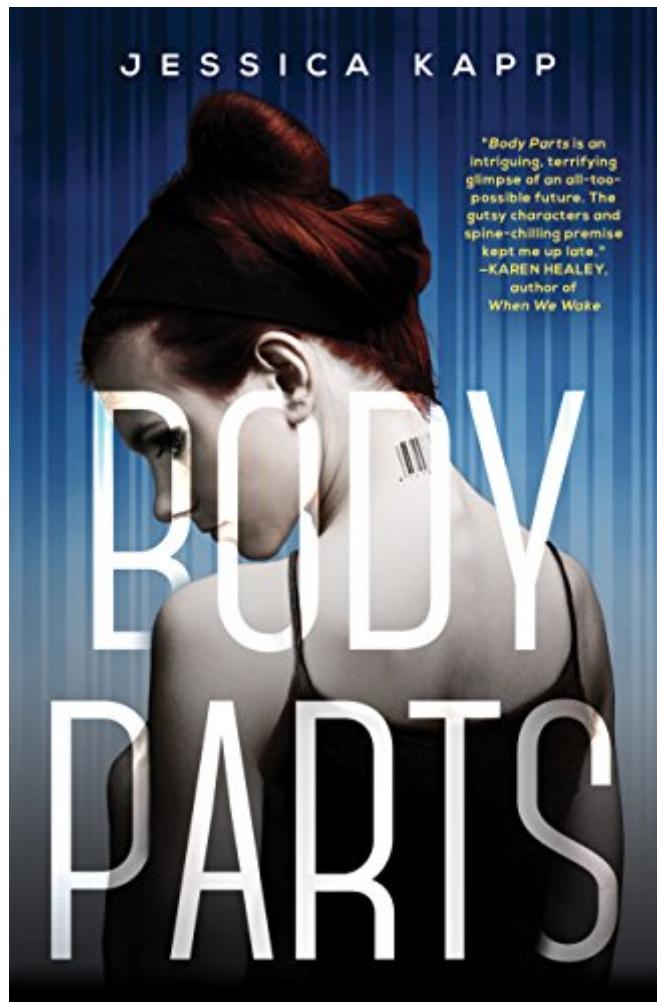


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# Body Parts



## **Synopsis**

Never Let Me Go meets The Island for YAâ "perfect for fans of Cat Patrick and Suzanne Young.Raised in an elite foster center off the California coast, sixteen-year-old Tabitha has been protected from the outside world. Her trainers at the center have told her sheâ ™ll need to be in top physical condition to be matched with a loving family. So she swims laps and shaves seconds off her mile time, dreaming of the day when sheâ ™ll meet her adoptive parents.But when Tabithaâ ™s told sheâ ™s been paired, instead of being taken to her new home, she wakes up immobile on a hospital bed. Moments before sheâ ™s sliced open, a group of renegade teenagers rescues her, and she learns the real reason sheâ ™s been kept in shape: PharmPerfect, a local pharmaceutical giant, is using her foster program as a replacement factory for their pill-addicted clientsâ ™ failing organs.Determined to save the rest of her friends at the center, Tabitha joins forces with her rescuers, led by moody and mysterious Gavin Stiles. As they race to uncover the rest of PharmPerfectâ ™s secrets, though, Tabitha finds herself with more questions than answers. Will trusting the enigmatic group of rebels lead her back to the slaughterhouse?

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## Customer Reviews

Suspenseful, romantic, mysteries have always been a favorite read for me and this book filled all three genres. *Suspense* because Tabitha has always trusted those who run the orphanage she grew up in. That trust is violently broken when it becomes apparent she was carefully raised for her body parts. This unbelievable shock hurdles her into a world of distrust, even in those supposedly trying to help her. *Romance* because there is Parker who loves and protects Tabitha as they grow up together in the Center of Excellence. She trusts Parker completely and makes a promise when she leaves the orphanage, one she plans to keep. Then enters Gavin, her rescuer, someone she is attracted to, yet his secrets arouse suspicion and distrust. *Mystery* because Tabitha periodically has flash backs of a life before the orphanage. What happened to the people in her visions? Who is head of all this evil that surrounds her? The only way to find out is to escape and there seems no way off this gruesome Island of fear! The author does an excellent job of introducing each character so you easily grow to love or hate them. She cleverly heightens the suspense through good versus evil by allowing the later an occasional win. I gave this book 5 stars because this author's creative use of intrigue captured my interest from the very beginning. The suspense kept the pages turning, the romantic competition added spark, and I couldn't wait for the mystery of Tabitha's visions from her past, and the *who* behind PharmPerfect to be solved. I highly recommend this book for young (and older) adults.

