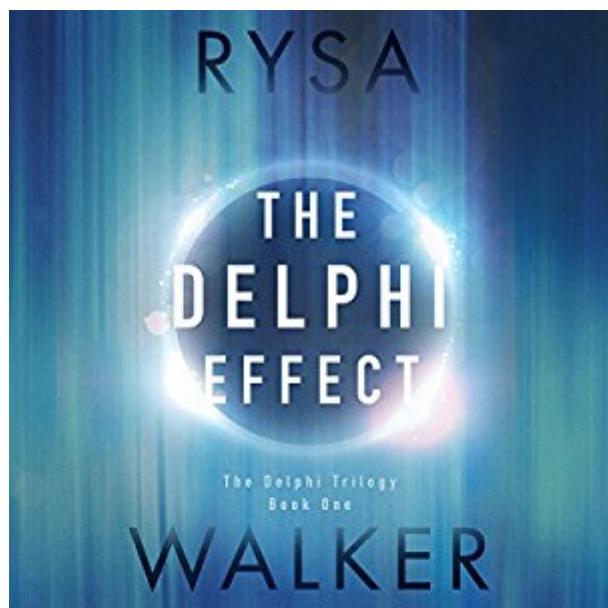


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The Delphi Effect: The Delphi Trilogy, Book 1



Synopsis

It's never wise to talk to strangers...and that goes double when they're dead. Unfortunately, seventeen-year-old Anna Morgan has no choice. Resting on a park bench, touching the turnstile at the Metro station - she never knows where she'll encounter a ghost. These mental hitchhikers are the reason Anna has been tossed from one foster home and psychiatric institution to the next for most of her life. When a chance touch leads her to pick up the insistent spirit of a girl who was brutally murdered, Anna is pulled headlong into a deadly conspiracy that extends to the highest levels of government. Facing the forces behind her new hitcher's death will challenge the barriers, both good and bad, that Anna has erected over the years and shed light on her power's origins. And when the covert organization seeking to recruit her crosses the line by kidnapping her friend, it will discover just how far Anna is willing to go to bring it down.

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Customer Reviews

I started this book with some trepidation. I loved Rysa Walker's earlier work (the Chronos Files), but I'm a sucker for a good time-travel story, and for well-told history, and Delphi Effect is about psychic phenomenon, which doesn't interest me as much. But Rysa is such a good story-teller that it didn't matter. I was glued to the book from start to finish. Highly recommended.

OMG! Rysa Walker has done it again! Her follow-up to the awesome Chronos Files series is just as good, if not better. Anna, The Delphi Effect's protagonist, is a young woman who hosts ghosts in her

head, people who have had a particularly traumatic death or have some kind of unfinished business that they urge her to carry out for them. Anna's latest 'visitor' Mollie is a murdered girl who wants to bring her killer to justice and uses Anna to talk to her grandfather who happens to be a cop. So far, so freaky - but the story soon gets a lot darker as Anna's efforts to help Mollie 'move on' put her own life in danger. The tension in this story is absolutely gripping, the characters are well drawn and, despite the spooky subject matter, what Ms. Walker has created in 'Delphi' actually seems more grounded and real than her time travel saga. I can't wait to see how this series develops!

One of the aspects that sets this novel apart is how real the non-real feels. As you go through the process of finding out more about these paranormal abilities, the more it seems like "yeah if we had those this is how it would go down." How so? Well, when we are introduced to a number of people who have said abilities, it becomes clear that for most, it's a burden. They tend to whack you out mentally and emotionally to some degree, make you a social pariah, and in general much of your energy is taken up with attempting to cope with these abilities. You tend not to have the kind of control over them that you would desire and some come with limitations that are maddening. Ms. Walker takes all these elements of character, relationship, narrative, the world setting, and makes them into a quite plausible and intriguing whole.[Full disclosure: I received an advanced reviewers copy from Netgalley for an honest review.]The inevitable comparison to X-Men will come to mind. This is grittier, with no Professor Xavier or estate to save the day (at least, not yet). Their abilities are not writ large with any purely physical differences (this is a largely mental game with some physical consequences. So no bright spandex outfits or funky hairdos (OK, there's Deo but he's not a burden. It's normal), but lots of inner turmoil.)I've previously reviewed Risa Walker's Chronos Files series, and as you can see from my reviews, they were outstanding. I honestly think her writing has become even better. There's a sense in which I feel enveloped in the story. I'm not outside of it, enjoying the story but as a spectator. Somehow, I feel like I'm a part of The Delphi Effect. It's like Anna, if not a friend, is at least an acquaintance for whom I care.In The Delphi Effect, we have a gripping story with an empathetic heroine, a well-done setting, with the compelling characters and powerful, wicked bad guys. We also have a well-completed phase of this series, but it's definitely a series, which is to say there's a bit of a cliffhanger at the ending. I highly recommend The Delphi Effect for your reading pleasure. It's available tomorrow,

October 11th! [A note about the audiobook version: while I haven't heard the book yet, Kate Rudd is one of my favorite narrators, who always give an admirable performance. So, if audiobooks are your thing, I'm confident in recommending this one despite not having heard it yet.]Full review at Joe's Geekfest on Wordpress

I absolutely loved this book! From the first chapter to the last, it is full of non-stop entertainment. I kept waiting for a good stopping point to put the book down and do some housework and cook dinner, and there just never seemed to be one. I have read this authors Timebound series as well, and as much as I loved it, I like this one even better. There are so many little twists and turns to it, and she does such a great job of getting the reader invested in all of the characters. I cannot wait to see where this series will take me!

Rysa Walker has done it again! The CHRONOS Files was an awesome time travel series, but she's managed to follow it up with the first book in a new series that promises to be even better. The Delphi Effect is so incredibly creative that I couldn't put it down. This is not your average book about people with "abilities." Mostly because the main character's ability is that ghost co-inhabit her body and talk to her. But trust me, it gets WAY cooler, I just don't want to spoil anything for you. You'll love the little details that Rysa has infused into this ghostly ability, as well as how she uses her talents. And the ending is pretty epic with plenty of room for more in the next sequel. I hope you all enjoy this book as much as I did! Highly recommend!

Action packed. Hint of romance. Budding action heroes with government engineered special gifts. One generation removed. I had a little trouble keeping the character names straight, Porter and Sam, but overall well built story.

This book is very good but could use a healthy dose of Readers Digest Condensed books. Feels like it was written by a teenage girl who has to explain everything. Still the story is good with lots of imagination. I recommend it if you like a lot of detail and a healthy dose of repetition.

I picked up this book mostly because I had read another series by Walker and loved it. I was very happy that I enjoyed this one as well. Anna, Deo, Aaron and Taylor are all such great characters. I'm scared and excited for their future all at the same time. Can't wait for the next book.

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