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Tracker

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When everyone has a brain-interfacing tracking chip, one glitch threatens the entire network. Kaya Weiss is that glitch.

Through thoughts and blinks, Kaya can access anyone or anything on the tracker network. But the authorities monitor everything—where Kaya goes, who she talks to, and what she searches. And without the ability to turn it off, Kaya and her family can't observe a tech-free Shabbat. To fix the glitch, the authorities slice into her skull to reset her tracker, leaving Kaya to question more than the system's invasion into her faith.

Kaya won't be a lab rat again.

Evading the authorities requires some serious tech skills the rogue underground Ghosts can offer. But Kaya's not sure she can trust them—even if their top tech wiz, Bailen, has interest in her running deeper than her bum tracker. Kaya must decide if gaining freedom is worth losing her tracker's infinite knowledge—because to take down the tracker network, she must betray the only tech she's ever known.

"Fast-paced and with lots of adventure, Krakover submerges the reader into a tech world that could credibly take place in the future." – The BookLife Prize & Publishers Weekly

"Krakover built a fun world and developed an action-packed story with an engineer's meticulousness, a sci-fi aficionado's imagination, a child's playfulness, and a Jew's devoted curiosity." – Jewish Book World

About the Author: Growing up with a fascination for space and things that fly, Jamie turned that love into a career as an Aerospace Engineer. Combining her natural enthusiasm for Science Fiction and her love of reading, she now spends a lot of her time writing Middle Grade and Young Adult Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Jamie lives in St. Louis, Missouri with her husband, Andrew, her son, and their dog Rogue (after the X-Men, not Star Wars, although she loves both). When she isn't being a Rocket Scientist by day and a writer by night, she can be found catching up on the latest sci fi TV, books, and movies as well as spending time on Twitter (maybe a little too much time :-P). And no, the rocket science jokes never get old!



Tracker220 Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you think are some of the benefits to having a tracker? What would the downsides be?
- 2. How would your life change if you had a tracking chip?
- 3. If given the choice, would you want the tracking technology? Why or why not?
- 4. When Kaya's tracker glitches, she ultimately decides to run rather than let the authorities fix the only tech she's ever known. If you were in her position, would you have done the same? Why or why not?
- 5. Technology is well integrated into our lives. In what ways does it support Jewish beliefs and observances? In what ways can it be a hindrance?
- 6. What parallels do you see between this futuristic world and technology and today's society (especially in the post-covid world where we couldn't always meet in person)?
- 7. Kaya and Jake grew up with tracker technology, whereas Peyton and Bailen grew up fighting it. How do you think these environments shaped who they are as characters?
- 8. When Kaya first arrives at the Ghosts, she isn't sure she made the right choice. What do you think ultimately cemented her decision to stay and help?

Core Concepts/Discussion Topics

Technology
Judaism
Interconnectedness
Right to privacy
Freedom of religion