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This espionage/mystery maybe set in the near future, but underlying theme of the use of language to manipulate, disguise or distort its actual meaning is rampant in today's world. Doublespeak can be found everywhere from the White House to the Medical field. The plot that revolves around this theme gives the reader a glimpse at what a group of people could do if they set out to use language as a weapon. Doublespeak can be found everywhere from the White House to the Medical field.

This book is a diverse story of near future science fiction, espionage and mystery that is mixed with a message about the power of language. Elizabeth Jewell, the main character, has lived longer than anyone on earth because she was the only success in a longevity experiment.

She lives in a time when the surface of the earth has grown unfriendly to man and almost everything is located underground. She is a well-known writer who has watched the language be manipulated distort the truth. She is fearful of the future because many traditional values have disappeared.

Because of her fear, she writes a story about Christmas that is set in her future when the children no longer have the word, "goodwill" in their vocabulary. On Christmas Eve, when she tries to upload her story into the main literary database she receives an error message that was strange. She decides to wait until another time to upload the story because family was coming for a visit.

While she is waiting for her company to arrive, she receives a very strange call from a CIA agent who tells her that she is under investigation for trying to infiltrate the main computer system. Little did she or anyone else know that a terrorist group had been plotting and scheming for years to take control of the center, begin uploading software that would alter the language, and allow them to begin to take control of how society thought and behaved.

One reader said, "Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down until I finished. The plot kept me intrigued, there were other mysteries along the way to be solved, and the main characters were fascinating. I recommend this as a good read for anyone who likes mystery, espionage or even just a good novel.

Author's Bio: Growing up in a rural area of Southeast Missouri, the child of a father who was born in 1898, Sylvia feels that her interpretation of the world as we know it spans several generations. This influence can be seen in all her work. Sylvia Ramsey is a Communications Associate Professor at GMC-Augusta who has always been intrigued with the power of language. She is a survivor of bladder cancer and the Vice-President of the American Bladder Cancer Society.