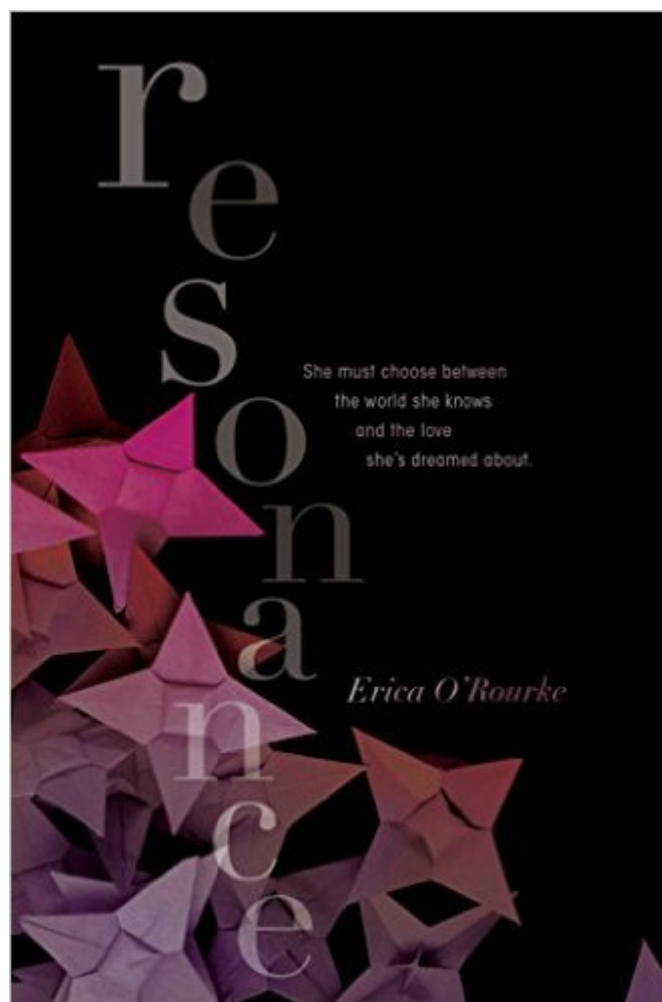


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# Resonance (Dissonance)



## Synopsis

As a Walker between worlds, Del is responsible for the love of her life—and the fate of millions—in this thrilling sequel to *Dissonance*. As *School Library Journal* raves, “Rourke brilliantly builds an intricate and complex alternate science-fiction universe—fans will be longing for the next installment.” Del risked everything to save Simon, and now he’s gone, off in another world with no way for Del to find him. She’s back at the Consort—training to be a Walker like everyone in her family. But the Free Walkers have other plans for her. This rebel group is trying to convince Del that the Consort is evil, and that her parents are unwittingly helping the Consort kill millions of people. The Free Walkers make Del the ultimate promise: if Del joins their fight, she will be reunited with Simon. In agreeing, Del might be endangering her family. But if she doesn’t, innocent people will die, and Simon will be lost to her forever. The fate of the multiverse depends on her choice...

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## Customer Reviews

DISSONANCE really took me by surprise last year and ended up being one of my (many) favorite reads of 2014 so naturally, I couldn’t hold out too long when I was approved for a review copy of RESONANCE! I was anxious to dive back in to the main plot of the story and figure out what

the ending of DISSONANCE really meant for Del and Simon and I was once again impressed with Erica O'Rourke's crafty plotting and lovely writing. What I really enjoyed about the beginning of RESONANCE is that the book doesn't take too long to get back into the action and the possibility of what happened to Simon but I also wasn't dropped straight into action without a little refresher. There were also some nice allusions to the pieces of Addie's story in HARMONIC (which isn't necessary to read before RESONANCE but I highly recommend it) it's helpful for the plot and characters and also because it was just really, really good! The action stays steady throughout the whole book too. RESONANCE is a fast-paced, exciting adventure but also has some really great tender moments between characters and I really got to know each of them more. I think I was more impressed with the world building in DISSONANCE but don't get me wrong RESONANCE is pretty awesome and twisty. There's just a different side to be revealed in this book. DISSONANCE really gets the reader into how Walking works and what the general Consort rules are but RESONANCE is all about digging deeper into why those rules are in place and of course, we get more information about the Free Walkers too. There's one HUGE plot point that really blew my mind and I loved it BUT it also affects the relationship of a couple characters (no spoiler what huge plot point wouldn't, right?) and I wasn't sure how I felt about where those two were left. It was actually kind of a good thing in a way. I didn't feel as strong about the link between those two characters but it also opened my eyes to how other people perceived what was going on too. It was a really interesting turn of events, especially assessing my own feelings towards what happened. Cryptic, I know, but when you read it, let me know because I think it's a really neat thing to discuss! I was kind of all over the place with my feelings for Del and Simon. I do love them but there were just so many things going on in this book. And then I was reminded that they've only really known each other for a few months. When you say it like that, it sounds like insta-love a bit but looking back on my relationship with my husband and when we first started dating, we fell pretty hard pretty fast so that's really not an illogical connection, especially when things are so high-stakes. I actually didn't even think about the shortness of their relationship until it was brought up in the book (oops) but it made me stop and think about it for a minute. Of course, though, I still love these two. I really adore how their relationship has serious highs and lows and they really do have to fight for each other. I guess really looking back on the book, I like that there were so many obstacles both physically and mentally that they had to face because once the book was over, I felt even more secure about their feelings for each other. I just loved these two books from Erica O'Rourke (and novella!) and I'm so, so

happy I got to read them. They were just so up my alley with the parallel universes, the musical elements, and the Chicago setting. If any or all of these things appeal to you, I highly recommend this series! These were just so well done Erica O'Rourke's writing is just beautiful.

RESONANCE is the absolutely riveting, action-packed, nail-biting, and thought-provoking sequel in Erica O'Rourke's stunning and inventive Dissonance series. It picks up shortly after the heartbreaking events that left readers anxious but hopeful for what is to come and takes them on an exhilarating and thrilling and emotional ride. Reeling from what Simon did to keep her safe and the discoveries she made about her Grandpa Monty, Del is not the same girl she was, she is not ready to pick her life back up and continue on as if nothing had happened, and she's not even sure she wants to be a Walker. But if she can't at least pretend, the truth could come out, putting everyone she cares about in danger. With Lattimer looking to use her to track down the Free Walkers, and the weapon he thinks they have, and the Free Walkers seeking her help against the Consort, help that could save infinite worlds and lives, she's going to have to do more than pretend, she's going to have to choose a side. And she's going to have to be prepared to live with the consequences of her choice. Whether it's her own life, the lives of her friends and family, the lives of the Echoes, the lives of the Walkers, or the lives of the Free Walkers, there will be a cost. She'll just need to decide how high a price she'll be willing to pay. Author Erica O'Rourke delivers an epic and amazing follow-up that offers readers much to think about - actions and consequences, right and wrong, differing beliefs, the greater good, the value of a single life, power and control, choices, and sacrifices. She gives them a story that is incredibly well-developed, beautifully told, and utterly captivating. The author allowed her character Del to grow, to become more aware of the world and worlds she lives in, to become more understanding of others' choices, and to become more understanding of who she is and what she's willing to live with and live without. She made her into a hero, but one whose heroism is believable. From its first movement to its last, RESONANCE is brilliant and gorgeous and moving and simply extraordinary. It promises to engage, allure, surprise, electrify. It ratchets up the tension and suspense, ensuring readers will be kept on edge. And it introduces a jaw-dropping twist that they won't see coming. It is an imaginative and memorable, must-, must-, must-read sequel.

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