she is supposed to untangle herself from her devices and online addiction, and where she also has time to deal with the loss of her best friend and fellow hacker.

You get to peek over Ada's shoulder as she hacks into websites before she is caught and later as she tries to get to the bottom of a conspiracy, with the help of other hackers at ReBoot.

Along with a sub-plot storyline that addresses privacy and the internet, the author explores loss, loneliness, and interpersonal communication in this fast-paced teen hacking novel with well-developed characters.

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### **S.R. Johannes says**

I love this book :) It was so hard to write for me. So I give it 5 stars because im proud I didnt give up after 4 years! :)

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### **Kelsey says**

Actual rating: 4,5 out of 5 stars.

I've got this E-books through Netgalley in return for my honest opinion.

I loved this book. It felt like a mix between Warcross by Marie Lu and The Program by Suzanne Young, Two books that I've enjoyed. The book was well written, the characters were really cool and I felt like they were in their right places. The writing style was really enjoyable. Not too easy but not too difficult either.

I feel like this was a really good book, and definitely worth it to buy!

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### **Amy Leigh says**

This YA cyberpunk book is super intense and hard to put down! I loved how the tech lingo is interwoven throughout the story so you feel like you are experiencing what the character is doing as if watching a movie rather than trying to imagine it. Very well written!

Ada Lovelace is the daughter of a senator and part of a hacker group. When something happens to her best friend Simone in real life she thinks it may have a connection to their hacker group and decides to do everything she can to find out who is responsible. Her plans fall short when she is caught and sent to a hacker rehab clinic called Reboot. Can Ada survive this with her sanity intact?

Thank you to NetGalley and the publisher for providing me with a copy of this novel for a fair and honest review!

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### **Scarlett Readz and Runz....Through Novel Time & Distance says**

4.5 cyber stars

This was an amazing YA thriller. Techno thriller at that but high on the suspense side. Why are there so few thrillers for this genre? This was really well written and the premise was uniquely woven into an exciting mystery / thriller read. Kudos to S. R. Johannes.

The description of the book sums it up really well. What I did not expect were all the twists, turns and challenges Ada, the main character of the book, faced when she enters ReBoot Academy. First of all, that mansion for the academy is creepy. Second, all the kids with different cyber felonies are thrown together to overcome hurdles or challenges in a world without electronic devices. It basically is a boot camp for addicts.

The message stands out. Almost incapable of confronting some of the challenges, the kids are faced with their own fears, have to solve riddles daily and in some cases start to turn on each other. Coming partially from broken homes or other tragedies, these kids need to learn to cope as well as face the consequences of their actions and direct their smarts into useful ways. Sounds like the real world?

None the less, without getting boring or falling into an expected cliché, this mystery of why the kids that are released from ReBoot are dying, takes a pact of Ada and her new friends and foes outside the walls of the academy after disaster strikes and more people are dying mysteriously along the way, to solve.

Very engaging, fast paced and altogether a great suspense read. Try it for yourself. It does not fall into the current hyped YA fantasy genre, but almost stays true to an old fashioned mystery with a modern world take and earns its place at the top.

I received a digital copy of 'ReWired' from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own. Thank you!

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### **Anstice Brown says**

Disclosure: I was kindly given a review copy of ReWired by Xpresso Book Tours for taking part in the tour. This in no way affects the integrity of my review and as usual, all my comments are my honest opinion.

ReWired is the first cyber-thriller I've read (my preference normally being fantasy and sci-fi) but I found it a really intriguing and exhilarating read. The protagonist Ada Lovelace (named after a mathematician considered to be one of the first computer programmers) is a teenager hacker who goes by the alias of 'Dark Angel' online.

Ada is a likeable character who is easy to relate to. Although she hides behind her smart, tough and unstoppable hacker persona, in real life she is the dutiful senator's daughter, nerdy and somewhat isolated. But she's also resilient and faces lots of risky situations to do what she believes is right. Although some of her actions are dubious, she always has good intentions.

After being busted by the FBI for a high-profile hack, Ada is sent to a technology rehab facility called ReBoot, where she begins to investigate her fellow residents and those who run the facility, determined to find out exactly what happened to her best friend Simone, who apparently committed suicide only a week after leaving ReBoot.

ReBoot is a strange place with a 'haunted mansion' feel. It really added a completely different angle to what I expected. There is lots of mystery and suspense in this book which kept me interested all the way through. Although many of the characters appear to fit certain stereotypes like 'jock', 'nerd' or 'goth', they all have secrets and hidden layers which are revealed as the story progresses. I never knew which characters to trust, as any of them could be involved in the conspiracy. There were a few plot twists that I didn't see coming and the ending was left open for a potential sequel.

ReWired is a very modern novel filled with up-to-date slang and pop-culture references which will appeal to teens who like social media and gaming. But the technical jargon isn't overdone, so the novel could be enjoyed by someone with very little knowledge of computers too. It raises lots of issues relevant to the 'information age' we live in, such as internet privacy, technology addiction and the ethics of data collection. There are a few nods to classic dystopian fiction-for instance, Ada's hacking group is called 'The Orwellians'. It also discusses mental health issues and teen suicide, a sensitive topic that may be unsuitable for some younger readers.

