



ASCENSION: The Oasis Series

By Jeannie van Rompaey

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Thought-provoking dystopian fiction series for young adults and upwards tells the story of Mercury -a teenage boy who lives on Oasis, a utopia away from disease ravaged Earth, hiding a secret -he is a mutant humanoid.

Meet the MUTANT HUMANOIDS. They may look a little different from us, but inside they're much the same as you and me. Left on a diseased Earth, they live in windowless compounds, safe from the contaminated wilderness outside. Safe, yes, but their lives are restricted. When the mutant humanoids discover that some complete human beings, COMPLETES, have also survived and are living greatly improved lives on satellites, they determine to rectify this imbalance and claim their share of Earth's heritage.

As a child, mutant humanoid Mercury lives in Compound 55 on planet Earth and is looked after by the chief administrator Kali -a snake woman with blue black skin and four arms. But when the CEO -a ruthless three-headed male humanoid called RA- visits the compound Kali is deposed and sent to the central training facility -

Headculturedome - along with Mercury. At the facility a complete named Alexander Court, searching for his son who was dumped on Earth when a baby by Oasis authorities, finally discovers Mercury and recognises his unique mutation -wings growing from his shoulder blades. Overjoyed at finding his son, Court successfully schemes to return to Oasis with him in order to provide him with a perfect new life and a new name, Michael. But as time passes Michael gradually realises that Oasis is far from perfect, and that its inmates are as restricted as the humanoids in the compounds back on Earth.

Drawing on elements of science fiction and dystopia this exciting new series by Jeannie van Rompaey crafts a thought-provoking story exploring conventions that can be identified in today's world: social status, human rights, tolerance and environmental responsibility. **ASCENSION** will engage readers, open their minds to new concepts and provide them with an action-packed story with philosophical underpinnings. A must read for teen and adult readers that will certainly whet the appetite for van Rompaey's second book, **EVOLUTION**.

About the author: Award-winning author, Jeannie van Rompaey, MA in Modern Literature, has enjoyed a varied career as lecturer, theatre-director, actress and performance poet. As Jeannie Russell, she is a senior member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators and adjudicates at drama festivals in Britain and Europe. Originally from London, she has lived in various countries including America and Spain. She now resides in Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, with her historian husband, Tony. She spends her time writing novels, short stories, plays and poems. When not writing she enjoys painting, and has had several art exhibitions on the island, and runs poetry and theatrical events at The British Club in Las Palmas. She has written eight novels including *After* (CreateSpace 2014) and *Devil Face* (Create Space 2013), as well as a number of short stories, two books of poetry -*Straight Talk* and *On the Move*- and a series of plays. The first two books in **The Oasis Series: ASCENSION** and **EVOLUTION** (published by Clink Street Publishing 12th April 2016 RRP £8.99 paperback and RRP £2.99 ebook) are available to purchase from online retailers including amazon.co.uk and to order from all good bookstores. For more information please visit, www.jeannievanrompaey.com

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