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The invasion has begun. An invasion not from the stars but from within our wombs. All over the world children are being born different. Their features are alien, their DNA isn't human, their loyalties are unknown. As scientists, spies, and regular citizens race to make sense of this new disease they find themselves asking the same question: Is this the first wave of an alien assault on Earth? Celebrated fiction author and bioterrorism expert Dominic Peloso weaves a complex tale of alien invasion, environmental catastrophe, and societal upheaval, in a world not too removed from our own. *Adopted Son* perfectly blends hard sci-fi with biting political and social commentary to create a truly modern literary masterpiece that transcends genres.

## **Adopted Son Details**

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## Natasha House says

This book starts off with the birth of an alien-American Jim Miller. His father struggles with the fact that his baby boy, whom they waited so long for, is deformed. They call it the HS Syndrome. I really enjoyed the story about Jim Miller and how his father works on his own feelings toward his son and begins to rally behind him. You jump to several characters in this book with different “scenes” that involve scientists, politicians, to families. This book had a very unique style. I kept telling people that it was written like a TV show or a movie. Even though the book has a lot of political things mixed in it, it kept my interest the whole time. I think the author should look into TV show writing.

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## Kerstin says

I received this book through goodreads First Reads.

Rating this book was really difficult for me.

Throughout the story, there were a little bit too much clichés for my taste, like the fratricide or the neighbor killing his wife. The many jumps back and forth in time made it harder to follow the story line. I also had problems identifying with the main characters, somehow they stayed flat and were mostly stereotypes. But then, the end was really unexpected from my point of view. I have to admit that I was surprised that the author dared to extinguish the whole human race. That's what kept me thinking. Could they have done something else? Should they have saved themselves somehow? Would that have been possible somehow without being inhumane and cruel? These questions arise as well if people of a different culture start living among people of your own origin. Will their culture replace your own after some time? Is your own culture worth saving from an outward point of view and not just because you're used to it and don't like changes? Should you act against those people or is it simply a normal process you have to accept? Can come anything good from "fighting" it or will any actions be futile anyway and acceptance from the start be more sensible? The ending saved this book. Great finish, but not so great storyline throughout the book, so 3 stars of 5 from me.

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## Mirrani says

When I signed up for the member giveaway from this author, I had been promised a different book, but got this one in its place. At first I wasn't sure I was going to enjoy it, because I thought that the plot was going to be filled with alien encounters, battles and viruses that were destined to take over human-kind. But this book turned into so much more. The balance between what is human and what is not is the true subject of this story. Are we human because we have a physical look like all the other humans on earth or are we human because of what we believe in? Can it really be that being human is more about our art forms and history than our genetic makeup?

This is a wonderful story for the mind as well as the heart. I deeply enjoyed the way the lives of each of the characters played out and how the conclusion simply brought up more things to contemplate about humanity. I wasn't fond of the idea of the story jumping from the future to the past and some of the location

descriptions I felt were a little over the top ridiculous, but overall, I would highly recommend this book not just to sci-fi fans, but to anyone who is interested in contemplating the very essence of humanity.

Note: Though this book was a free gift from the author, the content of my review was in no way influenced by the gifting. The book speaks for itself and my review would have been worded just this way even if I'd gone out and bought it.

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## **Fred says**

It was a fascinating read. I don't read many science fiction books and found this to be an interesting read. Don't want to spill the beans about the story but the ending wasn't what I expected.

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## **A. Fae says**

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I must say that as I began to read Adopted Son by Dominic Peloso I was fearful that there was no way in the world I was going to enjoy it. Yet as I began to turn the pages-or tap the pages- and become engrossed in what I feel is a body of work that although science fiction has important parallels to the world today, I was very pleased.

Adopted Son brings readers to a significant point in our future history where a monumental civil rights movement begins because of the existence and legal acceptance of a new group of individuals-aliens born to human parents-that are not necessarily accepted by the majority despite all else. In our past, groups of individuals have been treated as less than based solely on characteristics that are different than the dominating group such as women, blacks, homosexuals to name a few. Their struggles to be treated as equal-although unique to each group-are very similar and result in historical changes.

