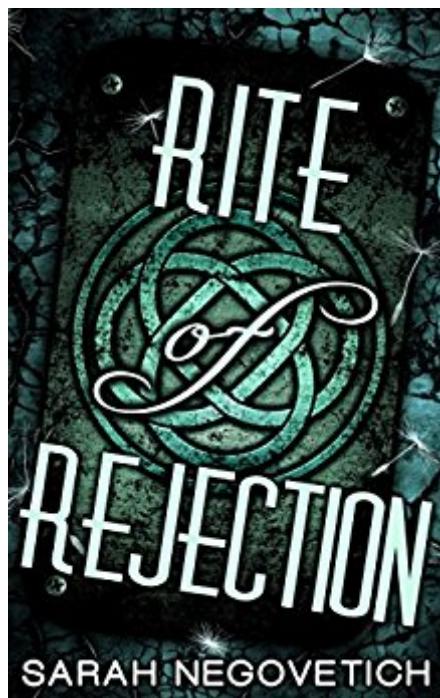


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# Rite Of Rejection (Acceptance Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

Straight-laced, sixteen-year-old Rebecca can't wait for her Acceptance. A fancy ball, eligible bachelors, and her debut as an official member of society. Instead, the Machine rejects Rebecca. Labeled as a future criminal, she's shipped off to a life sentence in a lawless penal colony. A life behind barbed wire fences with the world's most dangerous people terrifies Rebecca. She reluctantly joins a band of misfit teens in a risky escape plan, complete with an accidental fiancé she's almost certain she can learn to love. But freedom comes with a price. To escape a doomed future and prove her innocence Rebecca must embrace the criminal within. A teen and young adult dystopian adventure of crime, romance and survival.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The book jumps right into the story of Rebecca & what I would call her growth to maturity & growing into her character/personality. I really enjoyed the combination of futuristic with medieval aspects of the Acceptance ceremony ball. What girl doesn't love the idea of getting all dressed up for a night of

dancing!?

We see right away that our protagonist is opinionated, however, at the beginning she seemed to have a weak personality. Often, great trials cause people to become a force to be reckoned with & that is exactly what happened here. Her desperation lead her to take crazy risks which truly came with great results. Although, the "Cardinal" went to great lengths to break her spirit, in the end he only forced her to become more determined. I liked what Rebecca said that is true inside & out of the book...Life might be safer on the other side of the fence, but that doesn't equal better. There were only minor editing errors & didn't affect the book at all. Although, the book didn't end with a bang, it did make me want to find out more about Rebecca's journey. My star ratings include these 5 elements:1~great story line2~engaging characters3~use of word building4~being well edited edited or narrator5~the ending

A friend recommended this book to me after hearing about how I enjoyed the Fringe series. I am so glad she did. This is the story of Rebecca, a young woman who is ready to find her place in this world where the Cardinal rules, women are expected to marry and have children, men are given jobs in society and people who are deemed unworthy to live with law abiding citizens are sent to the PIT, aka Permanent Isolation Territory. Rebecca has always done as she is told, has always followed the rules, and to her knowledge has never brought attention to herself or done anything remotely criminal so when she is labeled a reject and sent to the PIT, she is devastated. This is the story of what happens when she's thrown into a life she never wanted with people she is afraid of. It's the story of finding her own voice and trying to make good of a bad situation. And it's a reluctant love story. I read the first novel in one day and was so hooked I started the second immediately, only to be disappointed that the third isn't out yet. Yes, it's that good.

If you are like me and considered reading this book & passed it up. Well don't! Rebecca Collins is a girl that thinks for herself in a world where that is frowned upon. She lives where everything is wonderful and now it is time to choose a man to spend her life with and arise a family. YAWN! The Acceptance Dance is upon her; but first she must be accepted or rejected by the "Machine" the rejects the "criminals" and the "bad people" who would harm their community. These criminals are immediately taken away to "The Pit" where they belong. NO Problem, she is not a criminal...right? This book was a slow start for me; but it didn't take long till I was hooked! Which means, off to get my hands on Book 2!

This was an interesting book. Imagine taking a jaunt into a dystopian society where you land on the

loser's side of the line--no trial, no questioning, just tossed to the wolves...while your family stands by. Welcome to the world of hard knocks. For that reason, I enjoyed this book. Rebecca was a likable character, and I am very tempted to continue reading this book series. Great conflict. Interesting cast. Content warning: No language. Mention of prostitution and distant glimpses of crime.

So. I read books to approve or disapprove them for my upcoming teens. Early on in this book, there is a rape scene. While not explicit, it's there and as a parent just letting you know. There is another attempted scene later in the book. Also 2 of the main characters are portrayed early on as close as sisters. 3/4ths through the book the reader discovers they are in fact much more than sisters. Again, not explicit but for me a major deal breaker on can my preteens read this book. Beyond that, there is something interesting about the story line but very lacking in the execution. I want to say it is the character development but I can't put my finger on it. I am left torn on not even wanting to finish the book and wanting to know what happens although I'm not buying the characters connections. Does that make sense?

This story may be a work of fiction but it is not so farfetched to be unbelievable. It reminds me of what can happen when one individual is given to much power, like Adolf Hitler in Germany and the Holocaust that was perpetrated against the Jews. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series. This book may have been written for young adults but as a 68 year-old grandmother I really enjoyed reading this author's story and look forward to reading more of her repertoire.

This book is great! A fresh idea with interesting characters. Full of surprising twists and stuff that just makes you want to punch some of the characters. I loved it!

Reminds me of the dictatorship in North Korea. The paranoia and lengths that government will go to ensuring the compliance and fear in their citizens is similar. Add to that the starvation, controlling what someone does for a living, and where someone lives it's almost a blueprint.

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