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PETROPLAGUE

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*What if bacteria turned all the gasoline
in Los Angeles turned into vinegar?
Carmageddon doesn't begin to describe it.
PETROPLAGUE does.*

UCLA graduate student Christina Gonzalez wanted to use biotechnology to free America from its dependence on Middle Eastern oil. Instead, an act of eco-terrorism unleashes her genetically modified bacteria into the fuel supply of Los Angeles, turning gasoline into vinegar.

With the city paralyzed and slipping toward anarchy, Christina must find a way to rein in the microscopic monster she created. But not everyone wants to cure the petroplague—and some will do whatever it takes to spread it.

From the La Brea Tar Pits to university laboratories to the wilds of the Angeles National Forest, Christina and her cousin River struggle against enemies seen and unseen to stop the infection before it's too late.

Praise for PETROPLAGUE

"Compellingly written, technically literate...An author who knows her way around hydrocarbons—from the lightest methane to the heaviest La Brea tar sands—and who also treats her readers to freshly-drawn characters." L.A. Starks, author of *13 Days: The Pythagoras Conspiracy*

"The book is a great example of lab lit in what I think of as the Crichtonesque School of epic science disaster writing. Amy Rogers has done an excellent job of not only crafting an exciting and thrilling piece of lab lit fiction, but also of offering an education in the science behind the scenes and a glimpse of a future we might face." LabLit.com

"It's wonderful to read a thriller like *Petroplague* whose author knows her subject backwards and forwards, and demonstrates it on every page. As someone who lives in the LA area, I always look for signs that someone doesn't know this area or how it operates. Amy Rogers nails every aspect of LA, from neighborhoods to our isolation in the event of a disaster like this one." PopcornReads.com

"*Petroplague* has earned a spot in the top five on my best of the year list. Amy uses her extensive science background and research connections to create an intense thriller that balances technology with well defined, likeable and believable characters." ThrillersRockTwitter

"Rogers goes out of her way to actually talk about a scientist and the way science is done as more than just caricatures...Though the public largely trusts scientists, what we do is mostly a black box, and more humanizing portrayals can only help." Kevin Bonham, ScienceBlogs.com

Amy Rogers, MD, PhD, is a Harvard-educated scientist, educator, author, and critic who switched from teaching university biology classes to writing science-themed thrillers. Her novels use real science and medicine to create plausible, frightening scenarios in the style of Michael Crichton. Dr. Rogers lives in California and promotes science literacy with a regular science-themed column in a local newspaper.

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