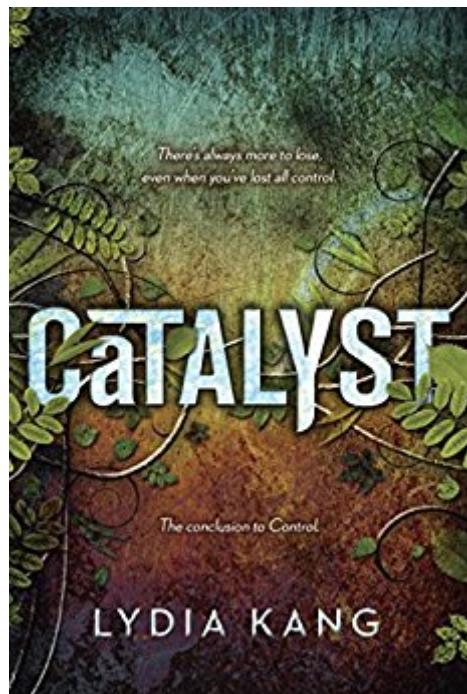


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# Catalyst (Control Duology)



## **Synopsis**

For fans of Uglies and The Maze Runner comes a complex, thrill-filled love story that will make you question exactly what it means to be human. In the past year Zel lost her father, the boy she loves, her safety, and any future she might have imagined for herself. Now she, her sister, and the band of genetic outcasts they've come to call their family are forced on the run when their safe house is attacked by men with neural guns. But on the way to a rumored haven in Chicago, Zel hears something--a whisper from Cy, the boy who traded himself for her sister's safety. And when she veers off plan in order to search for him, what she finds is not what she expected. There's more to their genetic mutations than they ever imagined...aspects that make them wonder if they might be accepted by the outside world after all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

It took me 7 months to finish this book. Yes. 7 months, off and on, I read this book until I finally buckled down today and finished it. I'm happy to say this book is finally behind me, I couldn't just DNF it, but I cannot say I loved it. This book is a bunch of nothing. That sounds mean, but it's true.

There's not much going on, there's a lot of red herrings, and then ending is just awful. It's bad when I read a book that makes me "skim", especially towards the end; I skimmed towards the end of this book and I'm more than okay with that. I read this book out of duty mostly; I really enjoyed the first book, so I HAD to read this one. So glad this is the last book, because now I don't have to pretend another exists. I don't recommend.

It was wonderful to delve back into the world of YA as envisioned by Lydia Kang. After loving Control and the characters therein, I was excited to be reunited. It was not hard to get back into the flow of her dystopia as she weaves in enough details to remind your of past plot points while keeping the story going. I really enjoyed getting to know the villains of Control as well as the politics of the society at large. The real winning story arc was not the expected Zel/Cy reunion, but the budding friendship between the nauseating Caliga and Zel. The unexpected sisterhood they share is wonderfully developed within. I recommended this book highly!!

I read the first book Control a while back, and I really enjoyed it. This second installment in the Zelia Benten-series is as much of a page turner as the first. The second and third parts of the book have a lot of forward movement and are pretty gripping. The sci-fi universe Kang has created is really neat, with as many technological advancements as the future world might allow, given the environmental degradation she describes in the first book. Some of the details and descriptions are fantastic, like the well-written scene that takes place in a jail cell of sorts. The end had me rooting for the main characters and leaves me hoping for a next book!

Catalyst starts where Control left off, so I knew to expect compelling characters, mind-blowing science and a fast-paced, high action story. But Catalyst took it to a new level with the emotional punch of the story. I cared even more about the plight of the Traited, particularly Zelia, and my heart was in my throat with each new challenge she faced. A great read--Brilliantly done!

CATALYST is the action-packed, suspenseful and incredibly exciting follow-up to Lydia Kang's CONTROL that picks up over a year later, takes readers to new settings, introduces new characters, and promises even greater threats. New abilities will be revealed, new alliances will be made, and new friendships will be forged in this absolutely riveting sequel. Neia hasn't been the same for Zelia Benten since Cy's sacrifice. As happy as she is that her sister Dyl is safe with her in Carus House, she can't stop

worrying about the boy she loves and what life might be like for him in Aureus. But when an attack destroys her home and leaves her and her new family without anywhere to hide, she'll have to flee to a safe house in Chicago. Without him. Without her family. With someone she never thought she'd be willing to protect. And when her journey takes her to a place she never would have imagined she'd go to and one she's not sure she'll be allowed to leave, she realizes she might never see her family again. Not unless she can find a way to outsmart someone who always seems to be one step ahead. And not unless she can find a way to escape that won't result in disfigurement or even death. Filled with surprising twists, devastating betrayals, chilling repercussions, and shocking revelations, Author Lydia Kang created a sequel that will be unputdownable. She expands upon the world she created in CONTROL with new environments to explore, new hurdles to overcome, new and even more dangerous leaders, and new and intriguing mutations to learn about. She put even more difficult obstacles in her character

Zelia's way, forcing her to be tougher, smarter, more confident, and more forgiving. She made Zelia into someone fierce but lovable. She made her into a leader. Told in three parts, each with a different setting to discover, CATALYST will keep readers captivated. It is even more nail-biting, more nerve-wracking, more heartrending, more thrilling than the first book in the series. It delivers even more romance, more science, more deception. It reveals more history, uncovers more secrets, brings more carnage. It is an amazing and unforgettable installment in a series that is totally epic. It's a story that is more than just a must read, it's a must read now.

I stopped so many times because Lydia threw us surprises every few chapters. Also, Dr. Benton was an interesting character, and provides questions and answers. The ending was also realistic somewhat. :)

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