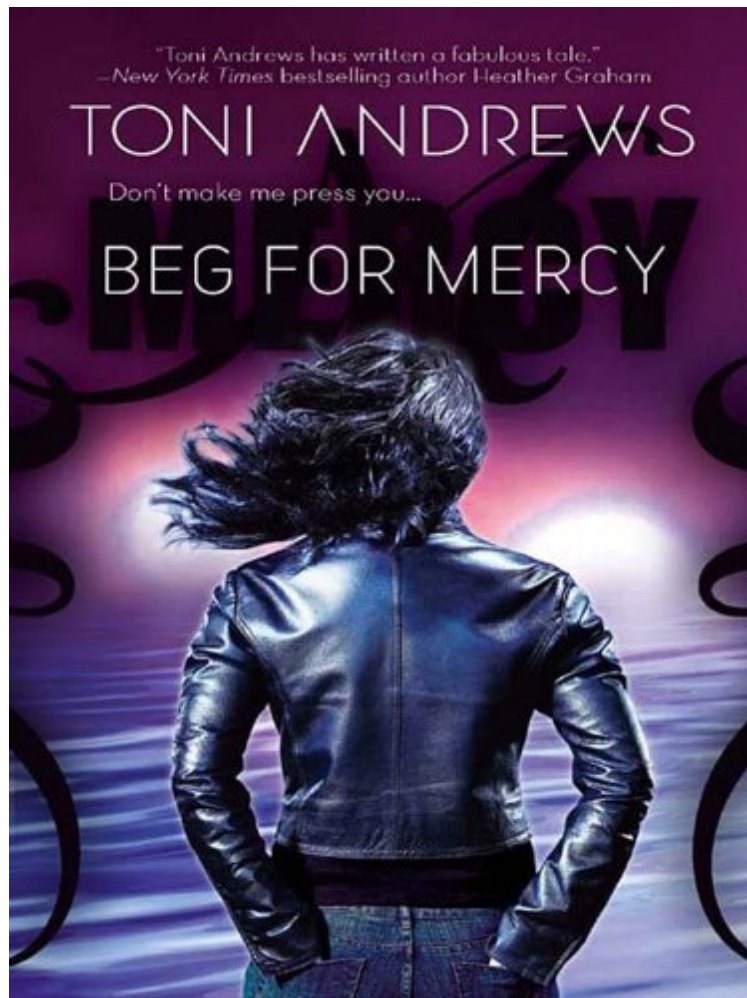


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great new paranormal series - Book 1Von Helen HancoxThe blurb on the back of this book made me wonder if Mercy Hollings is something like the Incredibly Hulk in that we're told that people around her are at risk when she gets angry. But no, Mercy doesn't turn into an unjolly green giant, instead she has an ability to 'press' or bend people to her will. For example, if someone annoyed her and she said "go and take a running jump" they would. Clearly this is significant in terms of her interaction with people; something said in the heat of the moment, when drunk, without thought, could cause significant harm - and has in the past done so.So Mercy is a loner, newly working as a hypnotherapist (with very good results) and with a strong personal code of ethics as to how she uses her ability. Not much, in other words, unless

with the person's full consent, which is only really possible as part of her hypnotherapy practice. However Mercy's life is undergoing something of a change she's finding herself with some friends who seem to care about her and when she cares about them too, and rescues her ditzy friend Sukey from an unsavoury man, she opens up a whole can of worms. Sometimes breaking some of her code of ethics means having to break even more to clean up the mess. The cast of characters in this book is excellent, from Mercy herself (yes, another Mercedes, like in Patricia Briggs' paranormal series) whose daily decisions about whether to use her talent, together with doubt over her own humanity and her origins, give her a vulnerable and yet powerful edge; to Sam, the love interest, a surprisingly phlegmatic man who sees enough in Mercy to overlook her secrets; and to Sukey, the friend with a frightening taste in men who grows up quickly in this book. There are many other side characters who are all interesting and add a flavour to the setting, Balboa in California, both from the Yacht Club set to the drug-running underground. My only slight reservation about this book is that the baddie was finished off rather easily after quite a lot of plotting and difficulty but this was a minor quibble and the overall quality of writing and plotting was excellent. We are privy to Mercy's thoughts about the ethics of her talent and that's what makes the book so strong it's not just a semi-magical tale set in today's world but genuinely tries to consider how life might be for someone with an unusual skill that sets her apart from others, rather like Charlaine Harris's Sookie Stackhouse series, except Mercy's friends are all human. The threads of the main plotline were tied up at the end but the relationships between some of the main characters weren't, thus this is the beginning of a new series (with "Angel of Mercy" to be released next). However it was a very enjoyable and satisfying read on its own and I will certainly be buying the next book in the series when it is published.

Kurzbeschreibung I've never been certain I'm human Oh, the X-rays and blood tests are normal, and most people have no reason to suspect I'm more than I appear to be. But if I tell you to do something? You do it -- no ifs, ands or buts. I call my power the 'press.' My name is Mercy Hollings, and if you think that having the power to control people makes my life easy, you're dead wrong. Because when I get angry, everyone around me is at risk -- Sukey, my friend who has frightening taste in men; my clients, who, ironically, come to me for help; my neighbors, who regard me as a loner; and Sam, a man who wants to know my darkest secret. I have hurt people in the past, and I don't want that to happen again. But now a powerful stranger is threatening the new life that I've made for myself. And I'm afraid my anger is taking over.

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