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No two people are exactly alike, but Elijah Crowe is very, very different.

Elijah is on the autism spectrum, so the tasks of day-to-day life most people breeze through are a challenge for him. His career suffered because he never got the hang of schmoozing, and now his talents are being wasted teaching classes at the mall. His social circle is limited to his ex, his therapist, and a structured inclusion group at the Rec Center. The one bright spot in his life is the memory science of Mnemography.

Although he loves nothing better than devouring the latest research and tinkering with all the specialized equipment, he never clicked with any other experts in the field until he met Daniel Schroeder. Daniel runs a memory palace—he even writes his own mnems—and that shared interest alone would make him fascinating. But Daniel and Elijah met under unusual circumstances, where the statement, “I like you, and I think you like me,” held some surprising nuances.

Now Elijah suspects he’s gay, but the few prominent people in his life are less than supportive. Some are downright hostile. Elijah might not be neurotypical, but he’s plenty smart. Surely there’s some way to get people to accept him for who he is. If only he could figure out how.

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Therese says

[I really liked reading about how he handles his bullying work colleague, with the help of his psychologist. Also Elijah's attitude towards his and Daniel's relationship was so interesting to read. Elijah is really trying, and his i

Alisa says

4.5 stars

JCP is a fricking genius. *calming self down from crazy fan girl mode* Seriously though.....I think she made a fabulous choice in this second book of the trilogy to switch the POV from Daniel's to Elijah's. We don't get to know him till late in book one and what we see is from Daniel's impressions. By switching to Elijah we not only become invested in him but we clearly see that he is not a child or incompetent in any way. He's an every day man who just perceives and responds to the world differently than most. I think his Autism was so well done and realistic.

This portion of the story shows the development of their relationship and how Elijah feels about Daniel. It shows the struggles he goes through every day and how he has to push himself outside his norm. By showing us that I think it makes the reader realize just how beautiful this thing growing between these two men is. How hard they're working for it. This review doesn't remotely do justice to how well this book was done. I think this is the best portrayal of a MC with Autism that I've read. I loved every minute of this book.

Kaje Harper says

As the book opened, I was delighted to find myself in Elijah's POV. Not that Daniel wasn't a great narrator in book 1, but Elijah has some special challenges, and it was hard from the outside to know how deep those went, or how capable he really was of dealing with life, and with Daniel. I was reassured, touched, and fascinated by him in this book.

I know people who fit somewhere on the autism spectrum, and Elijah's difficulties with the social demands and abstract interactions rang very true. At the same time, I came out of this reassured that there is a lot of depth to Elijah. He is a better match for Daniel than I thought, and sometimes his inability to see the expected from people gives him unexpected new insights. I loved watching his development, as he realizes he is gay and sets out to explore, in his own way, how that's going to work for him and Daniel.

The secondary characters add depth to the story, and the Sci Fi element, although vital to the arc of the plot, is neither obscure nor over-detailed. I liked this one even better than the first book, and will eagerly jump on the third as soon as it becomes available.

Vivian says

What if you can't control your memories?

Getting inside Elijah's mind was an excellent move to clarify the disconnect between Daniel and him. The reveal of mental processing of his autism elucidates his reactions to events. Watching his analysis and knowing that others are going to misread him is not easy to read, but since it is strictly from Elijah's point of view and his agency it feels less upsetting. He's driving what's happening and the reader is not placed in the role victim witness.

So much of human interaction is codified social constructs built over years that we don't even think about, rely on, and utilize short cuts in categorizing people and their actions rather than actually observing new ones. We count on past interactions to interpret and react to future ones, which in a homogenous environment where everyone is using the same playbook is tenable, but plurality and social differences in mores erase those lines.

Needless to say, this was pretty thought provoking. The neurological discussions of the technology and consequences of it are just really getting explored in this segment with the more in depth exploration of Big Dan and his relationships with Daniel and others. The alliance Elijah feels with Big Dan is immediate and an interesting intersect. Well done, and off to the next.

Jax says

This is the kind of book you rip right through and then you're sad when it's done so soon and you immediately go online to check the time between book 1 and book 2 so you have an idea how long it'll be 'til book 3 comes out. Please don't let it be another two years!

This one takes place over a few days right after the end of book 1, so it's still early days in Daniel and Elijah's relationship. Here we get to know Elijah better and I loved that this was from his POV. It was heartbreaking to see how, as an autistic adult, he struggles to function and to appear as normal as possible to the people around him. And he so desperately wants to be loved.

Now we've gotten to know both men and the final book is primed to be a team effort to fix Big Dan's persistent mnem. I'm anxious for an installment where Daniel and Elijah are together more. I hope this will be next up for the author because, as much as I love Vic and Jacob, I'd like to see the conclusion to this series before even another PsyCop book. I hate to leave these guys!

Adam says

3.5 stars rounded up!

