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The Accelerati Trilogy Book Two, Edison's Alley



Synopsis

Fourteen-year-old Nick has learned that the strange antiques in his attic bedroom were left there by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla. They are pieces of Tesla's Far Range Energy Emitter, capable of transmitting "free energy" to the globe. Some components of the contraption are still missing, but the objects themselves seem to be leading Nick and his friends to their current owners. However, members of the Accelerati, a menacing secret society of physicists, are on the hunt too, and their brazen leader, Dr. Alan Jorgenson, will stop at nothing to foil Nick and steal the objects. It takes a dangerous build-up of electromagnetic energy in the atmosphere to reverse everyone's fortunes--and lead Nick to his destiny. Readers who enjoyed the strange science, quirky humor, and out-of-this-world plot twists in Tesla's Attic will be captivated by this second book in the electrifying Accelerati Trilogy. Praise for Tesla's Attic "Lively, intelligent prose elevates this story of teenagers versus mad scientists, the third-person point of view offering a stage to various players in their play of galactic consequence. A wild tale in the spirit of Back to the Future, with a hint of Malamud's The Natural tossed in."--Kirkus Reviews "This collaboration between Shusterman and Elfman tempers the scarier elements of Nick's quest with deft, humorous writing and plenty of the ordinary adventures of a new kid in school finding his niche. Hand this one to fans of Rick Riordan's Kane Chronicles or Kenneth Oppel's Airborne."--Booklist * "...Shusterman and Elfman have crafted a plot more devious, characters far quirkier, climaxes (yes, there are two) more breathless, and a narration much, much funnier than recent mad-science offerings. Sticking with a third-person narration frees the authors to be as wryly and sophisticatedly witty as they please without compromising the veracity of their middle-school cast, resulting in storytelling as delightful as the story being told." -Bulletin for the Center for Children's Books (starred review)

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Customer Reviews

The story of Edison's and Tesla's scientific discoveries are portrayed in a way to delight any Middle Grade student. This action-packed adventure story is full of quirky, distinctive characters (adult and child) and has a way of explaining complex scientific concepts clearly. I highly recommend this series.

This is a popcorn-for-your-brain middle grade book, and I mean that in the best way possible. It has good guys and villains. Kids outsmart the over-confident adults. There's a new seriously weird invention on almost every page. Action is non-stop. It is loaded with funky, funsy sorta science. The hero is angsty when he needs to be motivated, but he's generally an agreeable main character. Supporting characters, from level headed romantic interest, to traitor, to zombielike slacker, and so on, have their moments and come with enough twists to be interesting. The writing is there to drive the action and the narrative. This is flat out middle grade action storytelling with no pretense of being more than a headlong actioner. But that said, the narrative works and the writing doesn't get in the way. There are enough descriptive touches, throwaways and observations to buoy the book up, but fine literature is not the goal here. That said, there are some funny lines, some snappy dialogue, and some sly and deadpan touches that offer just enough edge and vinegar to keep the story sharp and to amuse an alert reader. As is often the case, the inept and too-smart-for-his-own-good villain gets some of the best lines. All of this, coupled with some major over the top action, makes for a fast, fun read. This is the second book of a trilogy that revolves around the heroes collecting and reassembling all of the parts to a wondrous machine built by Tesla. Even if you haven't read the first book you get enough of the back story in the first few chapters of this book to be up to speed, so don't despair if you are joining this series in progress. Please note that I picked up a free copy of this book at the 2015 ALA Convention. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

I am an adult and I started reading only children's books after the Harry Potter series mesmerized me. I am always looking for a new series to read and I was so happy to find this one. It was fun and

interesting and quite magical. I can't wait for the 3rd book to come out. Highly entertaining for me. I even bought the books for my best friend on for her birthday. I turned her onto children's books too and she will find this series delightful.

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Another hit for The Accelerati Trilogy. Edison's Alley was full of unique humor and the characters continue to make me laugh as I read about their trials in trying to gather up Nichola Tesla's experiments. The surprise ending has me wanting to read the final book in the series.

In a round about kind of way, my nephew requested this book. He read the first book, Tesla's Attic, and asked if there was a sequel. I had to buy it for him as a gift for Christmas since he loved the first book so much. It was a hit! He started reading it before he even finished opening his other gifts, which surprised me because he is a typical 13 year old boy. He told me that he just finished it and that he loved it. The wait for the 3rd book in the series starts now!

Extremely fun, exciting, and hard to put down! The group of kids in this title are thrown into so many wacky and suspenseful situations, and I really enjoy all the scientific references within this. Plus, Nick is almost like Batman, he has so many wonderful toys in his attic. My wife and I are looking forward to reading book three now.

12 year old here. I love reading, and this book was exactly what I was looking for. I am the kind of kid who excels in school (at least I like to believe it, and everyone else tells me that) and I read at a much higher grade level. I really loved this book. Very creative, captivating, adventurous, and scientific. Best sci-fi book I've read. Make sure to read the first one Tesla's Attic though, another outstanding novel.

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