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The domed city of Evanescence is in ruins. With nowhere to go, prodigy hacker Ellani “Ella” Drexel and a small band of survivors flee to the Undertunnel below their city.

To escape the wasteland *she* unknowingly created.

But sanctuary is hard to find. With malfunctioning androids and angry rebels at their backs, the group hopes to press on for the neighboring city of Cadence. But Ella’s chosen path is challenging...life-threatening, even. Worse, the boy she loves is acting distant, and not at all like the person she first met in *Nexis*.

But then Ella learns a secret...and it changes *everything*.

Ella knows she needs to turn back and make a stand to reclaim her home. She’s determined to bring a new—and better—life to all who’ve suffered.

Or die trying.

## Redux Details

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## **From Reader Review Redux for online ebook**

### **Shelley says**

\*Source\* Publisher

\*Genre\* Young Adult, Science Fiction

\*Rating\* 4.0

\*My Thoughts\*

Redux is the second installment in author A.L. Davroe's Trickster's series. Redux picks up immediately where Nexis left off. To summarize, Tricksters is a series that is set in a far off future where Global Nuclear War has torn the world apart. The survivors built themselves Dome Cities like Evanescence. In doing so, they separated into two classes: Aristocrats who enjoy all the benefits of Modification and Alterations, & the Disfavored who were born outside of the domed cities and have held resentment against the Aristo's.

\*Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews\*

<http://gizmosreviews.blogspot.com/201...>

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### **Morris says**

The second book in the Tricksters series, "Redux", left me feeling somewhat let down.

The plot is fun and kept my attention, but there were large info dumps throughout that could be quite confusing. I understand that the characters were not aware of the situations, so it was like they were finding everything out all at once, but for the ease of the reader it could have been handled better.

"Redux" is still a good escape type of book, and I encourage those who enjoyed "Nexis" to continue with the series.

This unbiased review is based upon a complimentary copy provided by the publisher.

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### **Erica Chilson says**

**I received a copy of this title to read and review for Wicked Reads**

5 Stars.

Young Adult age-range: 14+ Adult Language. Violence. Kissing & fade-to-black sexual situations.

At the start of Redux, I was afraid I'd have to reread Nexis. It had been over 15 months since I read the debut in the series, and had read 500+ books in the interim. While I can't say it wasn't a bit of a struggle in the first few pages to situate myself into the universe, characters, and past events, Davroe did a fabulous job leading

the reader to remember bits from Nexis, without devolving into an info-dump rehash. So I applaud the author on the seamless delivery of past information.

With that being said, if you enjoy rereading, and you read the first close to its release, I'd suggest rereading prior. As I read Redux, I had moments where I thought it would have been nice to reread to capture the subtle nuances that may otherwise be lost on the reader. Those heart-tugging, gut-wrenching moments, and bits of foreshadowing, where the reader murmurs, "ahhh..." on a reread.

I do not recommend this being read as a standalone or out of series order.

From this point on, to avoid spoilers, I'm going to have a difficult time formulating a cohesive review. It truly would ruin the journey.

Redux was a page-turner, where I found myself getting snippy when torn from the story. I just wanted to sit down and devour it from page-one until the end. This fast-paced read is filled with intriguing world-building, adventuring, love and loss, which hit all my emotions.

The opulent, domed city of Evanescence is powered down, with its inhabitants scattered in the wind, and/or no longer among the living. Ella and company try to save the few remaining aristocrats by seeking to locate a sanctuary. There's no real comfort and security, so Ella has to have the backs of her companions. Nothing goes as planned, including all the machinations plotted by the original Tricksters, which put them into the mess they are dealing with now. Lives are lost, friendships are made and tested, and relationships die while others bloom.

Ella is still a strong role model, making good choices with both her head and heart. In a world where the cast of characters is either vapid- and only thinking of their wants and needs -or logical to a fault- where they are missing empathy and compassion, only seeing people as tools, even loved ones and friends -Ella stuck true to her roots, as the perfect mix of both personality types. Ella bridges the gap as the Savior.

