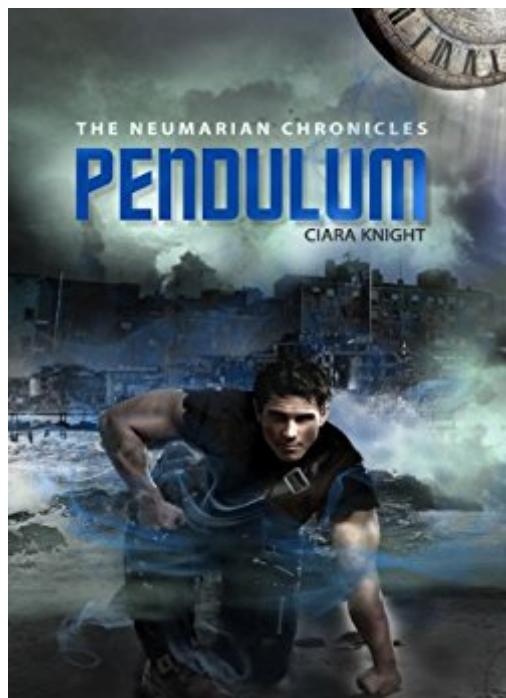


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# Pendulum: Book II (The Neumarian Chronicles 2)



## **Synopsis**

Haunting memories. Terrifying dreams. Crippling lies. Trapped in a world of deception, my sanity rests with the love of Ryder Arteres and our renegade friends. Six months of scouring the ocean floor in a rebel ship fleeing our homeland, delivers us to a possible alliance with the opportunistic European Council. Our only hope is to utilize our forbidden gifts to free our people from slavery, proving our worth. But when a trusted ally turns traitor and a new breed of the queenâ™s weaponry is revealed, Iâ™m forced to face the terror of my past to save our crumbling future.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ah!! Ciara Knight has captured our hearts once again with the second book in the series. You won't want to put this down after you start. Semara, Ryder and Raeth are joined by Penton (love this addition) as they journey not only physically to Middle Europe, but emotionally through love, joy, anger, and confusion. The love story between Semara and Ryder (be still my heart!) is amazing. Action, adventure, and emotional heartstrings are tugged during this read. I can't say enough great

things about this book--or this series.

I'm going to start out saying this I hate cliffhangers. Okay I got that off my chest. Make sure you own Balance before reading this, I have to wait a little over a week and I'm going to go insane. I have to know what happens next. Don't get me wrong I loved this book and I love the series. This author is a gifted writer and you get so caught up in the story when it ends you're in shock. Now that I've taken a second and calmed down I can tell you this series is awesome.

I could never give enough praise for this book. I loved it even more than the first. So many twists and turns, that I just could not put it down. I cannot wait to get started on the next book. I want to see if Ciara is going to out do this book. I am proud to have the pleasure of reading this series. I think everyone should read it. Such an awesome book. Well I am off to read the next one, go get this series and enjoy too.

Loved the twisting plot. Thuroghly enjoying watching the main Characters grow and learn.

Too good to put down. I am not a fan of futuristic writing, but Ciara Knight hooked me from the beginning. She is an awesome writer and well worth taking a chance on a new genre. I recommend her to anyone looking for a great read.

I just could not put this book down. This story is very well developed and there are so many twists and turns, you are not sure who to trust and who is on who's side. I love stories that keep you wondering what will happen and not just a "canned plot". I was shocked by some things and relieved to find answers to questions brought up by the first two books. Ms. Knight paints the scenes so well you feel like you are there watching them, especially the battle scenes. This book would make a great movie. There is romance in the story also but it is not over done or unrealistic. But now I have to wait to find out what is going to happen with Semara and Ryder--I really hate waiting, so little patience. But I am sure the wait will be well worth it if the next book is half as good as this.

I waited several months after downloading this book to read it. Glad that I did. The action & adventure from escapement was still fresh on my mind hence the delay in reading pendulum. Of course like so many I love Ryder & Semara. The other characters I've fallen in love with as well. Bendar will always be an all time favorite. There is just something about his spunkiness that keeps

me going. If u enjoy steampunk & stories well into the future then by all means read these books by Ciara Knight. Her characters really take on a life of their own.

After "Escapement" I was eager to see where the story went from there. Semara, Raeth, and Ryder have accomplished their first mission. Now they have to get to the land location of the ENR and stay alive. Unfortunately, that becomes easier said than done. Not only do they have to avoid the Queen's scout ships, they also have to figure out who they can really trust. Sadly, it isn't the council of the ENR. Like the first novel, "Pendulum" was filled with action and more lip-locking between Semara and Ryder, and even Raeth and their new found techno-wizard Penton. While the action was great, it wasn't overwhelming to the point the story got lost. More information was learned about what started the Great War, plus information on how the Katians and Neumarians came about. I've come of think of Neumarians like Marvel's Mutants. They each have a power they are born with. While not all of them are revealed, some are. Semara controls metal, Ryder gives and takes life energy, and Raeth controls the elements. Then there are characters like Dred, who can prevent other Neumarians from using their powers, and Harrison (Semara's father) who can read and communicate via the mind. I liked "Pendulum" better than I liked "Escapement." For me, "Escapement" was full of action and tended to override the story a little, but "Pendulum" made up for that. There was a fair amount of action, but more story than anything else. This made the book and definitely made me want to read the final book in the series.

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