

Editorial Review

PROGENY'S PROMISE by Kenneth Wick is an important cli-fi novel that joins a chorus of such novels echoing across the world. In the cli-fi realm, the book features a unique theme. And it's a blend of sorts that conveys an important message: that climate change can sometimes seem to be slow but at the same time can happen real fast. Wick's novel wakes us up to this fact. An alarm bell, a wake-up call, a warning flare: this book is all three wrapped up in one! I've read it and recommend it highly.

-- [Dan Bloom, The Cli-Fi Report](#) April 16, 2017

Reader Reviews

[Traditional Sci-Fi \(with a twist\)](#) February 10, 2018

I received a free copy of this book from the author. He did not ask me to review it, but I've decided to do so anyway as it is a good book!

Let me begin by stating that this is not my usual sci-fi sub genre (I am tech challenged). However, I saw this book as a recommendation in a group I belong to and decided I'd like to read it. Some very interesting characters (apparently based on real folks we know and love... haha). I especially enjoyed Henry and Nathan, and I want to thank the author for creating a strong, female President!

The story itself is interesting, but as I mentioned, rather heavy on the tech side. For many readers a huge plus. I just got confused. My issue, not the author's. The writing was strong and the plot quite unique. I will read more from this author.

[Tom Clancy Meets Inconvenient Truth](#)

[Mary H. Rosenblum](#) June 2, 2017

Tom Clancy meets An Inconvenient Truth! Engaging and well developed characters struggle to do right to save Earth with the reluctant help of an advanced civilization as a fanatic cult threatens to evoke global nuclear war in its bid to control the remaining petroleum resources. It's a fast paced and engaging read with a positive outcome and lots of vivid action. Nice writing!

[Sci-Fi meets Cli-Fi in a very good first novel by a "new" fiction author](#)

[Robert Enzenauer](#) May 28, 2017

This is a really good and truly unique sci-fi novel. The earth is "dying" ecologically, and aliens are coming to earth to evacuate youngsters. The book moves very fast, and there are lots of characters to keep track of. Fortunately, the author has an appendix of "good guys" and "bad guys." And the author's prediction of world events when failing energy supplies ignite regional wars and global conflicts is worrisomely plausible. The author creates some strong and wise characters to meet the challenge. The plot moves quickly. I will share this with my daughter.

[A planet changing event](#)

[George](#) March 8, 2017An imaginative tale of the catastrophic end of humanity. Heavy with sci-fi and action adventure. What happens when a world no longer has access to fossil fuel. A dystopia of conflicting interests, nature, politics, greed and the military. Strong and wise characters will rule the day.

[Move over Clive!](#)

[DAVE ROBINSON](#) September 6, 2017

I am not an intellectual, just an old, retired guy that loves a good adventure novel. When I have the time, you will usually find me with my nose in a Cussler book. I was given a copy of Progeny's Promise by someone who knew I had grown up in the Great Falls area during the missile crisis and construction period of the ICBM 's. Progeny's Promise is a great read. Fast, entertaining, and

very thought provoking. Plenty of things going on to keep you involved as well as believable events and references. Watching diligently for Progeny's Journey!

[Scary & thought provoking](#)

[Amazon Customer](#) April 5, 2017

The author has a fertile mind and a well grounded imagination. I believe his description of world events following the opening calamity are frighteningly accurate. His characters are well developed and appropriately likable and hateable. This is a great read for both sci-fy and political action adventure fans.

[Great theory and storytelling that builds the characters to a ...](#)

[DIY GUY](#) October 1, 2017

Great theory and storytelling that builds the characters to a T. Interesting dynamics between multiple groups that keep you in the story all the way through!

[This is a really good sci-fi novel...](#)

[Rick O](#) April 6, 2017

This is a really good sci-fi novel...kudos to the author, Kenneth O. Wick. He did a great job joining two major simultaneous problems on Earth into one story. And these are big problems. How about an alien coming down to Earth and telling the POTUS (President of the United States) that the earth is dying and he wants to evacuate several hundred thousand individuals (ten years is the maximum age) to an Earth-like planet. At the same time, the biggest USA oil company and a general in the Air Force want the POTUS to surrender the country over to them. Wouldn't the POTUS want to blow her brains out? No way, not the first black female President of the United States! Do you see how this story can get addicting? Before I tell you a little bit of the story, I have to say that early on in the novel I was getting confused by all the players in the story. But, by the grace of God, or the author's ingenuity, there was a list of good guys and bad guys at the book's end. Luckily, I found that list early on, or this review might have taken on a different face. I also thought that there was

too much going on (a very busy story) besides the above mentioned two major problems. Would the nine nuclear capable countries trade bombs so soon after the oil wells hardened? Would any USA general use North Korea (of all countries) to drop nuclear bombs for them? I don't think so...even if you were trying to overthrow The White House. Anyway, those are my minor kvetches (I had to look hard to find fault) against an otherwise marvelous effort from an excellent storyteller.

