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Review

"All Men of Genius is a true steampunk novel, a romance, a mystery, and a fun romp through an alternative Victorian England...a fast-moving, joyful experience that will leave the reader thoroughly satisfied."

-The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

"A charming and fast-paced debut... Fans of Shakespeare and Wilde will delight in the transformation of the source material into something wholly original."

-RT Book Reviews

"A-: A nimble twist on Victorian romance... he never lets his mesh of relationships overwhelm a sprawl of vibrant, witty characters... Tackling the genre at its root, All Men slyly examines the psychology and the aesthetics behind the act of human invention."

-The A.V. Club

"Lev AC Rosen's debut is smart, thoughtful and even oddly timely. An intelligent, muscular work of steampunk with a strong central female character and a full load of steam. A great balance and a perfect mix...In a year filled with great steampunk, All Men of Genius can be included with the very best."

-January Magazine

"This debut literary steampunk novel fits well on the shelf with Gail Carriger's "Parasol Protectorate" series, with broad crossover appeal to fans of sf, historical romance, and young adult fiction."

--*Library Journal*

"With *All Men of Genius*, Lev Rosen has constructed a wonderously vivid and dreamlike new world, both utterly original and mysteriously familiar. He writes with great wit, verve and tenderness, and he is without doubt, one of the most exciting and talented young writers of his generation."

--Dan Chaon, bestselling author of *You Remind Me of Me*

"*All Men of Genius* is utterly charming. A large ensemble cast revolves around the central character, Violet Adams, as smoothly as gears in a precision clock. Like the best steampunk, it feels as though it were written in a much older time. Witty, dashing, and a little bit dangerous."

--Mary Robinette Kowal, author of Nebula and Locus award nominee *Shades* and *Milk and Honey*

"*All Men Of Genius* is filled with a contagious joyful abandon."

--Angela Zeman, author of *The Witch and the Borscht Pearl*

From the Author

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