The first book in this series, The Persistence of Memory, was a mixed bag for me. I liked it, but it wasn't exactly what I'd expected and I wasn't sure if I wanted to continue the series. I prefer my sci-fi to have interesting technology, some ethical dilemma and a dystopian setting. What I got was a romance that just so happened to be set in an alternate world in which there is a form of technology known as 'mnemography'.

So after reading book 1, I wasn't completely sold on this very sedate version of sci-fi. But 'Forget Me Not' had rave reviews from my friends, so I decided to check it out. And I have to say that I was very pleasantly surprised.

In the previous book, Elijah was a complete enigma. We don't really get much information about him until very late in the book. That's probably why I didn't connect with him, or the romance, after book 1. I think changing the POV for book 2 was a genius move. Readers are able to understand what motivates Elijah and how he's approaching his new-found attraction to men, and Daniel in particular.

Elijah is on the autism spectrum, so I his POV allowed me to see the difficulties of daily life from his perspective. I think because I had read Carry the Ocean (which is an excellent read and delves deep in to the complexities of autism) just last week, I was able to understand Elijah more so than I would have otherwise. I couldn't help but be frustrated with Daniel's lack of understanding Elijah's situation a few times, but he's obviously trying to learn so I've got hope!

Overall, I'm really happy with how the romance is progressing. This is not a typical love story, but it's got need, passion and emotion in spades.

I'm still not convinced about mnemography, but it does provide an interesting backdrop to the romance. It looks like book 3 will have a lot more of the technology, so I'm hoping it'll catch my interest. And I'm really hoping that Big Dan's storyline has a happy ending!

P.S. I'd really like for Daniel to beat up Ryan.

Julio Genao says

spectacular writing.

one of the finest depictions of a character on the autism spectrum i've ever read.

outstanding.

Amy says

Even better than the first book! This one was told from Elijah's POV. And his mind is a fascinating place to be. I loved seeing his thought process in the real world vs. in mnem. And I loved seeing Elijah and Daniel get closer. I am so looking forward to book #3!!

Maya says

I had some trouble getting used to Elijah's voice in the beginning. But the only reason for that was: I loved Daniel's voice in the first book so much that I just missed it. Truth is I thought JCP did an amazing job with

Elijah. It's so rare to find a character like him – so brave and vulnerable at the same time.

This was the turning point in the book for me:

*And I hoped he didn't want to know what I was thanking him for, other than to say he sometimes made me feel normal—and when I was feeling the opposite of normal, he didn't freak out. Thankfully, though, he didn't press me for details. He just said, "Okay."
Which was a very good example of why Daniel Schroeder is awesome.*

This was where I felt Elijah's voice had to be heard to make this story complete. He couldn't remain just Daniel's love interest.

Very emotional read. And not only because of the bullying and insults Elijah had to endure, and how almost everyone around him easily underestimated him, but because of how much he wanted and needed Daniel to love him.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Loved it, loved it, loved it.

I freaking *LOVED* this one.

I was not prepared for a POV switch from book 1 to book 2, but I think it was an utterly brilliant move. I *adored* Elijah's voice, and I was almost brought to tears by the intensity of it all.

Book 2 in the Mnevermind trilogy continues the relationship between Elijah and Daniel, as fresh and tentative as it might be. Seeing things from Elijah's perspective really changed how I viewed Daniel and Elijah as a couple. I got a greater sense of NEED from Elijah, and a feeling of single-mindedness that I found both fascinating and erotic.

I am, admittedly, not very knowledgeable about Autism. However, I have a special, squishy soft spot for MC's on the spectrum. In romance, an Autistic MC is hard to come by (The Madness of Lord Ian MacKenzie, Valentine Shower, The Rosie Project), but I'm always on the look out for them. **Combine an atypical MC with GFY... I'm SOLD, baby.**

But it isn't just about a great concept, JCP *executed*. This book was crafted with *feeling* and care. Elijah wasn't someone that I pitied. The complexities of his life and his thought processes astounded me, but when it came down to it, he was *a man*, a man with feelings and needs and basic, human wants. **JCP did a perfect job of showing ALL the sides of Elijah, which made me root for him even more.**

I also found the chemistry between Elijah and Daniel to be off the charts. They were smoking hot together, and I can't wait to see what happens when they really have the time and space to devote to one another.

But this book is not just about sex or the relationship between the MCs. There is a really fascinating story to

boot, with Daniel's father's storyline taking an emotional front seat.

I loved everything about this story, except, perhaps, the way the ending sort of drops off, leaving you positively CRAZED for book 3.

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Ingie says

Review written January 9, 2016

4.8 Stars - Loved everything about this. EVERYTHING!!

Book #2

As so many of my friends here already said: I liked the first book but I loved this second installment. ~ Amazingly touching, charming sweet and heartbreaking lovely. The very best kind.

