

Praise for *Vinyl* by Sophia Elaine Hanson

"A compelling read, and one that will definitely appeal to fans of dystopian/sci-fi/action novels. Author Sophia Elaine Hanson does an amazing job of bringing this incredible world to life where man must fight against mental and emotional enslavement. "Passion is perilous". Very interesting concept, and the premise feels like nothing I've come across before. Although there are common elements, Ms. Hanson's voice is unique, and her characters fresh and engaging. We really root (or cry) for them and get totally invested in the outcome. BTW the editing was GREAT! Nearly flawless, and that is rare. And appreciated! Great, authentic dialogue that flowed well and moved the plot forward nicely, sparing us of the dreaded "telling" that so many authors tend to do. We feel like we are a part of the book and I recommend for fans of Dystopian Sci-fi who'd like a new twist. This is the first in a trilogy though, so we are still in for more of a ride. Can't wait!" (5 stars) *Claire Middleton ~ Indie Book Reviewers*

"Gorgeous writing, an intriguing book from a brilliant young author. Truly great work and I'm looking forward to the next books in this series!" *Christa M. ~ Amazon reviewer*

"I was hooked from the opening pages of *Vinyl* by Sophia Hanson and my interest never wavered for a moment! I loved the creative and strong characters and plots that continued to build and shock and surprise. Just when you think you know what's happening, something comes along to throw a wrench in it. This is good because I HATE books that are super predictable. And this one isn't. Although there are some familiar themes and tropes at play, the author brings a fresh voice and makes it all her own... impressively so. I've read a ton of YA fantasy and science fiction over the years so I'm rarely surprised by anything anymore but I can say that this author managed to do it. I appreciated the brisk pace and the descriptive details that really brought the story to life – world building is absolutely crucial in selling a 'fantasy' story and it is done quite nicely here. Will be interested in seeing where this series and our leads go to in the next one. Recommend for anyone (adults) who enjoy a well-written, action packed,

alternative reality novel with unexpected twists." (5 stars) *Jenna Brewster ~ Indie Book Reviewers*

"Wow, what an insane book! Holy bananas!!! Okay, I don't even know where to begin because so much happens and I don't want to give anything away... *Vinyl: Book one of the Vinyl Trilogy* by author Sophia Hanson is one of the most original and just flat out interesting fantasy/ science fiction/ dystopian novels I've ever read. I liked it for so many different reasons, first the writing was stellar. The strong word choice and fluid prose makes it a very easy book to sink into. There are enough descriptions where you can picture everything perfectly, but not so much that it bogs down the pacing. I wish I knew what the characters looked like better though, because some of them I had hard time keeping straight. I liked that there were things I haven't seen in other books like this before, and it just felt more "intelligent" than others I've read, like there is a deep underlying philosophical message there that goes deeper than just beneath the surface. One thing I have really been loving about this new explosion of NA/YA authors over the past few years is that they keep coming up with new and creative ways to improve upon existing themes. This is wonderful because there are certain themes, like good versus evil, free will and freedom, fighting against the status quo...etc... which will never go out of style. But sometimes you can feel like you are reading the same story over and over. Well this was not the case here! This almost seems like it could be a movie or a miniseries... Looking forward to the next one as soon as it's out!" (5 stars) *Eliza Brown ~ Barnes & Noble Reviewer*

"This book was an interesting mix of so many elements... I can't quite say that I've ever really read anything like it before, but I can see it appealing to fans of *Divergent*. Great writing and wonderful characters... really liked Ronja, but Roark, Evie, Terra and the others were awesome too. I really hope that things "turn around" in the next book. There are many complex subplots woven throughout and while this is a longer book for YA, it was fast paced and the prose is gorgeous – we can picture everything perfectly. Can see fantasy/sci fans really liking it, even those who maybe it's not their thing, there

is a lot of action and has a great message. Something for everyone, I think". (4-5 stars) *Laura Clarke ~ Indie Book Reviewers*

"Elegant! Elegant use of the genre. Elegant use of imagery. Elegant use of language. I look forward to seeing much more from this gifted young writer".

(5 stars) *An Avid Reader ~ Amazon Reviewer*

"Dystopian at its best.

Sophia Hanson is a talented writer, weaving a tale of hardship, suffering, and oppression with an underlying theme of music in a lush fantasy/steampunk setting. Her apt and vivid descriptions bring to life a world, familiar yet horribly altered by the little machines feeding emotion-numbing music into everyone's ears.

Vinyl is full of characters, refreshing and achingly real, some are easy to love while others are easy to hate. The main protagonist, Ronja, is steadfast, headstrong, feisty, a little rash, but loyal and has her priorities in order. She's a heroine worth rooting for. Roark, on the other hand with his constant use of the word love as a term of endearment and his good looks makes for a charming and intriguing character. It's hard not to want more of him. But Ronja and Roark aren't the only interesting characters in this book, Henry, Iris, Evie and even Terra are captivating to read about.

The world building was fantastic. The more you learn about this alternate world and the people living in it, the more difficult it is not to care about the outcome of the story.

With a cast of strong characters and a unique premise, Vinyl definitely holds its own among the YA Dystopian novels I've read. The dialogue flowed naturally and I loved how the romance was icing on the cake rather than the entire filling." (4.5 stars) *Cherry*

(*_forevermint*) ~ *Goodreads Review*

"Couldn't put this book down I read it in two days!!! An intriguing story and a masterful writing style; this book pulls you in." *Art Friend ~ Amazon Reviewer*

"FANTASTIC! It was fresh and original, heartbreaking and inspiring, and generally everything you could want in a great science fiction novel. Definitely recommend."

Cathleen ~ Goodreads Reviewer