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Psychopaths cause untold misery. If you found the cure for this condition, just how far would you go to use it?

Erin Palmer had a devastating encounter with a psychopath as a child. Now a grad student and scientist, she's devoting her life to studying these monsters. When her research catches the attention of Hugh Raborn, a brilliant neuroscientist who claims to have isolated the genes responsible for psychopathic behavior, Erin realizes it may be possible to reverse the condition, restoring souls to psychopaths. But to do so, she'll not only have to operate outside the law, but violate her most cherished ethical principles.

As Erin becomes further involved with Raborn, she begins to suspect that he harbors dark secrets. Is he working for the good of society? Or is he intent on bringing humanity to its knees?

Hunted by powerful, shadowy forces, Erin teams up with another mysterious man, Kyle Hansen, to uncover the truth. The pair soon find themselves pawns in a global conspiracy--one capable of destroying everything Erin holds dear. And forever altering the course of human history . . .

At a time when society seems to be facing an epidemic of psychopathic monsters, The Cure explores this condition, and the surprisingly thorny ethical and moral dilemmas surrounding it, within an explosive, thought-provoking, roller-coaster-ride of a thriller that will have readers turning pages deep into the night.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In this unusual if uneven thriller from Richards (Wired), researcher Erin Palmer seeks a cure for psychopathy as a result of her having witnessed at age 11 a psychopath slaughter her parents and sister in her hometown of Medford, Ore. Along with a colleague, Hugh Raborn, the emotionally damaged Erin is involved in an illegal experiment with Arizona prison inmates. When Erin's university shuts the project down, Steve Fuller, who runs a scientific firm called Advanced Science Applications, takes an interest in Erin and her research. Fuller's pursuit of Erin leads to a kidnapping attempt that sends her fleeing with love interest Kyle Hansen, an expert in quantum computing. Meanwhile, Hugh turns out to be something other than he appears. Those willing to put their sense of disbelief on hold may enjoy the many ensuing twists and turns that veer into the SF genre, but others will be unhappy with the unlikely mash-up. Agent: John Silbersack, Trident Media Group. (Sept.)

From Booklist

The latest novel by molecular-biologist Richards is a mixed bag. The story is imaginative: a girl sees her family—father, mother, sister—murdered by a psychopath, barely escaping with her own life. Years later, she's a grad student studying the biological nature of psychopathy and, with the aid of a wealthy partner, hoping to find a cure. But her years-long obsession may have clouded her judgment, and she's about to discover that the cure can be much, much worse than the disease. If the writing were as good as the ideas, this would be a first-class thriller, something to rival the best of the late Michael Crichton, but, unfortunately, the author stumbles a bit on the execution. The book seems wordy, with narrative passages that feel repetitive and dialogue that goes on longer than it needs to (or it could be that his characters don't know when to stop talking). The effect is that the author seems to be hammering home his points, as though he doesn't trust his readers to understand him otherwise; this, no doubt, wasn't his intent, but it's off-putting all the same. A solid thriller, but with tighter editing it could have been a better one. --David Pitt

Review

FROM KIRKUS

"In this clever science fiction thriller by Richards, a scientist attempts to cure human psychopathy. . . . The complicated plot thread is fun to follow through its many twists and turns. The story is well-written and fast-paced, with main characters who are easy to root for. Raises interesting questions about the nature of humanity. . . . readers won't have to be science-fiction fans to enjoy it."

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