



## TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

### *Dreadnought, Nemesis* By April Daniels Reviewed by Mia Li

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**Grade:** 7

**Book Title:** Dreadnought, Nemesis

**Author:** April Daniels

**Number of Pages:** 279

**Rating (on a scale of 1-5):** 5/5

#### **Character List:**

- **Danny (Danielle) Tozer:** Danny knew she was a girl all along. Even when her dad tried to make her “the man he was supposed to be,” she couldn’t deny it. After becoming a superhero, her choices will affect her future...and the fate of the world.
- **Calamity (Sarah):** Sarah was never “normal”. Her whole life she knew that. She was superhuman, better than the best athlete in all ways. As she meets Danny, she hides her past, a collection of painful memories.
- **Doc Impossible:** Doc is one of the best superhuman doctors in the world. But she hides one of the biggest secrets that could destroy the world in a matter of seconds. Through Danny’s journey, she’s there to help her and provide her with advice. But no matter what she does, her secret might destroy her.
- **Graywytych:** Graywytych is a superhero in the legion, but she might as well be a villain. As far as she’s concerned, a transgender woman should not be the next Dreadnought. She does everything she can - bribery, sabotage, and blackmail - to prevent Danny from being the next Dreadnought.
- **Utopia:** In the time of the last Dreadnought, Utopia came so close to controlling the world, but of course Dreadnought had to come and kill her. But what the rest of the world doesn’t know that Utopia’s been in hiding, coming out as a new villain and planning to kill Dreadnought.

#### **Review:**

Danny Tozer: even if she’s a man scientifically, she can’t help but to believe that she is way different from the average boy. Danny wants to be a girl, but she has to hide her feelings from the rest of the world. When she is conveniently painting her toenails at the back of the shopping mall, she encounters one of the scariest and thrilling things: Dreadnought, one of the greatest superheroes in the world, falls from the sky, as good as dead. As Danny tries to save him, the power from Dreadnought is taken out of the dying body and put into Danny. Danny finds himself to be a girl, the perfect image of what he always wanted to be. However, just like a ton of bricks falling onto her, she suddenly has what seems like thousands of new responsibilities. With the help from her friend, Calamity, they search for the villain that killed the former Dreadnought, and hopefully save the world.

*Dreadnought, Nemesis* expresses the troubles of a transgender, homosexual, or out-of-place teen in the world we live in. Danny has to hide the factor of her spiritual being, and needed to have superpowers to feel elated about it. However,

she soon discovers that her feelings about herself were all the confirmation she ever needed to be a girl. Author April Daniels infuses the right amount of drama, self-expression, and action that every book needs to please a wide audience of teens!