Ella does her best, making sacrifices for the good of *all* the people.

There is are several romantic entanglements, adding a nice dose of teenage angst, but they are far from insta-love and do not subtract from the very involved plot. While I wasn't surprised by the direction the author took Ella's romantic interests, I was shocked by another twisty plot point. Young adults and the young at heart will find the romance in Redux to add to the overall enjoyment, give us a reason to root for specific characters. It truly is complementary to the story arc, not propelling it but giving everyone a reason to hope in a desolate situation.

Redux was well worth the wait. Usually when I'm floored by an amazing debut novel, it all goes down hill in the sequel. Nexis and Redux are both equally worthy of a 5-star rating, which I never give lightly. I can't wait to see what the author has in store during the next book.

Recommended to fans of Young Adult, Fantasy, Science-fiction, Dystopian/Utopian fiction, MMORPG video game based novels.

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**Arys says**

Redux (Tricksters #2) by A. L. Davroe is book two in her YA dystopian series about Ellani Drexel.

Continuing right where book one, Nexis, ended, Redux takes us into the Undertunnel as Ella and the remaining survivors try to get as far away from the domed city of Evanescence as they can and the coming horde of killer machines and disfavored that have taken over the city.

When they realize the food stores that would help them get to their sister city, Cadence, is gone. They have no choice but to risk going topside to The Waste to find supplies. Here is where it gets even more exciting, as danger arises, secrets are revealed, and we find more about the Tricksters, and the game of Nexis than we ever knew.

Ms. Davroe's writing is wonderful and filled with imagery and words that pull at the senses and your emotions. I also enjoyed the twists and turns, and learning more about the Disfavored, the Tricksters, and the virtual game her parents created.

The character of Ella really grew as a character for me and I enjoyed seeing her in Real World, and dealing with the different revelations that came up now that she was no longer in the game, especially with her relationships to family, friends, Gus, and Quentin. Quentin is also another character I absolutely adored. He won me over and he plays a big role within this novel.

Overall, Redux by A. L. Davroe is a well-written novel that entertains you from start to finish and keeps you on the edge of your seat as you wait to see what happens next. I enthusiastically recommend.

(I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book I received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my open and honest review.)

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## **Brianna says**

Of course I am giving the second book in one of my favorite series a 5 stars. It would feel like betrayal if I didn't besides the fact that it completely and absolutely DESERVES it.:)

Back at it again Ellani Drexel being a bad ass and slaying. Elle completely grew as a character in this novel. She had so much to overcome and so much to deal with and throughout this novel you can relate to her hardships and the mental (and physical) exhaustion she has to go through to really get through the shit that goes down throughout this book. I am one proud FAN.! Oh my goodness I cannot stop with this story. It is so freaking beautiful.

I honestly have not read a story as poetic and meaningful as this series and this book has been since Delirium by Lauren Oliver. And I have read a ton of great books since then. The difference between this book and others is that there is an underlying meaning in this novel that relates greatly to our world today and where we as a civilization are heading. And I LOVE that it is brought to attention in a very thought-provoking and lyrical way.

The use of technology and the ranks of class from wealthy to poor is represented in a wonderful way and shows just how real and how close we are to heading in that direction.

Ellani is a savior to her people bringing together the Aristocrats (the rich) and the Disfavored (the poor) and showing them that without each other the other is nothing. That they need each other to continue on in

rebuilding their world. The hate and the social statuses mean nothing when your world is in shambles, because at that point they are all the same, human with lives to live.

The setting and the backdrop of this novel really fits with the way the first book ended, starting from the bottom and gradually making it back to the top, but united. I could not be more happy and more in love with this series than I already am. The author really did such a mesmerizing and beautiful job at creating a heart-wrenching but beautifully chaotic end to a new beginning and she definitely deserves all the praise.

&& I am just gonna throw this in here because its necessary. Nexis "GUS" and Real World "GUS" is like my new obsession after Rhysand from the ACOTAR series BY SJMAAS. That is all.;) Oh, and GO GET THIS SERIES. WORTH IT.!