I found it to be a very easy read with short chapters that you can breeze through. The style is less literary and descriptive than the novels I usually read, but I know many young adult readers prefer straightforward language rather than lots of imagery. I wasn't a fan of the romance subplot as that's not really my thing but it didn't take over and the main story was very gripping. I was really curious to see how it all unravelled.

Overall, ReWired is a great book that I would recommend to young adult readers who enjoy reading thrillers and adventures, especially those who have an interest in technology. If a sequel is released in the future I would love to read it.

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### **Melissa Souza says**

\*\*Thank you to the publisher and NetGalley for sending me an ARC in return for an honest review.

3.5 stars!!!

I must say that I'm pretty impressed with this novel. It's the first YA techno-thriller that I have read or come across. The concept was pretty unique and the pacing was full on. There's plenty of action to be had within the pages and reading felt like a breeze. However, I was unable to give this book a higher rating for a couple of reasons which I will elaborate below.

Firstly, I enjoyed the setting for the novel as it isn't set too far off from real-life situations. The book heavily focuses on hacking, social media, privacy and other related issues which we already face in our day to day

lives. The worldbuilding was atmospheric enough and I liked how well researched the book was in terms of hacking capabilities and the technical jargon that was used. It made for a rather realistic story. I also liked how the author tackled issues such as shadowy corporations spying on people and using data for nefarious purposes and how the government tries to deal with it. I found this kind of information helped add depth to the overall plot.

Secondly, I found the MC Ada to be especially likeable. She has a very independent streak and I liked how the author decided to come up with a geeky character as a main. She is very knowledgeable at hacking and her skills are phenomenal. I liked how she interacted with other characters and how her relationships with her friends as well as family were portrayed. Ada does have a soft side to her regardless of her tough exterior. She was fleshed out well and the same goes for the minor characters. I enjoyed reading their backstories and finding out who they were. I also enjoyed how Ada was able to take on major decisions with a level head and how persistent she was in trying to find out what really happened to her best friend, Simone. She was focused and strong-willed.

Unfortunately, the one thing I would fault over here is the romance aspect of the story. I get that this a YA novel but I really didn't feel the authenticity behind Ada and Fisher's relationship. It felt way too forced. I think if the book focused on just friendships, it would have been great. For a novel that looks at the hazardous effects of technology and how it can isolate someone, there was no need to just tack on a romance. I think this book could have done without it because when it happened, I was like seriously, I didn't even see any sparks. It was just contrived out of thin air. Yes, it was cute but not relevant. The story would have progressed anyway.

Overall, the book was fine. I liked the whole mystery of how the kids were dying and the fact that there's a rehab facility for technology addiction. There are plot twists that were mildly shocking and plot devices that helped with story progression. The story had many elements which were intertwined in a good way. I wasn't bored in the least. Plus, I liked how the author concluded things neatly. There are no major cliffhangers. I would recommend giving this book a try if you wish to take a break from the other YA genres out there.

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### **Kimberly Derting says**

Lucky enough to get an early (early!) copy, and LOVED Ada's story!!!

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### **Luna says**

I voluntarily received this book on Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I went into this book with super high expectations and I was immensely underwhelmed. The biggest problem of this book was that it had no plot whatsoever. Imagine a thin threadbare patchwork quilt that is sloppily put together...that is how I would describe this book.

The characters were so one dimensional, the friendships and the relationship blossomed out of nowhere and seemed to be forced on to the reader. Emphasis on instal-love the relationship made no sense, we did not get that much insight to either of the character's personalities and it just popped out of bland characters.

The conflict was practically nonexistent because the resolve of it was so predictable and anticlimactic.

There was no plot, it was just occasion after occasion with some lukewarm characters sprinkled in.

Also, not that big of a deal, but I code a lot and have done some recreational hacking (obviously the legal

kind) and the terminology is a little off and I understand it doesn't have to be right but it could be a little more accurate as it is the central focus of this novel.

All in all I did not enjoy this book and I do not see myself reading it again.

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## **Solaire\_writing says**

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Synopsis:

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Mini - Review:

It took me a long time to get my heart to read this book, cause I've never read a tech-thriller before and I was frightened as hell to dislike it. And to be honest the beginning was hard and the first half of the book was slow burning and cooking, to erupt in flames and explosions in the second half and left me with a racing hard, biting lips and hoping for a happy end. The story was so new and also relevant for our daily life it was a lot more than surprising. The topic of teenage private rights and hackers against the big companies sounds just like the late night news am I right? We are not so far away from this fictional work.

The idea of a teenage girl corrupting her own dad with her hacking and getting into a rehab facility like a junkie was something I've never read about before and I was a total sucker for it. I loved all the girlpower vibes in this book and especially Becca was my favorite person of the world in it. Kick-Ass barbie with some serious aggression problems? Sign me in! But Ada herself was also such a great and authentic character and her witty responses to my darling Fisher often took me by surprise. The characters were complex and relatable and I would have loved to read a bit more about their "gang", cause in the end I adored them that much.

