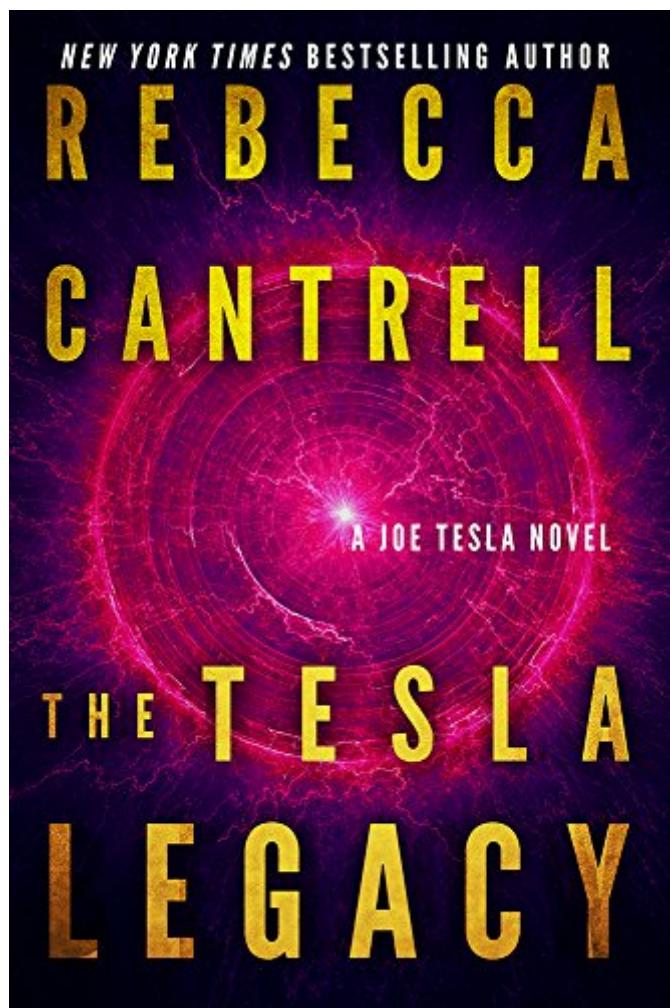


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The Tesla Legacy (Joe Tesla Series Book 2)



Synopsis

In New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Cantrell's sequel to the award-winning *The World Beneath*, software genius, Joe Tesla, confronts an equally brilliant and far more powerful foe. Still crippled by agoraphobia and confined to the tunnels under New York City, Joe is haunted by the fact that he cannot even attend his father's funeral. His father's death brings threats to the safety of Joe's underground home: guilt over the broken relationship that can never be healed, a mysterious box of papers inherited from eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla, and a ruthless enemy determined to steal those papers no matter the cost. *Mystified* by why his inheritance is so valuable, Joe and his service dog, Edison, follow clues left a century ago by Joe's famous ancestor to reveal the power of his family legacy. While Joe must rely on his considerable talents as a hacker, he must also reach out to friends. But whom can he trust as he battles to save his beloved city from . . . *The Tesla Legacy?* Cantrell's virtues are her intimacy with her characters and her delicious sense of subtle details that bring out the characters and the scenes. *The Tesla Legacy* is a tight, fast-paced novel that is full of surprises.

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Customer Reviews

The Tesla Legacy (Joe Tesla Series 2) by Rebecca Cantrell I picked this one up on a recommendation, through twitter. It's part of a series; but it stands well alone. There are references that make you want to read the first book, but that's alright. Oddly it's difficult to mention some things about this story without running a risk of spoiling some of the previous story, but to confirm that; I have to first read that one. So this is the warning this might contain some spoilers; or not. This is a sort of suspense mystery that starts out introducing a character that in some ways seems similarly challenged as Nero Wolf was in this genre. Where Nero Wolf had a mobility problem by being somewhat overweight and usually solved murders from his home; Joe Tesla has his own problems that limit the scope of his mobility. Being extremely agoraphobic he lives in a house in an underground cave in New York. His home is connected to the underground caverns for the steam and subway that exists under New York. His fear is something that might be the result of chemical poisoning and some possibility that someone deliberately poisoned him; though the answer to that puzzle doesn't exist in this story. Joe tries to stick mostly to the underground and mostly what is local to the house that he rents from the family of the lead engineer of the station and tracks of New York underground. This house and the keys for many doors throughout the tunnel allow Joe access to a large perimeter of the playing field. Joe must stay underground because his reaction to the open and to sunlight would make a vampire shiver in sympathetic terror. This novel has a large cast of well defined characters. And while as such it could be overwhelming, the overall handling of the

