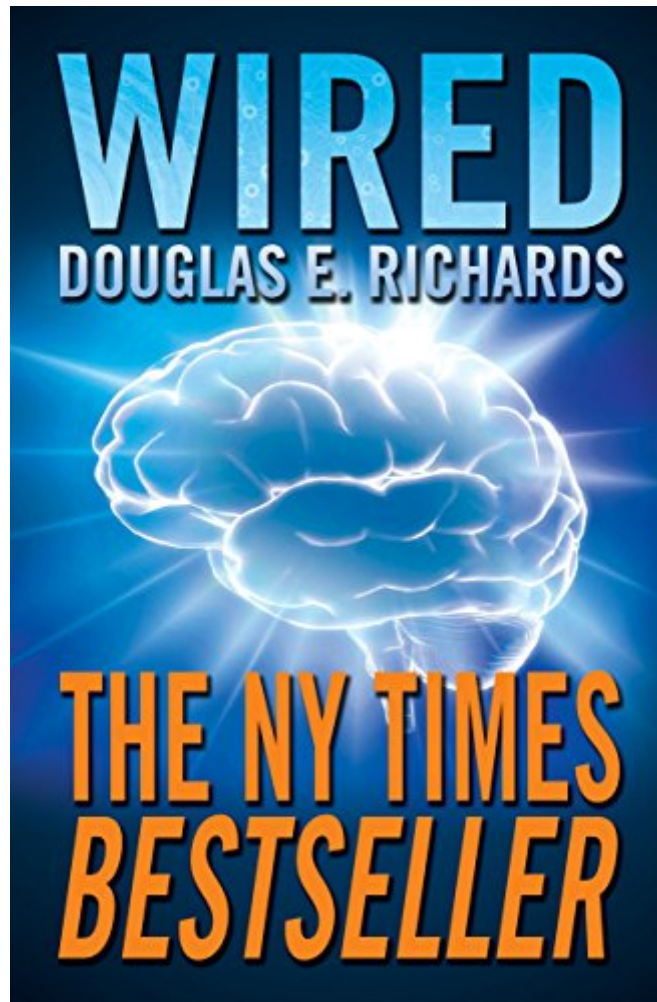


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Book Review: Wired by Douglas E Richards Reviewed by J Bryden Lloyd Writing Style - 4.5/5.0 (Excellent) Wired is a nicely paced read, starting with a hard-hitting opening scene and good, strong characterisations. The dialogue is considered and flows equally well. From start to finish the whole structure is carefully retained and it was a good, flowing, easy read. Character Development - 4.0/5.0 (Very Good) This was a great example of character building in general, though I felt the computer geek character was a little weak and seemed to spend sections of the story where he was actually surplus to requirements. Having said that, he did grow within the storyline he was afforded and fitted well with the other main characters. For the leading lady and leading man of the piece, I thought both were handled exceptionally well and made the story what it was. The bad guy was cleverly built, and gave me the twist I wanted in the tale. Descriptive - 4.5/5.0 (Excellent) The visualisations provided by the author were excellent. Even the thought processes under "enhancement" were very well written, pulling the reader further into the detailed plots and sub-plots. The locations were very vividly detailed and nicely built also. I found the few combat-oriented scenes were well placed and used the characters well. Language & Grammar - 4.0/5.0 (Very Good) Very good use of general language and grammar made this a nice read. It flowed well and everything tied together nicely. The delivery of the dialogue was good, though I felt that perhaps one or two of the secondary characters came across as a little wooden. Even so, these were characters we met in passing, and so easy to forget once the plot had moved on.

I ordered this book because it had gotten so many outstanding reviews, and was a NY Times Best Seller, among others. After the first few sentences, however, I wondered if I was reading the same book as those who wrote the glowing reviews. I persevered though to the end. First, the writing got no better. In fact, it was consistently bad. Other negative reviewers have commented in detail about the poor writing style. Please see their comments. The best that I can say for it was that it reminded me of the pulp fiction writing of the 1930s and 1940s, a campy quality that wears very badly after several chapters. Second, the characters are right out the Super Heroes and X-Men comic books

and movies: super clever, super martial arts skills, super intelligence (even when not enhanced), and even cute (for the heroine) and muscular (for the hero). The heroes and heroine are 100% super good, and the villain is 100% super bad. Even when when they are not using the Magic Pill the heroine has invented, they are far above average in every respect. Third, the Magic Pill.

Newspapers and electronic media today are full of ads that claim the sellers have a wonder pill that will do miracles for your arthritic, poor memory, prostate problems, erectile dysfunction, and (just fill in the blank for your favorite ailment). That's unfortunately the central thesis of this book. Medicine and neurology, however, are well past the polio vaccines and penicillin antibiotics that actually worked wonders. There are fewer and fewer miracle involving a Magic Pill, although its legend lives on in the popular mind.

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