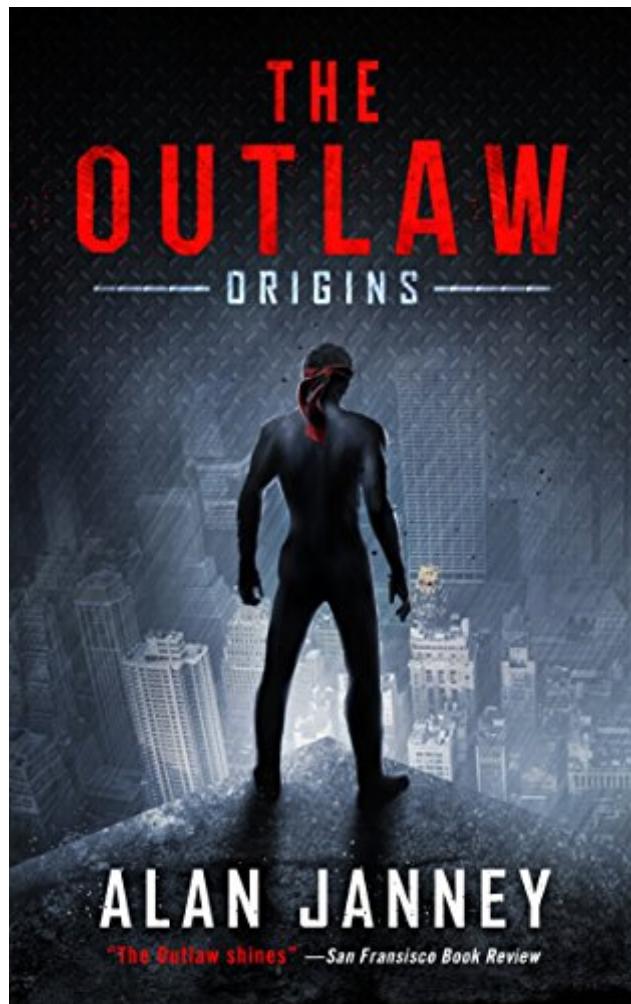


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The Outlaw: Origins



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On sale, for a limited time. A masked vigilante stalks the streets of downtown Los Angeles, disrupting crime and creating havoc. After being spotted on security cameras and thrust into the national spotlight, he is pursued by both the media and powerful new enemies. Little does the world know the Outlaw is just High School junior Chase Jackson wearing a mask and hoping the beautiful brunette down the street notices. The Outlaw series, winner of the 2016 NIE Awards in Science Fiction:"Janney's pacing is excellent, as are the action sequences" - Kirkus Reviews"The Outlaw shines" - San Francisco Book Review Book One of the must-read, young adult, super charged, paranormal (ish), adventure romance Outlaw Series.

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Customer Reviews

This was an excellent book to read. Knowing it was geared towards young adults and knowing I'm in my upper 30s I was nervous it might not capture my attention. Not only did it capture my attention but I read it fast...then moved on to the next one quickly and finished that one too. I fell in love with

the characters. If you are in high school or have ever been in high school you can TOTALLY relate with the main character Chase Jackson and the struggles he has to find himself and fit into the high school scene. You can't help but fall in love with him and his friends. I found myself carving out 10 minutes here and there in my day to read because it was addicting! My only critique (while still giving it 5 stars, mind you) is some editing misses but I am sure they will get worked out with the next edition. And honestly, I'm kind of bummed that there's only 1 more book in the series. Wish it would just keep going. Good work Mr. Janney! Well done on this series. I love to ready but really struggle to find time and in the span of about a month I've read the Outlaw and Infected. It takes a special kind of writing style and content to hold my attention like that!!!