MUCH, MUCH LOVE. <3

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### **Lisa Mandina says**

Loved it!!

Full review can be found on my blog, Lisa Loves Literature!

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### **Carrie says**

Redux is the second book in the Tricksters series by A.L. Davroe. In the first book of the series, Nexis, we met Ella Drexel who lived in the domed city of Evanescence with her father who was the creator of a virtual reality game. When Ella and her father are in an accident Ella's father was killed and Ella herself lost her legs. This left her in the care of a woman that kept Ella trapped with everyone thinking she had died too so Ella turned to her father's virtual reality game for escape.

Redux picks up exactly where the end of Nexis left readers with Ella and a small band of survivors fleeing to the Undertunnel below their city. The group is tested with the malfunctioning androids and angry rebels on their journey trying to find safety. Ella also finds that the boy she thought she found love with in the virtual reality world of Nexis isn't who she thought he was and now she questions just what had happened between them.

The Tricksters series is really turning into an amazing read with twists and turns at every corner that has again left me with no idea as to what to expect when this story continues. The author has created a wonderful post-apocalyptic society with just enough unrest along with interesting characters and situations within.

The setting in this series reminded me a lot of The Hunger Games when reading the first book in the series. The residents of the city of Evanescence are the elite in the world that spend their time in different indulgences and do strange things to themselves in the name of beauty. While outside of the city you have what are known as the disfavored who seem to be the lower class citizens that aren't allowed into the dome with the clean air so they are dying off due to the pollution.

As with the first book of the series there is a bit of virtual reality in this one but not quite as much. Ella is

learning just what the game Nexis meant to her father and what it will mean to her now. Even after reading the two books in the series I have no idea what the author will have in store in the next installment since there always seems to be twists I don't see coming. Will definitely look forward to seeing just where this series end up next though.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.wordpress...>

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### **Olivia Farr says**

"Redux" is the continuation of "Nexis," which picks up right where "Nexis" left off. Ellani (aka Ella) and several of the Elite are in the tunnels under the city after fleeing the death and chaos that descended upon Evanesence after she planted the virus. They learn quickly that the food stores they expected to be there are emptied and they will not be able to travel to their sister domed city, as they had planned. They will instead have to go to the outer ring and find some food stores. Ella is also questioning who played the game with her- Gus or Quent- as she navigates these new troubles.

This book felt a little like an in-between book, as second books often do, where the plot advances a little but mostly it carries us between more significant books. We learn some new pieces to the puzzle that is the Tricksters, the games (Nexis and Redux, the version of Nexis played by the disfavored), Ella's parents, and her own romantic relationships. There is also imminent danger from not only the disfavored and the city itself, but also from cannibals.

That being said, the writing style is still just as fantastic as the first, and I read this book quickly- within a day, and it was tough to stop reading at all. The writing style is descriptive enough to allow you to picture everything with ease but without getting bogged down with too much flowery language- I found it to be a perfect blend and really enjoyed it! It's about the same length as the first, and it seemed to be just right. I only wish I had the next book already!

Overall, this is a really great addition to a clever series, and I really enjoyed it! Please note that I received an ARC from the publisher through netgalley. All opinions are my own.

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### **Nereid says**

Usually the second book in a series does not surpass the first but in this case Redux exceeded the expectations that I had. The first book reminded me a bit of Cinders and Hunger Games with that dystopian type world and then it became something entirely different. The story was compelling with so many twist and turns I had no idea what to expect. The author wove the different threads of the story together perfectly with enough drama and pathos to keep you turning the pages to see what happens next. The definition of reality was explored with Gus and Ella and their in-game relationship compared to being together in the real world and showed how easy it is to pretend to be someone else when you do not those expectations of being together in the real world. Quentin was a surprise for me as he seemed to have it all yet as we later found out

not everything was as it seemed. Even the mean girls showed some semblance of redemption and Ella was the catalyst bringing hope to those who desperate wanted something to believe in.