HURRAY my very first 5 stars read 2016! Let it be many.

The first book *The Persistence of Memory* (3.8 stars) was intriguing and interesting in all ways so I was really looking forward start this second just a week later.

Once again a BUDDYREAD with Sofia — start 6th Jan

Wow, here we get the chance to know more about **Daniel Schroeder** and his new very interesting acquaintance **Elijah Crow** and their struggles with ways to use the *Mnem* technology. This time so very well told in Elijah's point of view.

‘What was the alternative—wait until it was dark out and insist on keeping the lights off? No, I wanted to get it over with, all of it. Not because it was unpleasant, but because I always loathe the beginning of a learning curve.’

Elijah for sure has things to manage with in life. He has a hard time to always "read" and right understand other people's feelings and all those things that aren't said in a direct or straight way. Slightly autistic (or with a tiny asperger?) and not just that, Elijah is also a newly to himself discovered *'I prefer men'* gay man ... highly intensely in love ... in our dear Daniel. — And Elijah isn't just wonderful adorable he is also a innocent cutie.

It was just so much fun (and emotional interesting) to follow this Elijah characters thoughts and all those daily rules he lives after. I maybe wanted a bit more about Daniel but I'm sure next book will give more. — As in book #1 we also get a couple of interesting second characters. — You could just stay in this world...

and enjoy.

Yes, yes, yes! Jordan Castillo Price know how to make me love her characters. Fab, weird, amusing and impressive fantastic as always.

What to more say? Nothing longish.. — Five stars probably says it all. — I'm in love... I just want to continue with book #3-Life is Awesome, the last in this intriguing good three books series.

'There were probably rules about public displays of affection I should be following, but we weren't in public, were we?'

I LIKE - yes I do, enormously hugely much

Vanessa North says

My son is autistic. He doesn't make eye contact often. He speaks in sing songs. He stims--huge, huge stims. He's also incredibly smart, creative, and loving. So when I say, unequivocally, JCP gets it absolutely right in this book? I'm speaking as someone who knows what it's like to love an autistic person, to struggle with things like stims and social cues and eye contact. JCP nailed it. Nailed. It.

And the story is great too. :)

Linda ~ chock full of hoot, just a little bit of nanny ~ says

OMG THIS BOOK IS AMAZING AND I LOVE EVERYTHING IT CHOOSES TO BE!

I loved so much that we got a book from Elijah's POV. Now, I'll say upfront I'm not autistic, so I can't say if this is an accurate portrayal of what it's like to be autistic. JCP says in the afterword that she did contact people who have autism and did her research before writing this, and from everything else I've read by her, she takes her craft seriously. So I trust her to make this as close to possible as an accurate portrayal as she can get - bearing in mind that autism is different for everyone who has it. But I'll leave it up to readers who are autistic to make that determination.

What I did appreciate about this was that it gave Elijah a voice. It let us into his thought processes and his emotional processes, both of which were often hard to discern in the first book through Daniel's POV. We see how he processes information and how he filters everything that comes his way throughout the day. We also get to learn more about his background and his problems at work. He's a fully developed character, not a list of behavioral traits.

It was also fascinating to watch him and Daniel figure out how to communicate with each other, and to see

Elijah so excited to figure out he's gay and not being worried or afraid to pursue that part of himself. Not that it's all easy. He does have challenges from outside to deal with, and those parts were rather tense reading about.

This book was a treat and I'm already plowing through the last book in the trilogy.

Susan says

Re-read September 2018

One of my favorite audios.

This book was incredible.

The story of Daniel and Elijah continues, through Elijah's eyes this time. I loved his POV. This second book concentrates on Elijah and not a lot on the whole mneming business.

It's not easy, writing a character with autism. I think JCP nailed it with Elijah. His confusion about some things, it felt so real. The way he perceives the world, I was completely in awe with him. His mind, sometimes so simple, sometimes so complicated.

He is very aware of the fact that he perceives things differently than other people. So he tries to compensates. He has learned how to interact with people by following certain rules. Even though those rules are not really that necessary when he is with Daniel. I liked that.

I could also understand Daniel being a bit weary for all that Elijah and being with him entails. Even though I loved Elijah's take on their relationship.

*"It's everything else I'm worried about. It's just so damn complicated." Daniel said.
"Not really." Not any more than everything else was complicated.*

What did annoy me to no end was how some people treated Elijah. How his therapist immediately jumped to the wrong conclusion about Elijah's relationship with Daniel. And don't get me started on his ex-wife. She treated him like a child, I wanted to strangle her.

It almost never happens to me that the end of a book sneaks up on me. I am always aware of how many pages I have left. But not here. I was so engrossed in the story that I was completely taken by surprise when I had reached the end.

So happy there is still one book left.

Sofia says

[I also feel for Beth, the hard decisio