narrative is quite crisp and clear. In an age when first person writing is becoming predominant in some genre, it's refreshing not only to see third person writing; but to see it crafted so well. Characters get their separate chapter allowing each character to be fully developed and to inform the reader of things that begin to make this less of a mystery of who done it than a suspense of when will the characters reveal themselves or each other and who will pay a price at the climax of that event. And though there is the risk that some of the threads created therein will not be fully realized there is a gestalt of a main story that takes us from a time before Joe's birth to the excitement of the ending in his time. Joe, having his own problems, is helped around with a companion dog named Edison; he has an ex-girlfriend Celeste who suffers ALS and could die any day. Being a rich software designer, in his crippled state he still consults with Pellucid, the company he created. He tried to be selective when he sold Pellucid to ensure no one abuse the software, but he fears that the NSA are taking advantage of his facial recognition software to keep tabs on everyone and he has trouble reconciling himself between doing what he feels is right and bringing the company down and destroying his constant source of income. Vivian Torres works as Joe's security and often the person doing his legwork similar to Nero Wolf's Archie Goodwin. Vivian is ex-military, a climbing enthusiast and has a well sculpted body; she's not to be messed with. She also seems to work though Tesla's lawyer, Mr. Rossi, which is important because between her, the lawyer, and Dirk, a part time helper who is a police officer, they constitute something I've seen a lot of in Robert Heinlein's writing. This is the knowledgeable group or couple who help the protagonist, for less than understandable reasons, and keep them out of trouble when possible. And lastly in the mix of the good we have Tatiana, Joe Tesla's mother. On the evil or not so nice end, we have Ash who is Alan Wright who leads a double life as the creator of a company that helps the environment while staying in the lead with commerce; and as Ash he is the creator of a hacker entity called Spooky, which has some rather shady membership and borders on the potential to become radicalized. Two of his most involved contacts as Ash are known to him as Geezer and Quantum and together the three make an alliance of distrust that hatch a plan to steal the Tesla Oscillator from Joe; though Joe doesn't yet know that he has such a thing. When the target becomes Joe Tesla it molds the story perfectly by keeping it well within the confines where Joe's disability has kept him. The diverse directions of each of the villains in the story add more depth to a somewhat already cluttered plot. When Joe finally realizes what he had and lost and the threat that it presents, it's a mad dash to try to find and stop an evil he has yet to unmask. In this particular story it's not so much the final outcome as it is the road we take to get there. And there is no lack of excitement on the way. This is a great SFF novel that works as suspense thriller and has some

elements that could almost qualify it with the steam-punk category. Well worth the read; and for some of us it might be a one sit read. J.L. Dobias

My review of Cantrell's Tesla Book #1 saw it as a pleasantly far-fetched, unpredictable page-Turner. This book is similarly, even more so, far-fetched but just as interesting and amusing. Pet-lovers will enjoy the larger role played by Joe Tesla's Service dog, Edison. Characters and settings are largely shared but the plots are not and, here, we get to learn a great deal more about the mind of the inventor Nikola Tesla, and the importance of his gifts to our world.

The Tesla Legacy by Rebecca Cantrell ï»¿ This is the second of three books by Rebecca Cantrell about a wealthy New York City software genius, Joe Tesla, and his loyal dog, Edison, who is his constant companion. Unfortunately, Joe suffers from serious agoraphobia that prevents him from going outside. He lives in a beautiful house built underground in the NYC tunnel system, where he and Edison walk the tunnels for exercise and take advantage of restaurants and other businesses that can be accessed from the tunnel system without going outside. In this story, Joe inherits some of his father's possessions and discovers instructions to build a strange device that his father specifically warned he should absolutely not create. However, he could not resist building the device and he lives to regret it when he is viciously assaulted and the device is stolen from him. Joe and Edison struggle to find the violent thief before the device can be used to harm anyone. This is another very interesting, entertaining and compelling novel by Cantrell and I look forward to reading the third book in this series soon.

I just finished reading The Tesla Legacy, Rebecca Cantrell's second entry in her Nikola Tesla storyline. In the first book, The World Beneath, we met Joe Tesla, an agoraphobic computer programmer millionaire along with his service dog, Edison. I used to work with an agoraphobic and found Rebecca's writing of Joe's demeanor and actions to be completely believable. She has an uncanny ability when writing her descriptions of locations and back-stories of characters to make them appear so alive they almost seem to jump off the page, ready to introduce themselves to you. I have never stepped foot in New York City, yet feel like I have walked through Grand Central Terminal. I'd swear I've had conversations, asking for directions, with Miss Evaline. I experienced a plethora of emotions while perusing these pages. There were several times when my emotions overtook me while immersed in these books, and to me, when an author can reduce his/her readers to tears or out right laughter strictly by the power of their words, then they have done their job. Bravo

to them! I felt as if I was walking alongside Joe and Edison during their exploits beneath New York City. I even found myself reaching for my own flashlight with the hopes of being able to see better in the dark tunnels because Joe's single flashlight just wasn't enough for the both of us. In The Tesla Legacy we learn the truth to the cause behind Joe's agoraphobia. We also meet his families. And oh, what colorful families. The one he was born into and the one he cultivated and created. We are also introduced to a formidable adversary. One that is equal in intelligence and wealth. An evil rival with all the possible means capable of defeating Joe. We follow Joe on his quest to locate a device invented by Nikola Tesla that, if in the wrong hands, will change the face of the world! These two books offered endless hours of excitement, jaw-dropping suspense and occasional moments of tears. They will keep you spell-bound until the very last page. Whether in collaboration with James Rollins (The Order of The Sanguines Series) or alone with her award winning Hannah Vogel Series, Rebecca Cantrell is an author to be reckoned with and one who should be on everyone's 'must read' list.

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