Some aspects of the story were glossed over and a revolution does have a lot collateral damage although a few of the characters were just pawns in a game set in motion long before they came along. The overall feel of the story appealed to me as it was about survival, working together and making a better society for everyone. This series would make a great movie and I would definitely buy a ticket if it ever happens.

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### **Kelsy M says**

I got a copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

This picked up right where Nexis ended and I loved that. The story was just as good this time around even though it took me longer to read this then I wanted. Still absolutely love Ella as a main character. The last 20% of this book was the best part to me. It contained basically all of the action. I am interested to see where things go if there is another book, as of now there ins't any info regarding a third book. Hopefully there is one because I would love a look at this world after the events in this!

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### **Veronica says**

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

Droids have destroyed Evanescence and Ella, Quint, Gus and group of residents manage to escape the city alive. Ella feels responsible for the deaths of so many people and is ready to do whatever it takes to keep the survivors alive.

Life outside of Evanescence eventually leads them to come into contact with the disfavoured and we start to learn that there is far more going on than we thought. Outside of the walls of Evanescence Ella sees people she thought she'd never see again.

The side story of the romance provides a good dollop of teenage drama and angst along side their fight for survival. But what I loved most about this story is it doesn't really go where I expect and it is full of surprises. In the end it is clear that Ella is an amazing heroine and she is willing to make huge personal sacrifices for the greater good.

I was completely engrossed in Redux every step of the way and I can't wait for book 3.

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### **Aditi ~ •A Thousand Words A Million Books says**

#### **AS SEEN ON: A THOUSAND WORDS A MILLION BOOKS**

*I received a review copy from Entangled Teen via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts*



*and opinions are entirely my own.*

Nexis, the first book in this Duology, was one of my first five star reads of 2016. It was brilliantly crafted in a futuristic world and the ending had me sitting in the same spot, slackjawed and ready for book two already.

For some reason, despite getting approved to read an eARC of Redux on NetGalley, it took me a really long while to tap on the book on my Kindle app and start reading.

It's been a year and a half and well, apart from the basic story and the main characters, I'd forgotten everyone else. This is why the first 10% of the book saved me as it refreshed my knowledge about this series.

In simple short words, Nexis was better than Redux.

After the first ten percent that functioned like a recap to me, I was so confused by the world. Without a map or clear descriptions that functioned like a map, I had this feeling of being lost in my bookish surroundings that I couldn't take. I had no idea what the plan was - was it to try and go to the NEXT dome (I remember that being the plan from the last book?) And if so, why did they never try and only wanted to go back into the dome they destroyed? How many undertunnels are there? What's the plan? I spent most of the book wondering what everybody in it was doing, to be honest.

I can't review this book without spoilers, BUT, despite the death of hundreds of thousands of people at the hands of the "Tricksters" I felt not even a single amount of GUILT or I'M WRONG WHAT CAN I DO from any one of them. They pretty much had made peace with their actions, damn the consequences and moved forward, and were STILL TRUSTED to be leaders of the Rebellion. Or the refugees. I don't know how they were and how NOBODY blamed them but it made the book feel artificial.

Let's also talk about Ella's parents. They were at the top of my list of people who didn't CARE that thousands had died, their "uploaded minds" merely saying "Oh, well, that was only a slight miscalculation" They used their own DAUGHTER to give a face to Rebellion without so much as ASKING her and then made her a Saviour. SIGH.

Apart from that, there were two death scenes where a certain somebody ALMOST died but HAHA HE DIDN'T BECAUSE HE'S THE MAIN CHARACTER AND HOW COULD HE?

I did have a lot of problems with this book, but there was a lot to like too. I still loved the sheer genius of the technology that made up Evanesence. It takes a SPECTACULAR mind to come up with ideas like the one in the book and I loved it. There were also certain gritty and romantic twists that I couldn't see coming but loved when they did because they added a lot to the book.

