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Description:

From *Starred Review* Naam, an expert in new technologies and author of *More Than Human: Embracing the Promise of Biological Enhancement* (2005), turns in a stellar performance with his debut sf novel. *Nexus* is a nanotechnology that allows human minds to link up. But rogue scientists are using it to turn ordinary people into killers (shades of Richard Condon's classic novel *The Manchurian Candidate*). The American government recruits—in other words, blackmails—Kade Lane, a grad student who's been known to tinker with *Nexus*, to get close to the suspected leader of the mind-control program. But, as Kade soon discovers, one man's villain is another's visionary, and he's forced to choose sides in a hurry, before someone else decides he's too dangerous to stay alive. Naam has set himself a difficult challenge here: he's telling a story in which much of the action and dialogue takes place inside the characters' minds. But he succeeds admirably: one scene, in particular, in which a character races to make changes to the *Nexus* system by reprogramming it inside his own head, is nail-bitingly tense, when it could easily have come off as preposterous. The dialogue might be a bit raw in places, and there might be a slight overuse of exclamation points, but

those are minor rookie mistakes. What matters here is the remarkable scope of the story and its narrative power. --David Pitt --This text refers to an alternate edition.

Review Any old writer can take you on a roller coaster ride, but it takes a wizard like Ramez Naam to take you on the same ride while he builds the roller coaster a few feet in front of your plummeting car... you'll want to read it before everyone's talking about it. - John Barnes, author of the Timeline Wars and Daybreak series. "An incredibly imaginative, action-packed intellectual romp! Ramez Naam has turned the notion of human liberty and freedom on its head by forcing the question: Technology permitting, should we be free to radically alter our physiological and mental states?" - Dani Kollin - Prometheus award winning author of The Unincorporated Man

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