The pumping units on the oil fields of ProMax Oil, owned by Colin and Dick Baines, blowup in North Dakota. It seems that the oil in the ground has solidified. Dr. Jessica Mayers (PHD in geophysics), reared by her Uncle Nathan Bishop and the Baines boys after her father was killed in an accident at ProMax, is stunned by what took place. Nathan, the production supervisor, says, "I've talked to some other lease operators, they all say the same thing. The oil can't be pumped. It's as if something is seizing the pump rods downhole like the oil turned to concrete." They later find out that it happened all over the world. Meanwhile the reader learns that the oil was solidified on purpose from the first sentient species born after the creation of the universe. They are the Lumiens from the Green Planet circling a star located at the edge of the Great Rift boundary within the Milky Way galaxy. Was this a hostile event? No, according to the Lumien Master Galaxy Steward, Cyrhion. Earth was only four and a half billion years old and dying. Cyrhion knew the reason was that it was the first planet to alter the environmental balance. Cyrhion thought, "Core death is imminent...They are killing their planet." The Lumien's Commander Koden was on the Earth's surface and with his Knights stopped the oil from flowing. Since the only usable oil is whatever's in the barrels and the oil tankers, the world starts to panic. They know nothing of the aliens at this point. Every country is pointing the finger at each other. What country is making a play for world dominance by controlling the oil supply? Will the nine nations that have nuclear weapons start threatening each other?

In the Oval office, President Elizabeth Hunter asks her Vice President, Joint Chiefs of staff, heads of the NSA and CIA, and some Cabinet Secretaries, "Can someone please explain to me why crude oil can't be pumped out of the ground?" No one knows. The President says, "Gentlemen, if something doesn't change soon, anarchy will come marching when the first gas station runs dry." General Abramson (Air force) was the one person in the room that didn't say a word. He just stared at the President. President Hunter ask him, "General Abramson, how will this situation affect our Air Force capabilities?" "Ma'am, the Air Force is ready for all emergencies. This grave challenge shall be met and

overcome with the might of the Air Force marching ever onward to a glorious victory over evil.” The President and her close advisors have suspected for some time now that he has become involved with some obscure religious sect. When the President asks the General what evil is he talking about, he says, “This is the work of Satan, Madam President. We’re being tested. However, the great Commander of us all shall lead us to victory.” One of the President’s top advisors, Colonel Raymond Tohler, directed a top-secret surveillance operation monitoring an active terrorist faction within the United States Air Force, known as the Dominionists. The majority of Air Force personnel were presumed to be backing the Dominionist leaders. Was General Abramson the leader? If not, who was?

“A large object appeared, hovering twenty feet above the White House South Lawn.” The secret service tried to get the President into the war room bunker. She refused and stepped outside to greet the aliens. In her mind a distant thought crept in, I am here in peace, for Earth. “A tall, slender being stepped through the hatch, and descended the steps to the White House lawn.” “President Hunter, my name is Cyrhion,” he said in perfect English. “I am the Lumien Master Steward of this galaxy.” He asked her if they could talk over important matters in her Oval office. In the Oval office, surrounded by her National Security team, she was speechless. Her Secretary of Energy, Maxwell Vettters, asked the alien, “Why are you here? What do you mean by steward of this galaxy?” “Mature galaxies, which have nurtured the growth of many life forms, are protected by Lumiens. The embryonic and infant galaxies, after evolving, are given a Lumien steward at what we call first life spark.” Secretary Vetter, trying to grasp the inconceivable enormity of the concept, tried to form words. “I am here because Earth is dying,” Cyrhion said. After a long pause, the room erupted in a chorus of incoherent voices. The President held up her hand. “What do you mean, dying?” she said. Can this man write, or what. This review seems real long, doesn’t it? Well, believe it or not, I’m only up to page 43 of a 407 page novel. I told you in the first paragraph that this was a very busy story...I wasn’t kidding!

I’ll finish my short review (Haha) with Cyrhion’s response to the President’s question on page 43. “Earth’s temperatures are soaring out of control. Her bio systems are shutting down and soon will be unable to evolve in time to correct the imbalances. She will continue the struggle for survival, but when her interior temperatures exceed the critical stage, our data forecasts thirty-five to fifty years from now, the planet will begin expanding at an accelerated rate. The crust and mantle will develop fracture openings along all existing fault

structures, and the interior magma will erupt through these fractures, shrinking her atmosphere to a mere veil. Her interior heat will escape to space, the core will freeze and Earth will die.” Wow! Numbing silence passed through the Oval office, except from the suspected mutinous leader of the Dominionist, General Abramson. He said, “What a load of malarkey, God created this planet and all the heavens around us. This planet is a gift to all mankind, to do with as we please, and if there is any need for planet saving to be done, the Lord Almighty shall come forth and replenish his Earth, with goodness and bounty for all his children.” “Hallelujah,” Jeb Henley, the Director of the CIA, said. Is the Director the mole in the White House for the Dominionist? Cyrhion said, “Your God did not create this planet, General, and cannot save it...only I can.”

So my 44 page review comes to an end. I will leave you with the following questions in order to whet your appetite further (if needed). Do the world powers start nuking each other as the oil dries up? Are the Baines brother’s making a play for world dominance? Does the Dominionist mutineers have a thermonuclear bomb? Are they targeting a USA city? Can the Lumiens save the Earth? Or will the nine nuclear capable nations blow up Earth? This is an exciting novel that has to be read to appreciate the creative genius of Kenneth O. Wick. By the way, I thank the author for not getting too technical, that's a beef I have with some authors. The sequel to this novel, Progeny’s Journey, is due out in the fall of 2018.

By [D.M.E](#) on March 18, 2018

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I liked this story, and while there's nothing inherently wrong with it I struggled to keep up with the technical side of the story. Is that on me or the author? Pick up a copy and draw your own conclusion.