How far would you go to achieve perfection in your appearance, mental and physical abilities? *Body Parts* is a distopian novel about a society obsessed with their appearance and physical achievements. PharmPerfect, a pharmaceutical company, develops the drugs that provide the desired results, but at a tremendous cost to their drug addicted customers. Organ failures are the ultimate cost. From the first page, Jessica Kapp's novel draws the reader into a society where the promise of perfection is valued more than innocent human life. This fast paced, terrifying glimpse into the future is a page turner. The characters are well developed and what motivates their actions keeps the reader questioning who can be trusted until the very end. I highly recommend *Body Parts*. It is skillfully written and will leave you with the question, "How far would you go?" I look forward to Jessica Kapp's next book. She is an author with a creative mind and talent.

Loved the characters and book kept me on my toes - didn't know what to expect! Would definitely recommend!!

Body Parts is a futuristic, suspenseful and entertaining read. Jessica Kapp has set the bar high for herself. Can't wait to read her next book!

I couldn't put this book down once I started reading it! This well written book kept you on the edge of your seat, wondering what was going to happen next. Body Parts has interesting characters with unexpected twists and turns. A must read!

**REVIEW** The cover caught my eye and attention, then the blurb pulled me in even further and made it a "must read". The cover shows a young girl with long red hair that is twisted up off of her neck to reveal what looks like a barcode! So that had my mind curious as to what it really was for etc. The background is also kind of like a barcode in shades of blue, or could the blue represent the curtains in either the centre Tabitha lives in or the hospital she visits. Either one really fits in with the book. The cover certainly did its job making me stop scrolling and read the blurb! This book is set in a dystopian/futuristic era on an island mostly owned by a pharmaceutical company called PharmPerfect. In this world there is a pill for almost everything. If you want to reduce your wrinkles, grow your hair, gain extra speed or strength, all you need to do is swallow the correct pill. Sounds perfect? Well not really, as like all medications you take in our present day, the drugs produced on the island have side effects that can put certain organs under stress, for example liver, kidneys, heart and lungs. So organ replacement is a booming business. Some people buy donor organs in advance and have them specially stored for them just in case they should need them. Those that can afford the pills, and have the funds readily available just purchase them never giving a thought to where they come from. We meet the main character Tabitha during a training session at the Centre Of Excellence. Tabitha is almost seventeen years old and all she can really remember are the two institutions she has been in. The Centre Of Excellence has teenagers continually training to be stronger and fitter in order to be chosen by a foster family. No one knows what happens if you don't get fostered and reach the age of 18, it's just not talked about. In fact the teenagers have minimal contact with the outside world. They are only allowed to watch certain TV programmes deemed suitable by the Institute. Naturally the teens dream about the day they will be chosen by a family. In fact, they regularly talk about the type of family they'd like to have. Inside the institute the only family they have is each other. The Institute teaches the young adults to be disciplined and to have drive. The Institute motto that is written on the wall says "It's what's on the inside that counts". The day we meet Tabitha she and her friend Paige are being monitored for how