Although Peloso doesn't waste precious pages delving too deeply into developing the plethora of characters that certainly make this story happen, you definitely learn enough to actually feel as though he has. I also found myself enjoying his way of telling the reader the time and location a part of the story was taking place by a brief bold snip- it proceeding the section. In doing so the little details that might just be filler elements didn't distract you or detract from the meat of the story like trimming the fat from a good piece of meat.

A possible alien invasion is not an uncommon theme amongst works of science fiction. However, aliens being born naturally to humans where the reproductive systems of both parents have been genetically altered in some way without their knowledge or the typical tales of being abducted by aliens and impregnated are an uncommon and unique take on things. Peloso does the concept proud, covering all possible directions it could go in. As I might have mentioned, I'm not a huge science fiction fan, but this book had me not wanting to put it down.

Although I hate to pick apart what I obviously enjoyed, it's my job! Luckily in the case of Adopted Son there aren't too many issues to discuss. For those more "sensitive" readers I can give this one a clean bill of health. Although reproduction is discussed many times, there aren't any details of the actual copulation. There is

talk of the impending battle that may occur but very minimal, if any, violence takes place. Adopted Son is acceptable for the young reader.

As I said, I'm not a big science fiction fan but strangely enough, Adopted Son left me feeling cozy. I'm certain to some that might be a strange description of how I felt but it is the most accurate. Suffice it to say I enjoyed reading this piece and I'd pick up Peloso's work again. My one negative is that it needs to be edited or proofed more carefully.

So there goes it! You need to check this book out, even if you aren't typically a sci-fi fan. The family friendly and hugely exciting Adopted Son is one you don't want to miss out on. I really enjoyed it and the underlying themes that are extremely relevant even in today's society.

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### **Connie says**

This is not a typical sci-fi / alien invasion book. It is more about family - and heritage - and prejudice. I especially liked the ending.

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### **Lacey says**

The concept of this book was actually pretty good. I had never really read an alien story quite like this one. It's about an alien virus that causes humans to give birth to alien babies and then the wars that are caused by alien discrimination later on. Lol! I enjoyed this one!

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### **Rachel says**

The first few pages, I thought this was going to be a really cheesy sci-fi and I almost put it down to move to another book on my massive to-read list. I'm very, very glad I decided to give it a few more pages. This book is almost like the movie District 9 in that, under a thin veil of alien sci-fi, it's a very poignant social and political commentary. It was fascinating to watch the characters progress over time. Peloso did a wonderful job of showing corruption, the rise of activism, the rise of terrorism, and the mob hysteria caused by the unknown. I also liked the occasional inclusion of "transcripts" and "journal articles" to make the story feel more realistic. It was very well written and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

I did have to subtract half a star for the large number of typos, though, and another half because the jumping chronology was difficult to follow.

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### **Kelly says**

In this book a virus affects the people of earth. Instead of having normal human children, women all over the world are giving birth to alien children and soon the human population is decreasing rapidly...

The story was quite interesting, but the many jumps in time made it hard to follow the story line. “Seven months after this happened” and “3 days before that happened” and “6 months after something else happened”, wasn’t really working for me as a timeline.

The book also contained many characters and it was no problem keeping up with them. Downside of this is that you can’t really identify with the characters, because there were so many of them, and their stories were scattered over small sections throughout the book.

The ending was really good though, and I didn’t expect it to actually happen.

So, overall I liked it. It had a good, original storyline and as I said, the ending wasn’t what I was expecting at all! 3 out of 5 stars.

(I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads)

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### **Natalie says**

Great plot but the storytelling was very jerky and a little difficult to follow at times.

