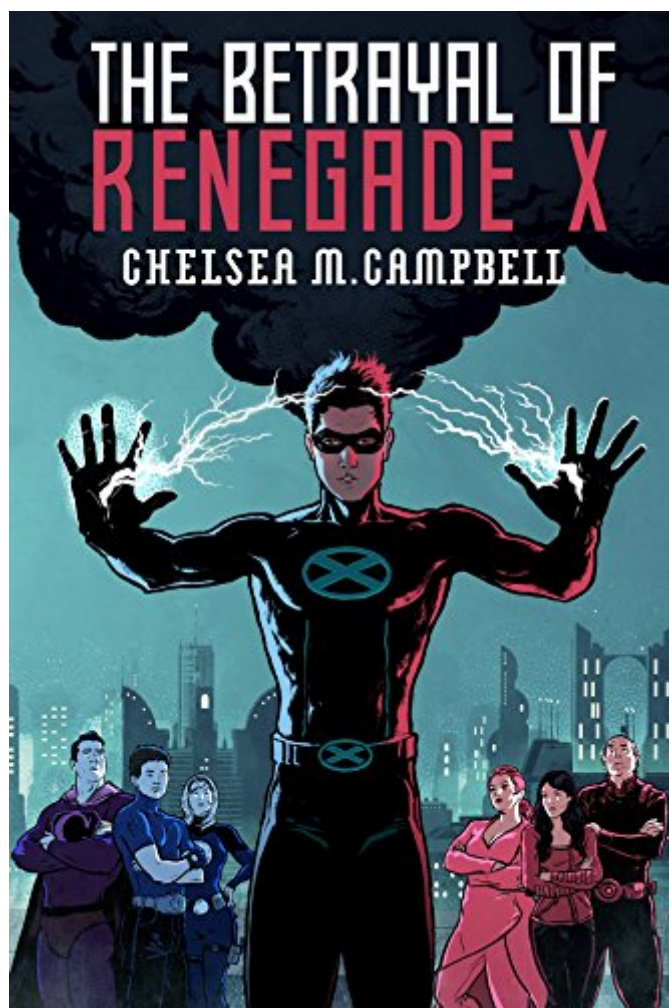


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The Betrayal Of Renegade X (Renegade X, Book 3)



Synopsis

Damien thinks he has the whole hero thing figured out – he's getting good grades at Heroesworth and acing all his missions – at least until he zaps an unarmed bad guy he believes tortured and murdered children. It turns out the "bad guy" was actually a superhero working with the school. The mission was staged, and Damien blew it. Now his best friend refuses to work with him, his dad is considering getting him professional help, and everyone's questioning whether or not he has a future as a hero – including his grandpa, who will do anything to ensure Damien's future lies in villainy. His grandpa creates a villain organization called the Truth, intent on exposing the way heroes really treat villains. But when the Truth launches its plan and the whole city erupts in chaos, Damien is caught between the opposing sides, and his future is anything but certain. With heroes and villains bent on destroying each other, it's up to him to do whatever it takes to stop the fighting, even if it means betraying the people closest to him.

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Customer Reviews

So I loved the series enough to buy it. The adventures of Renegade X continues. All good. Well, mostly nefarious, but you get what I mean. Ha! We learn of the new dangers and societal changes that are coming for the world of X. Like all characters caught in the social middle ground, X, has to decide where he wants to be. Being a teenager and with super powers is NOT a good thing sometimes. I love how Miss Campbell captures the snarky voice of teenager illogic and yet blends it well with a world of supers and norms. I do have one pet peeve though, why is it that some powers are considered good and others evil? After all, electricity isn't really an evil power. Tasers are not that destructive. And who really becomes a super hero, when all you can do is FLY??? Honestly, if flight power is all you got, then you're just asking to be shot out of the sky. Third and finally, Amelia, Renegade's annoying sister, has a REALLY useful power: the ability to teleport anything she touches to her. Honestly, why doesn't she just have a secret cache of hidden emergency equipment? Like : Tasers, Guns, Ammo Clips, Weapons, Food, Medical, Cell phone, Handcuffs, lock picks, bolt cutters, Rope, or heck Duct Tape it, you name it, she's got it. Once she sets up her cache, she can conceivably be a walking bank of goods and instant tools and be a SUPER valued member of any team. Or if she goes badass imagine the carnage she can unleash with a stash of guns and ammo clips already loaded (NOT that she would...but man she could...) All the same, perhaps Renegade will think about Amelia's power and make suggestions to her to set up an Equipment Vault. Oh wait, with a power like that, Amelia can be code named: VAULT: because she can summon any of her equipment from a secret Vault. How cool is that? Miss Campbell: You write. I will buy. Excelsior!!

I have to say, thought it all and everything I am very happy with this book. I don't say that very often. I don't get to. More often than not something lacks. Here, only the very end lacks, and only lacks a little. Please understand the very end, after all is said and done it only lacks A LITTLE! Because I wanted to see Grandpa again. Renegade X, or better known as Damien, has a lot on his mind and plate. Everyone is watching him all the time. Neither side trusts him. Because he is half hero, and half villain. He chose his side in the last book. In heart he is a hero. He will do what he thinks is best. If that means zapping a killing kidnapper then, hell yeah he'll do it. F*ck the school. This kid has already done some real field work. In this everything is messed up and he has to do a lot of thinking. What will he do after school? Who is going to trust him? Why should they? Not to go into more detail and spoilers, I'll stop there. I really liked (on the mother's side) Grandpa. He loves his grandson.

Even when they don't agree I felt there was more there than there was with the dad. Some characters that were sort of big in the last book were really pushed to the side here. Others I felt that could at least add some pages and depth were never done.

I read..... Alot. I do mean alot. In fact I can go through two books a day. Finding decent authors and stories that don't drag on, or follow cookie cutter character models to the point everything is one giant bore, can be a real chore. The first time I read the first Renegade X book, I was hesitant. I was positive I was in for the standard cliches, good vs bad. Right vs wrong. Or even worse standard YA fodder. I am pleased in more ways than one to say that did not happen. Damien Locke is my kind of main character. A smartass, stubborn, crude, even gleefully malicious at times. But for all of that, he has morales, ethics, and a very grounded sense of right vs wrong. X is the best thing for him and I can't help but look forward to the next installment. Who knows maybe we'll get some idea of what he's going to do to his mother forcefeeding his memories into Xavier. Will he graduate Herosworth? Will Kat stay hating on Sarah? Will his grandfather own up to using him? PLEASE Ms. Campbell, don't make us wait too long for the next installment!

Another great addition to this YA series that mixes in some more serious themes. Chelsea Campbell continues to show us how talented she is in both her character development and ability to churn out clever and interesting dialogue. As much fun of a read as all other novels in the Renegade series.

I love Renegade X. This book is just as funny as the first two, but CMC never trivializes the characters' problems or emotions. The best superhero is an antihero, and that's built into Renegade X's DNA. I hope the publisher releases an audio version. I'd buy it in a heartbeat.

good read

I love Chelsea Campbell's Renegade X series. It was the first superhero series I read, based on a recommendation on the Grrl Power webcomic discussion board. I'm glad I did. The only thing I'm unhappy about is that I have to wait for a while before the next book comes out! Ms. Campbell's writing is very professional, her plots complex and fascinating, and her characterization fantastic. The major publishers need to snap her up!

I love this series. It's definitely in the Young Adult genre, but at 44 the humor translates surprisingly

well.

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