Mostly, I just wish this book had been better. I wish Ella's parents had asked and not attempt to brainwash an entire population. I wish Ella's wasn't such a NOBLE person and that she wasn't portrayed as a Saint/Saviour but more like a normal girl.

I love this series, and I definitely recommend it. I just wish that certain elements were better executed. 3 stars.

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## **zapkode says**

{My thoughts} – Ellani Drexel is back again in an incredibly well written sequel to “Nexis.” This book picks up exactly where the last one lets off and fills you in on a few things that happened in the first book so you will have an easier time remembering what happened and not feel like you may need to go read that first book as a means to be able to understand where this book is picking up. I like that when authors give you tidbits from previous books, it makes it easier to keep reading and not have to go back and forth between each book.

When I saw this book was up for tour I just had to read it. I am intrigued by this whole series and the premise in which it is written, The first book had pulled me completely in and I’d been wanting to know what Ellani’s next step would be once they were all together in the tunnels. There are some good moments, some bad moments and some OMGee I can’t believe that’s why things are how they are moments. I really enjoyed reading more into the storyline. I can’t wait to continue the storyline with the next book in the series. I truly hope it isn’t going to be a long wait, because right now this second it’s leaving me with the feeling of pure torture! You know the feeling I am talking about – the dreaded book hand-overs. I have one again because of this series! I am anxious to read on and see what comes of the survivors of Evanescence.

If you enjoy dystopian type books, I am certain that you’ll enjoy reading this book and well the whole series. It’s well written and well thought out. The description and the imagery topped with a fascinating storyline pulls the reader right in. The only thing that bothered me about this book was the inconsistency with Ellani’s nickname. She was called Ella by some characters and Elle by others which to me got sort of annoying. I really enjoyed the rest of the way in which the book was written and I am sure that other readers will enjoy it just as much. I look forward to seeing where this series goes with the next book.

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## **Kirsty (Amethyst Bookwurm) says**

Thanks to Netgalley and Entangled Publishing for giving me this book to review.

Redux is a really great second book in the Tricksters series with lots of twists. It was fast paced, with good world building. This book was more intense than the last as it is set in the real world and when the characters die, they actually die, but I did miss the fantasy element of the Nexis. While I am not a fan of love triangles or squares, I found this one interesting as it did not go on too long and it had the extra element of who was in the Nexis with Ella.

Ella is intelligent but also wracked with guilt, and she is willing to do anything to fix her mistakes. I wish we got to see more of Gus but he is loyal, resourceful, conflicted and daring. We got to learn more about Quentin, how persuasive he is and how much responsibility was on his shoulders, which made me like his character as he was so interesting. I enjoyed how we got to know new characters as well as established ones becoming more developed.

Like the last book I was a bit confused at the ending but I also enjoyed it as all of the main questions were answered but it was also left open enough for another book, which I would enjoy as I liked reading about this world. I would recommend Redux to fans of the first book Nexis.

This and my other reviews can be found at [Amethyst Bookwurm](#)

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## Nicole Hewitt says

4.5/5 Stars

This review and many more can be found on my blog: [Feed Your Fiction Addiction](#)

This second book in the Tricksters Series was possibly even more intense than the first. In this book, Ella and company are fleeing the city, but things don't go as planned. Ella still struggles to figure out her role in the revolution—both what it was meant to be and what she wants it to be. And she finds that her relationship with Gus isn't simple now that they're in the real world. Add to that the fact that the legs that Ella has been given have been damaged, leaving her feeling less than whole once again and the fact that pretty much everyone wants to kill them ... it's a bumpy ride.

There's a major revelation in this book that completely threw me, even though it made complete sense once I knew. I'm incredibly pleased with the way that things played out in the romance department, despite the fact that I was more than a little unhappy in the beginning. And Nexis comes back into play (somewhat), which I was happy to see as well. This book puts poor Ella through the ringer and makes her dig deep and decide what kind of world she wants to live in—the answers aren't as easy as she once imagined.

This is an exciting sequel that reminds me why I fell in love with this concept to begin with. I'm looking forward to more! I give this book 4.5/5 stars from me.

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