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Also known as “payback” or a more dated word: “vengeance.” Arnaldo Soto has taken Emilio and intends to use him as bait to trap Gemma. It’s an effective strategy, because Gemma will do anything—*anything*—to save the young boy.

The woman known as Gemma Keyes is gone, her molecular structure destroyed and reassembled as . . . something else. In Gemma’s stead emerges a fierce weapon: part woman, part nanotechnology, her cellular composition conjoined with the nanocloud, indissoluble and formidable. She and the nanomites are now more than a match for her enemies—but Gemma has promised God that she will not strive to visit retribution on Arnaldo Soto for taking Emilio. *The nanomites have made no such promise.*

*The conclusion to the Nanostealth series will blow your mind.*

**Excerpt.** First the “merge.” Now this, the latest iteration of Gemma Keyes—or should I say, the “new and improved nanocloud”? The revived and restored nanocloud . . . superior in every way, comprising six tribes and, at last count, more than twenty trillion nanomites; the nanocloud that had annexed and incorporated the person I’d been—all of who and what I was.

The nanomites and I were melded. We were irrevocably bound to each other now. We were an *amalgamation*.

I lifted my hands to examine them. As I did, the light fixtures banding the cavern flickered; current jetted from the wavering lights and slammed into my chest. The drawn energy coursed through me and reverberated in my bones. It swelled and spread down my arms until it reached my fingertips, ready to burst forth.

With a curious and almost detached air, I watched as my body attracted more energy from the light fixtures. Electricity crackled around me, infusing me with might. I flexed and curved my fingers; tongues of current sizzled in the palm of my hand and built into a ball of pulsing blue fire.

I drew another deep breath and felt my body respond, my strength rise. The electricity I attracted from the cavern’s lights (without conscious intent) pulsed and crackled; it bent toward me and flowed into me. I raised one hand toward the electrical source and current jetted into my palm—arcing and building within the span of my fingertips. I rotated my wrist, and the ball of energy sizzled. Intensified.

I brought my hands together and stared with fascination as the shimmering bolus of energy enlarged. It swirled between my extended fingers. As I moved my splayed hands apart, tendrils of electricity climbed from my fingers onto the ball; they wrapped themselves about the sphere to hold and feed it. The orb grew larger; its vibrations thudded through my chest.

I stared at the sparking sphere of electricity sitting in my hand. What could I do with it? What would happen if I . . . tossed it?

*I thought that I knew the answer.*

***Nanostealth***

**Book 1:** *Stealthy Steps*

**Book 2:** *Stealth Power*

**Book 3:** *Stealth Retribution*

## **Stealth Retribution Details**

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# From Reader Review Stealth Retribution for online ebook

## Barbara Carter says

Nano, cook me dinner!

This series was intriguing, thought-provoking, and fun! Can't wait for the next book. Nano, looking forward to hearing more from you!

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## Sheila Holmes says

For me, this novel was superb. It was fast-paced, incredibly creative, and had a clear message of the Gospel. There is a 4th one in the series, but it doesn't get released until June.

OH WOE IS ME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## Rhonda R. says

Best Christian Fiction series ever

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## Julianne says

WHAT.

WHAT?

WHAAAAAAAAT?!?!?!?!?

THIS CAN'T BE THE LAST ONE.

^My sister heard my devastated shouts as I finished this book.

"Do we have to petition for a fourth book?" she asked.

"YES." I said, because I'm still all worked up and therefore in shouting mode.

"She has a website." she said, then paused before delivering the fatal blow. "But she's starting a new series."

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO."

But really, I should have seen it coming. The author's note at the end said that she "didn't currently have a fourth book in the works." which means that I'm going to have to wait a loooooooooong time before finding

out what happens next, if I ever do.

The agony.

So friends, if I've already persuaded you to read these books, still do! Just don't fool yourself, as I did, into thinking that this is the final installment and you're going to be happy with how it ends.

NO. THERE'S MORE. THERE HAS TO BE.

And Vikki Kestell, if you're reading this (I mean, I sincerely doubt you are but I don't have anything to lose), THANK YOU for writing such an incredible series, and rest assured that I am fervently praying that God plans for you to write the next 16 books in record time.

Oh, and my sister says your next series looks really interesting. I have my doubts that it could be better than this, but I might give it a shot after I've had some time to recover from my disappointment. Maybe.