long they can hold their breath under water to test their lung capacity. Tabitha wins! The girls then sit at the side of the pool talking with Parker, and with Paige's twin Meghan. All the teens are instructed in ways to make sure they are both mentally and physically fit. The young adults are also taught self defense in case they should ever need it. As they have been taught that there are some weird people who would be jealous of their good health and kidnap them to sell on their organs on the black market! That's when Ms Preen marches in with her red folder! The red folder means someone has been chosen! They all line up for Ms Preen as they are expected to, as she glances at the paperwork. Parker slips his arm around Tabitha, he really looks out for her and is one of her closest friends in the Institute. Then without even looking straight up Ms Preen mutters "Where is the red head?" Paige is immediately irked that Ms Preen does not ask for Tabitha using her name. So much so she actually spells out Tabitha's name. Parker squeezes Tabitha then she steps forward. There are thoughts rapidly rushing through her head. Is it really her turn? What will her new parents be like? Then she looks at her friends....her family, she can see they are both excited and disappointed. Excited for her being chosen, but disappointed it isn't them too. Tabitha has to go through a final screening to make sure she passes all the tests at 100%. Then all too quickly for Tabitha, Parker, Paige and Meghan etc it's time for them to say goodbye. The teens left behind get Tabitha to promise to visit them, which like all the other before her she agrees to. Tabitha fully intends to be the one that keeps that promise to visit her friends. When Tabitha is in the car, Ms Preen gives her a candy which is unusual as it's very rare for Ms Preen to even be civil to them let alone kind. Tabitha takes the candy anyway. . . she begins to feel drowsy. . . then everything goes black. When she awakens, Tabitha finds herself tied to a hospital examination table. Naturally she can't remember exactly how she got here, she remembers passing the receptionist at the Centre Of Excellence as she left with Ms Preen. Then there was the car journey, Ms Preen being kind, then. . . nothing until now. As Tabitha looks around two young males enter the room in a rush. They move her from the room into a van, though she can see and hear all that is happening she still hasn't got her mobility back yet. All she can do is lie where she is put, feeling scared and wondering who these adolescent males are. . . . could they be the ones the trainer once told them about? Are these people kidnapping her right now for her organs, to sell them on the black market? Tabitha begins to plan, there's no way what so ever she is going down without a fight. When the van finally stops and the back doors are open she takes her chance and hits the male that approaches her fast and hard in the nose! So there's lots happening in this book from the first page to the very last. I truly loved it. Among my favourite characters were Tabitha, Gavin, and Mary. I enjoyed reading the interactions between Mary and the other 'renegades'. The way they can be arguing with each other, or having

the worst day ever and one hug from Mary just fixes those emotional feelings. I really liked Ry, even though he insists on popping the pills himself when he knows what can happen through first hand experience with his own mother. One character with a smaller part in the book was Craig, who had been a pill popper but had ended up needing a liver, which his family paid for. At the time Craig had been oblivious to the possibilities of where and how his liver had been obtained. I also liked the bristly hairstyled and initially bristly attitude of Sasha, she is kind of like the big sister of the group and the first one the gang has had saved. Although I loved a lot of the characters I also loved hating the 'bad' characters, such as the haughty Ms Preen who thinks so little of the teens at the Centre of Excellence she doesn't even say their names. I also enjoyed hating the CEO of PharmPerfect, you'll know who I mean, and understand why when you read the book. The book is well written, and has a fairly fast pace. The only problem I had with the book was I honestly didn't want to put it down! This book made me think of another book I have read called The Body Institute by Carol Riggs, so if you like this book I think you'd like that one too. They both have a similar society, that just takes the quick fix, rather than looking at the lifestyle they are leading first. I admit I did guess what the medication was that Tabitha had been taking for her heart condition, but it didn't spoil my enjoyment of the book in any way. I want to talk about the book and its characters so much more but to do so would spoil things for you reading it, so I guess I've said all I can. The other thing I'll say about this book is that it is eerily realistic, in that it's not too much of a stretch of the imagination to think this could actually happen in our world. In fact who is to say some of it, ie selling organs doesn't already happen now? My immediate thoughts upon finishing the book were; Loved it! Loved it! Loved it! I'd love for it to be the start of a series? Loved most of the characters and loved hating the others too! It does make you think where our present world is going as well as how drugs are tested. The subject is something you really don't need that much of an imagination to believe that it could happen in the present or near future even. I definitely want to read more by this author! I've checked Goodreads but there is only this book listed, but I'm following the author so I'll know when she releases other books.

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