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### **R. James says**

I liked this book, but just wasn't crazy how the author decided to write it. The ideas put forth are great, and would make a great page-turner. However, the method in which the author did it made me feel like I was reading through a pile of (de)classified documents spilled out from a file cabinet. I understood it quite well, and I could put the pieces together in chronological order in my mind, but I think it could have been built differently without losing its appeal. Maybe that was the author's intention - I can't say, but I can say that it didn't appeal to me

Some of the characters acted outside of how they were initially portrayed. And don't get me started on the pilot who sold out his planet for an alien singer whom he had never met. Very silly and not believable.

The ending was decent, but as some others have pointed out, it made the rest of the book pointless. That's a no-no for any author.

Quite a few typos in this book, which is, in my opinion, inexcusable for the most part. Also, the switching of tense is a real peeve of anyone that knows how to write a book. But I let it slide and will give this 3 stars anyway.

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### **E.A. says**

“Adopted Son” has an excellent multi-level plot wrapped within a well-written novel. I would quibble here and there in the early going with some puzzling tense changes from past to present and then back again but it’s rare enough not to cause a problem and the balance of Mr. Peloso’s writing is truly first-rate.

The character development of the key players is admirable and sustained over the whole sweep of the decades long time span of the novel. Nice work!

The premise of a patient alien invasion, conducted from a distance using the wombs of earthly mothers, is chilling and fascinating at the same time. I enjoyed the novel's exploration of worldwide reactions to this developing conquest and found the varying reactions intriguing. Different people dealt with the idea of what it means to be truly alien in surprising ways. I found myself fully engaged with questions of nature or nurture or something in between. As the mixed race children grow, the issues of right and wrong also grow more complex both for the children themselves and those around them. These are the strongest parts of the story.

The weakest sections of the book deal with the world of politics and the schemes of political villains. Clearly, the author is much more comfortable with individuals and families than with the interworking of government agencies and corrupt leaders. Despite that, the overall thrust of the work easily remains compelling enough to satisfy the reader anyway.

This is truly a good book and a very rewarding read. You will be entertained in the classic sense because while "Adopted Son" hooks you with its characters and story, it will also make you think and challenge your pre-suppositions. The conclusion is terrific and well worth reading your way to experience it.

Bravo Mr. Peloso!

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## **Donna says**

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Dominic Peloso  
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When "Adopted Son" opens, Tom and Lorraine are in a delivery room in Tyler Texas, having a baby. The problem is, their baby is different than any other baby anyone has seen - and eerily looks, well - like an alien baby might. And this is just The first alien like Baby to be born; many more will be born world over as time passes.

And so begins the intriguing tale of man's attempts to deal with these changes - or not. As the years pass, the mostly unaccepted children will grow up, and then what? As humanity struggles to understand these new earth children - part man, part alien, there remains the eternal uneasy question - will the aliens come to collect these children - or attempt to takeover earth? And will these children help man? Or the invaders? Dominic Peloso's must read book could easily be a cautionary tale of our own future!!

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## **Dominic says**

You can get a copy of this ebook for free by going to <http://www.tinyghosts.com/ASN.html>

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## **Mark says**

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Summary:

The world awakens to an invasion. An invasion taking place through the wombs of the populace. Children are being born different. Large eyes, large heads, smaller bodies, the genetics of our children are being altered at conception. Are they are our sons and daughters or are they someone else's.

Genre:

science fiction, aliens, genetics, civil rights, politics, ethics, racism

Main Character:

Franklin Trinity and James Miller

Favorite Character:

James Miller

Least Favorite Character:

Ray Johnston. He's every overblown Fox News politician that has made me want to throw things at my television for a long, long time.

Favorite Scene:

When James Miller leads his march on Washington for the rights of the alien children of Earth.

Plot Holes/Out of Character:

N/A

Last Page Sound:

Great book.

Author Assessment:

I would absolutely read other stuff by these author.

Disposition of Book:

Keep it.

Why isn't there a screenplay?:

This could make a helluva movie with a big special effects budget.

Casting call:

I could see Cillian Murphy as Ray Johnston.

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