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**Begin Rika's journey in Rika Mechanized, a novella prequel leading up to the events of Rika Outcast.**

Rika is mech-meat, a cyborg killing machine, created by the Genevian military and cast aside when the war was lost.

Now she slings cargo on Dekar Station, falling deeper in debt as she struggles to make enough money to keep her cybernetic body functioning. The local gangs would love to have her join their ranks, and the takings would pay her bills, but the only thing Rika hates more than what she's become, is killing for others.

But morals don't buy repairs and she's at the point of utter desperation when her loan holder cashes in her debt and sells her to the highest bidder.

When Rika wakes, she's in a warehouse on a planet she's never heard of, and a trio of mercenaries are reassembling her body. Their mission is to kill the world's president, and her mods and abilities are just what they need to get the job done.

Whether she likes it or not, Rika is in the business of killing once more as she joins the ranks of the Marauders.

## **An Aeon 14 series**

The events of the Rika's Marauders series occur during the New Canaan timespan in The Orion War series. This series may be read at any time after reading *Destiny Lost*, *New Canaan*, or *Orion Rising*.

## **Rika Outcast Details**

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## **From Reader Review Rika Outcast for online ebook**

### **Chung Low says**

#### **To wish upon a lucky star**

Boy oh boy! Ever feel a question upon your digital taste buds on why a certain tale has such wonder that your enjoyment app registered approval? Weeeell, just go with the flow herein. The spiritual stars of Chase & Rita which finally embraced 1 night have once again touched. After a 4yrs separation. Chase searched. Rita's inadvertant sale into mech servitude got her challenges. She now nolonger dwells on her humanity. Or lack thereof. Her decision to spare the Thebian president has brought Chase & her together in Balisk company. Mission complete, for now.

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### **Robert J. Dennis says**

#### **Just keeps getting better**

All the action, twists and turns you got to love it if your into military action scifi. Rika takes all the universe throws at her and just comes back stronger. I highly recommend it.

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### **Ricketyrocks says**

It's a fine story that moves along at a good pace. The trouble is that there is only the one pace. The heroine never really falters. While there are some obstacles, they are surmounted easily. There were early attempts at exploring ideas around free will and compliance, but all that potential resolved itself without the heroine's active involvement; the issue just sort of evaporated. Which seems like a loss because that could have been a good discussion. Overall it felt very even.

There is also trouble with the way a lot of sci-fi war stories treat battles. This one also falls into the same difficulty of imagining technically advanced combat. It comes off as a straight transposition from the classic view of war from the late 1900s. It utilizes similar techniques and strategies that seem unnecessary with the technology of the world. But a lot of action sci-fi fails to change the way battle is experienced for a very different sort of technologically equipped world.

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### **Julian White says**

Kobo version - no sbn.

I've had this hanging around for a while but have been daunted by the large number of associated books/series. However I enjoyed this a lot - it's very readable and while the plot may be prposterous it worked, certainly as an introduction to the lead character. There are at least 4 sequels and a prequel, too (and that's just keeping to this character).

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## **Sarah says**

I actually read "Rika Remade" which consisted of the prequel and this first book in the series. Cyborg stories aren't really my cup of tea but there is a lot of action and I did enjoy the characters, particularly when Rika becomes part of the Marauders. I'm glad I read the two books in combination as the prequel sets the story in a really dark and depressing state of affairs for those that are forced to become mechs. Things get quite a bit better for the main character as the story progresses. The most intriguing part for me is the character of "the old man" and the entire marauder association. I like the idea of a large military organization that isn't entirely corrupt.

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## **Mick Bird says**

You're in for a treat with this series, if you enjoy tales of cyborgs and mechanised infantry then you will get that in spades with this book. Not only is there solid entertaining action but a look at the seldom explored aspect of what it would be like to be an augmented human. I would recommend this series to anyone.

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## **Clinton Sites says**

### **Outstanding**

I have no direct personal experience of combat and the mental states it can induce - nor the long-term effects on different personalities. Can an author realistically translate these states to a story that an inexperienced person can enjoy at a step removed - definitely!

The action is intense, the government ineptitude and callousness towards people almost textbook - yes! But even through it all the author has humanity showing it's best side (peeks, yes - but showing nonetheless). Great read!!!!!!!

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## **Scott says**

Its War and the Genevians were going to win it with their MECHS a bag of meat subjected to mind control called Discipline to win it.

They lost and the remains of the war machine were scrapped or disarmed and left to ROT.