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## **Sherry Cross says**

### **Technicalities**

In the third book of the Nanostealth series, Gemma becomes a mighty warrior with the assistance of the nanomites, and intensive training. Alas, Gen. Cushing discovers her new identity and sends in the mercenaries after her. With the nanocloud's protection she rises to live another day, has an encounter with the president of the US, and cleans up a mexican drug cartel. Good solution, cant wait to read book 4.

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## **Y.I. Lee says**

What can I say. This is a fabulous book from a fabulous series. I didn't want it to end. My only consolation is the the fourth book is coming soon, I believe in June. I can't wait.

The interaction between Gemma and the nanomites was just wonderful. Seldom do I belly laugh out loud, and seldom do I sit gasping and clutching my kindle, with nervous anticipation. And never do I tend to pay full price for a kindle book, but for this series I don't even think about it. I have to have the book!!

The ending was great and in many ways took me by surprise, but brilliant.

I will miss Gemma, the nanomites and all the other characters I have grown so fond of.

Do I recommend this book? You bet I do.

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## **Maegan Daugherty says**

### **Wild ride, and a ton of fun!**

Third book in a great series. Chores? Work? All on the back burner while I was immersed in a story of bravery, fear, love, and life lessons. I absolutely fell in love with the characters! This book is very clean, and

has so many mature life lessons that I am still thinking on. Overall, a beautifully crafted, artfully told tale of life, redemption, and hope. Don't forget the occasional humor that had me laughing out loud... which left my family members wondering if I had gone crazy. Now I just have to wait for another book! Please, please continue Gemma's tale!

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### **Molly says**

These books are so worth reading!! Absolutely loved this series (thanks again Pumpkin). The first book is free as a kindle book on Amazon, so why not try it out? You've got nothing to lose! SO GOOD.

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### **Alesha Kuechler says**

#### **Continued greatness**

After reading this one, I can't wait to see what happens in book four! I appreciate the continued spiritual perspective and how that relates Gemma with Nano. Amazing. I'll be sad to see it end with the next installment. Book five anyone?

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### **JC says**

Great book. Glad she left it open for another book. You should read this series!

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### **James Trulove says**

I LOVED this series of 3 books. It was rollicking fun and they are those books that you never get to a stopping place. Stayed up to 3am TWICE to finish one. She weaves life choices, danger, science and even God together so skillfully that you never want the books to end. Sniff, sniff, I have finished them, but have started re-reading them. They are THAT type of book.

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### **Maureen Koepfel says**

#### **An amazing series**

What if all of your life you made being invisible an art? What if one day you realized that you really were invisible? Gemma Keyes is a twin. Her twin Genie is t very nice and has made it her mission to torment Gemma. Even as adult. Then a series of events leave Gemma truly invisible.

If you like science fiction and Christian fiction, you will enjoy this great book series by Vikki Kestell.

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## **Rhonda Marx says**

I enjoyed reading all three in the series, getting to know the characters in the book. Seeing how Gemma Keys changes from the first one to Stealth Retribution. How she learned to live with the Nanos and who she is in Christ. The part that really made me think and ponder on was if someone would notice Jesus in us. And in the end still left you wanting more of Gemma and Zander.....

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## **SJ Garrison says**

### **WOW, what a ride!**

Vikki did it again! What a rollercoaster thrill ride! I could not put this book down. I cried, I laughed, I pondered. This book was embedded in my thoughts and dreams. I highly recommend this book if you love good clean stories and thrillers! You can not go wrong with this book.

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## **Sarah says**

\*Spoilers, spoilers, and more spoilers!\*

My friends and I did a little creative thinking so that I could read this book. (No thanks to Kindle's "you can only loan a book out once" stupid policy. Do you see steam coming out of my pores?)

The ending was WAY better than I feared, due to my friend's reaction. Kestell wrapped everything up nicely, while still leaving the potential for more adventures. I thought it was well done.

Lots of dramatics in this conclusion. At the end of the last book, Emilio is kidnapped, so Gemma and the nanomites are busy looking for him. Gemma is so clever. She sets it up so that Soto's relatives (who put a bounty on his head) come grab him after she gets Emilio, THEN has the FBI waiting to pick up the whole group of them! HA!

The identity of Cushing's handler is revealed - it's the Vice President! Gemma has to warn the president (National Treasure 2, anyone?), so she sneaks into the White House and, after freaking him out a bit, they make a plan to catch the VP and force him to either resign or go to prison.