I guess the gentrification of downtown Los Angeles didn't stick. Alan Janney's *The Outlaw: Origins* paints 2017 as a bleak year for us Californios, what with racial unrest triggered by a controversial law just passed in California that makes life much harder for illegal immigrants, what with lawlessness rampant in the 'hood, what with a masked crimefighter roaming the streets, serving up a mean brand of justice. What we readers know - and what the characters in the book don't - is that the vigilante is actually a 17-year-old kid named Chase Jackson, him what juggles multiple life styles. In Glendale's Hidden Spring High, Chase is the backup quarterback, a nobody who tried out and shocked everyone by making it to the team. Chase attends one of the more posh schools in the state, never mind that he's its most broke seeker of knowledge. His shabby, old-ass Toyota cowers in shame next to the gleaming SUVs of the wealthy students. You instantly root for the kid. 4 out of 5 stars for *The Outlaw: Origins*, a ripper of a read even with its flaws. Alan Janney neatly folds in high school drama and football with urban superheroics. Chase is a protagonist that's easy to like. He's not perfect. He doesn't always say the right things. He's barely treading water with his complicated relationship issues. Yep, the boy is just clueless enough to make him interesting. Chase is in love with his childhood best friend, Katie. But he's flirting with the head cheerleader who he suspects is using him purely for status, seeing as how he's killing it lately on the football field. And I won't even go on about the starlet that he ends up rescuing from a mugging... Chase's barrelful of angst is offset by the occasional action sequence. Except that the origin of Chase's superpower isn't addressed or even that much delved into. There's an element of Jekyll & Hyde and, more often than not, bouts of disorientation and excruciating pain. Some ambiguity lifts when Chase does refer to his condition as a disease (Loc 640), although that's probably more the writer's slip of the tongue. The 411 behind Chase's origin drops in the sequel (*Infected: Die Like Supernovas*). Chase finds himself a celebrity on two fronts. On the gridiron, he's now being evaluated by the media and the scouts. Meanwhile,

his alter ego's exploits are also gaining him massive press. The football sequences are as riveting as the vigilante smack-downs. Janney really knows how to tell these come-from-behind rallies in exciting fashion. On the crimefighting side, Chase does eventually end up with his own nemesis, and the interesting thing is that it's a villain that crosses over from one section of Chase's life into another. I had a concern that the writer introduced that whiff of social commentary only to not do crap about it, but that was before I started reading the sequel. For now, the protests and riots staged by the Latino community serve merely as backdrop, an accentuating element. I wished, though, that Katie had more of an opinion about what's going on since she is half-Puerto Rican and all. What's kind of killing me is that Chase is so oblivious when it comes to relationships. C'mon, no one's that oblivious. Anyway, this is a read I couldn't put down, never mind that Chase's romantic complications get a bit too nutty and that, sometimes, the dialogue doesn't come off natural. Above all else, Janney is a riveting storyteller. He took me back to my high school days when I was pretty much like Chase: dumb, confused, feeling alone. Except I couldn't leap tall buildings in a single bound.

This was my first time reading a Alan Janney novel but it will not be my last. I usually don't read YA novels but the premise of this one caught my eye and I must say I wasn't disappointed in the novel at all. Chase, Katie, Lee, Hannah, Lee, Natalie and even the protagonist a.k.a. Tank made for a delightful read. All of these major characters are developed and the author allowed for them to do so slowly. I felt Chase's pain dealing with the loss of his mom and the accident that left his dad in pain and unable to work cast him that inadvertently in the role as parent/care-giver. This is a lot of responsibility to pile unto a teenager's shoulders on top of the weird and mysterious changes that are happening to his mind and body. I look forward to the next installment to "The Outlaw" to see if Chase will survive the change or will the others that are like him (infected) kill him! Good job, Mr. Janney!!!! Jackie

Wow! So, what started as a casual read likely scheduled over the next month or so became a marathon of extremely late nights, until I finally completed the series (or as much of the series as there is at this point). The protagonist (Chase) quickly captivates you as a reluctantly awesome teenager that exudes pain, fragility, faith, and strength all in the same moment. The Outlaw series is an intertwined collection of plots that explore true to life insights into youth, friendship and love while seamlessly weaving in mystery, suspense, death defying action, fantasy, and a unique take on what it means to be a hero. The series is set in a near future Los Angeles that is at war with itself,

struggling with highly volatile and divisive issues. A backdrop that eloquently reflects the books motley crew of characters who battle just as much with their own demons and one another, as they do with the forces they oppose. Great book, I truly can't wait to read more!

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