For Mechs such as Rika then they were thrown out , reviled for their part of being sub human and a part of the war machine that failed there people so drastically, for RIKA its a chance to try and keep herself Human in a world where no one wants her.

Such is this story, a nice change of pace if a bit darker than those who read the Aeon 14 universe usual novels but all the better for it as you need Dark and Light to balance a real universe.

This is think is the idea of the author M.D. Cooper a enthusiast when it comes to realism in this increasingly large collection of stories in his Aeon 14 universe.

I found this to be an excellent read and I look forward to more.

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## **Trent Baker says**

Rika Outcast was the first book I picked up by MD Cooper and it remains one of my favourites. Life shits on Rika from on high, yet despite the odds she holds her head high and kicks major ass. She even gets to win her freedom and save her man. People say there aren't enough female role models. Well I say they aren't reading the right books.

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## **Alastar says**

### **Fascinating**

I definitely enjoyed this story about Rika. The poor girl really does get put through the ringers more than once. She proves how strong she is by keeping true to herself. I look forward to reading Redeemed.

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## **Ann Zdunczyk says**

### **Great read**

Rika first gets screwed by the justice system, then is turned into a part human machine by the military. Once the war is over she is set adrift to make her own way. Kinda hard for someone with no real face to get a job. Ends up working on the docks loading cargo. Starts saving money to fix her face. Borrows money from the wrong person and ends up being auctioned off to the highest bidder. There are two bright sides to this story, first Chase, a coworker, loves her and she finally goes to the bars to meet him and they kiss for the first time. Once Rika disappears Chase vows to find her. The second bright side was who won her at the auction, a member of the Marauders, a mercenary group that have been trying to get her to join them for a while. Ok you are going to have to read the story to find out what happens!!

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## **DJay says**

I've never been so mad and so happy at a book. This girl Rika had a shit hand dealt to her and she ended up coming up roses. Well, not totally roses, I mean she's come up roses for someone set up to go to jail and forced to join the military, have her arms and legs cut off and her lady bits sealed and then forced to fight for 4.5 years with a slave collar on and finally released worked a crappy job and finally find love only to be re-enslaved and sold off like a piece of scrap metal and then forced to go back to war again and become the killing machine that she didn't want to be. There's WAY more to the book than that, I'm just giving you the first 25%. Anyway, the end of this book has me wanting to read the rest of the series. I was LIVID after reading the book before this and the beginning of this book. Rika could fall in a vat of water and come up covered in mud. This girl had the WORST luck. I'm just glad that she found something in the end. Looking forward to the net book!

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## **Joe Pranaitis says**

Author M.D. Cooper brings us back to his Aeon 14 universe with Rika Outcast. In the first few chapters we see what happened to make her the mech that she is and then the book jumps to after the war. There we find Rika on a station at the back end of the area of space where she had once battled in but she doesn't get the chance to rest since she had to work off some medical treatments. She goes out with a friend from work who has fallen for her only to be captured by the local mob boss and sold to the Marauders. Once she is awoken on the planet where she was shipped to Rika makes friends with her new team while this is going on the Old Man who authorized buying her forgot to send a packet to her CO saying that she only has to work off half her debt. Also while this is going on the man who asked her out joins the Marauders in order to find her. This is a great military science fiction book and one that I highly recommend.

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## **Jeanne Fleming says**

### **Not my cup of tea.**

I've been reading the Aeon14 books practically non-stop for a few months now and I love them. I like my books to be more about the characters than the action, so this one has been disappointing for me. But I'm anxious to see how it all gets tied into the other stories in this long series, so I'll keep reading.

Rika has been turned into a "Mech", more metal than human, used as a killing machine in the war between her people, the Genevians, and the Nietzscheans.

After the war is over, Rika is turned loose with all her augmentation intact, treated as a sub-human, with no idea what to do with herself. She struggles to maintain her humanity. She goes deeply in debt to have her face restored and one of her co-workers falls in love with her. Her debt is recalled, she is sold to a group of mercenaries and immediately finds herself in the middle of another war.

This is a gritty, tough, dark book full of battles, not like the rest of the Aeon14 universe. But I know Cooper will come through, so I'll keep buying and reading. You should too!

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## **Leslie Baptiste says**

### **Fun, action oriented, fast-paced, great.**

If you like mechs action adventure and a great storyline you will enjoy this book. Rika is A great new character. You will laugh with her cry with her and cheer with her. I suggest that anybody who likes military space opera, strong female characters and teambuilding will enjoy this book.

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