First I thought I would dislike the mixture of teenage book, thriller and hacker reality, but in the end I was so stoked I could feel blood and ash on my lips and did not want the book to end, because I had all of these characters in my heart now. I am not often surprised in the second half of a book, and if I could choose I would only take the second half of it with me on a lonely island to be surprised and pumped up with adrenaline, over and over again. Reading this felt like watching a great action-movie. So pick it up and see for yourself :)

(August 26th 2018)

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### **Emma says**

The character Ada Lovelace who was inspired by the real Ada Lovelace gets sent into rehab after hacking the White House. The same place her friend Simone went, and died. When Ada gets there she uncovers a mystery and the big question is: why did Simone kill herself? And who really is the bad guy?

An interesting read, and full of surprises. And who was the bad guy, I did not see that coming

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### **Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says**

From the start of ReWired you are sucked into a cyber world where the stakes are high. Ada Lovelace's character is truly a teen divided. Since the loss of her best friend she has withdrawn more into her alter ego, Dark Angel. When an anonymous tip lands her in deep trouble she ends up at ReBoot, a facility that meant to rehabilitate teens who are too dependent upon technology. This is the same facility that her best friend had been before her death and Ada quickly discovers that everything is not as it seems. With almost every person leaving ReBoot ending up dead, Ada takes it upon herself to investigate for clues that will connect the dots. Along the way, she will find some unlikely allies and realize that the answers she seeks come with a cost that is higher than she ever expected to pay.

The characters in this story are quite entertaining. They all have their little quirks and no one seems to be who they pretend to be. I really cannot remark on whether or not the cyber portion of this story was accurate because I am not a techie person but it seemed pretty realistic and believable to me. I enjoyed the conspiracy that was woven throughout this story. I never knew what was coming next but there were suspenseful builds throughout the story that kept the pace moving. The teens in this story all seem as if they have nothing in common but once their character's facades are broken down they develop a camaraderie.

I enjoyed the growth of Ada's character. At the start of the story she is a withdrawn character who is not living life at all. By the end of this story she has a whole new outlook and it is exciting to think about where

she can go from there. ReWired was an exciting book filled with action, suspense, friendship, and a little bit of romance. I definitely think this story will appeal to readers who enjoy stories that involve technology, hacking, alter egos, and a group of teens who work together to solve a mystery. I would dub them The Breakfast Club of cyber mystery solvers. Overall, exciting read with a satisfying ending!

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### **Tonja Drecker says**

This exhilarating adventure explores not only the world of hacking, but touches upon teen issues and hiding behind internet masks.

Ada Lovelace, aka Dark Angel, leads two lives. On one side, she's an extraordinary hacker and part of a well-known cyber hacking club. On the other, she's a Senator's daughter who once was at the top of the class but since her best friend's death, has fallen into a distant depression. Ada balances her lives as best as she can until one day, the FBI shows up at her door. The only way to avoid jail seems to be a 30-day rehab trip to a creep, historical building for some technological detox time. But there's more to this program than meets the eye.

Ada is an amazing character and drives this story forward from beginning to end. She has so many opposing personalities traits that it's hard not to feel for her and, after learning her past, completely understand her situation. She's tough, snarky, clever and yet healing and kind. But one of her best attributes is her fighting spirit and her drive not to be pushed around. She's a character easy to root for the entire way through, but she's not the only one. The entire cast of characters holds distinct personalities--each with their own problems and pains. Ada describes the group as a cyber form of 'The Breakfast Club' and this description fits well.

The writing itself starts out choppy. The phrases are short and to the point, and the chapters aren't exactly long. While this jeered at first, a couple chapters into the book and the plot takes over, making this a read not easy to be put down. The action and intrigue thickens with clues and a growing mystery until danger and tension fills the last part of the story. The story starts out with a look at Ada's hacking life, and then slowly feeds over into the special rehab program. After allowing the other characters time to develop (and each one has a very heart-breaking history of their own), the suspense and action kicks in. Some of the reasoning behind the 'evil plot' met holes, but the action kept the tale interesting.

There's a few nice historical twists built in these pages as well. Ada Lovelace was a gifted mathematician and writer during the 1800's. She is also sometimes considered to be one of the first 'computer programmers' since some of her works laid the base for later programmers.

Fans of YA adventure, programming, hacking, and a bit of teenagers finding themselves are sure to enjoy this fast-paced read.

I received a complimentary copy and found it thrilling enough to want to leave my honest thoughts.

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**Jypsy says**

Of course, this type of content, computers and such, is becoming increasingly popular. I liked the story and the characters.

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**Miranda says**

Received a copy via netgalley.

Fast paced, great syfy world building, and intriguing writing style.

The thriller side to it was very nice, you don't see many stories like it so it was very surprising how on the edge of your seat it felt. The characters struggled but always managed to sort of come back from it and push on. I'd much enjoy going back to this one again.

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