What a fascinating and unique premise! In Vyvyan Evans' THE BABEL APOCALYPSE, humans no longer learn languages. Instead, it's transmitted directly into their brains using some sort of high-tech transmitter. Trouble strikes when there's an outage, leaving the humans no longer able to communicate. Words have become power, those who know the spoken languages are the ones who hold it all.

This is a fast-paced, high-stakes mix of cyberpunk, sci-fi, and dystopian filled with fantastic characters. The storyline is compelling and interesting and kept me turning the pages. I loved that the story centered around linguistics, it's a truly fascinating thing to learn about and the very idea of language being a sort of lost skill is something that will stick with me long after finishing the book. I'm really looking forward to the sequel to see what the future holds for this super immersive world and these characters. 4 stars.