However, the nanomites intervene and kill the VP. After he's gone, Cushing basically loses it (not that she had it very much to begin with) and sets out to destroy Gemma in an act of vengeance. First, she blows up the safe house where Gemma and Dr. B are staying. They both survive. Then, Cushing goes to Gemma's old house where Genie is staying and we have the Showdown at the OK Corral. It ends with a bang, and both Cushing and Genie are dead, but just before, Genie submits to Christ. The nanomites save Gemma and Zander and Zander's hand.

Oh yeah. Zander. So he loves Gemma, she loves him back, but she's convinced that they can't ever be together since she's, you know, half machine. He's not ready to give in so easily, but it's a bumpy ride.

Gemma has all sorts of reservations that she's not sure how to resolve.

Thus, the ending. All the people who want Gemma dead are themselves dead. Technically, Gemma Keyes is dead too, but she just changed her whole identity into Jayda Locke. The nanomites create a solution for Gemma/Jayda and Zander to be together, solving both Gemma and Zander's reservations. They split the nanocloud in half and merge with Zander too!!! So now there are two nano-people and they can get married! Woohooo! Emilio is happily living with Abe and both Zander and Gemma are a big part of his life.

Oh my goodness, the mites crack me up!

*We believe he is an older member of Soto's gang, as evidenced by his frequent and sycophantic affirmations of Soto's statements. How the nanomites used fifty-dollar words but managed to stumble over common idiomatic expressions would never fail to amaze (and amuse) me. "Sycophantic affirmations," my left foot!*

**"Nano? Where are you?"**

*We are here, Gemma Keyes.*

**"Why are you hiding from me?"**

*We are not hiding, Gemma Keyes.*

**"Baloney! You've never disappeared like this. What's going on?"**

*Gemma Keyes, lunch meat has no bearing on this situation. LOL!!!!*

**Gemma: "How do you feel?"**

**Zander: "Like I puked up my toenails."**

*Zander Cruz, it is not possible to puke up one's toenails, nor is it possible to know what that feels like.*

**Yeah? Well, I suggest you don't get on my bad side on the first day, Nano."**

**"But no one is going to remember interviewing me!"**

*They do not remember at present, but they will when you appear for your orientation, Jadya Locke.*

**"Jedi mind tricks," I grumbled.**

*Effective and efficient, came their snarky riposte.*

**Zander and I sighed in unison. From New Mexico to Maryland, the two nanoclouds had competed.**

**They'd spent the entire first day of our drive vying over license plate bingo. We were so weary of their oneupmanship that, when we hit east Texas, Zander asked if they knew how to play the game "cow". He explained the simple rules and sent them into a paroxysm of shouting "Cow!" in our ears every few seconds - until the distinctly chilly voice of one nanocloud grumbled,**

**Zander Cruz. We have determined this game to have no purpose. You have played a joke on us.**

Now that I have all that down, I have to briefly mention the ONE thing that I did not like about this book - the nanomites and Jesus. I loved how they called him the "Jesus tribe" but the whole "nanomites experiencing Jesus" thing really rubbed me the wrong way. To me, it seemed like they were supposed to have "been saved" or something, which is just wrong. I'm not saying Jesus couldn't talk to technology; He can do anything (at the same time, I really don't see why He would, but still). However, technology can't "be saved" or really know Him because they don't have souls.

The rest of the Christianity and theology was great. Zander is one smart guy and he explains things really well.



*"His objectives are always the redemption of lost souls, the wholeness of our walk with Him, and the restoration of splintered relationships. Ugliness in us or from us can't accomplish any of these goals. When I'm more intent on being right than I am in the salvation of those who are lost, I have probably missed the whispers of the Holy Spirit."*

*"Listen to me: Instead of confronting truth, you are avoiding the reality you live in - and wherever that kind of ambiguity resides, so does fear. Guess what? Fear is not of God. The only thing we are to fear is God himself - not fear of punishment if we are in Christ, but the respect and reverence due Him as the highest authority in the universe. But the wrong kind of fear? When we allow the wrong kind of fear to fester in us, when we don't confront it with faith, we open a door for the devil to work."*

Dang, right? He lays it all out there, in all three books. The best part is, it's never forced in there. It naturally flows from the conversation or situation at the time.

So, my conclusion. I enjoyed this series. My heart was pounding, I was anxious for the characters and there were good morals. It was an interesting plot and the characters were pretty relatable. I'm glad my friend read them and then told me about them too.

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