



THE CODE GENERATION • BOOK 1

CHILDREN OF THE CODE

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YOU WEREN'T WEAK. YOU WERE TRAINED.

In present-day Phoenix, teenager Sofía Williams starts to notice the seams in her own attention — the swipe that isn't quite a choice, the feed that seems to know her before she knows herself. When her father, an investigative journalist, brings home a vanished man's manuscripts about the systems built to capture people like her, Sofía stops being the product and starts reading the machine. But the people who designed that machine — and the AI companion, Mikuri Mind, learning her one confession at a time — are watching her learn to see them. A contemporary techno-thriller with no magic and no distant future: just the present, documented, and a girl deciding to look up.

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C.J. Castillo writes contemporary fiction about the hidden systems that shape what young people see, feel, and want online. This book doesn't ask readers to take anything on faith: every real case behind the story is named, and every mechanism is sourced.

FOR READERS OF

For readers of The Anxious Generation who want the inside view, in fiction. A contemporary techno-thriller in the tradition of Feed and Warcross — no magic, no far future. Just design.