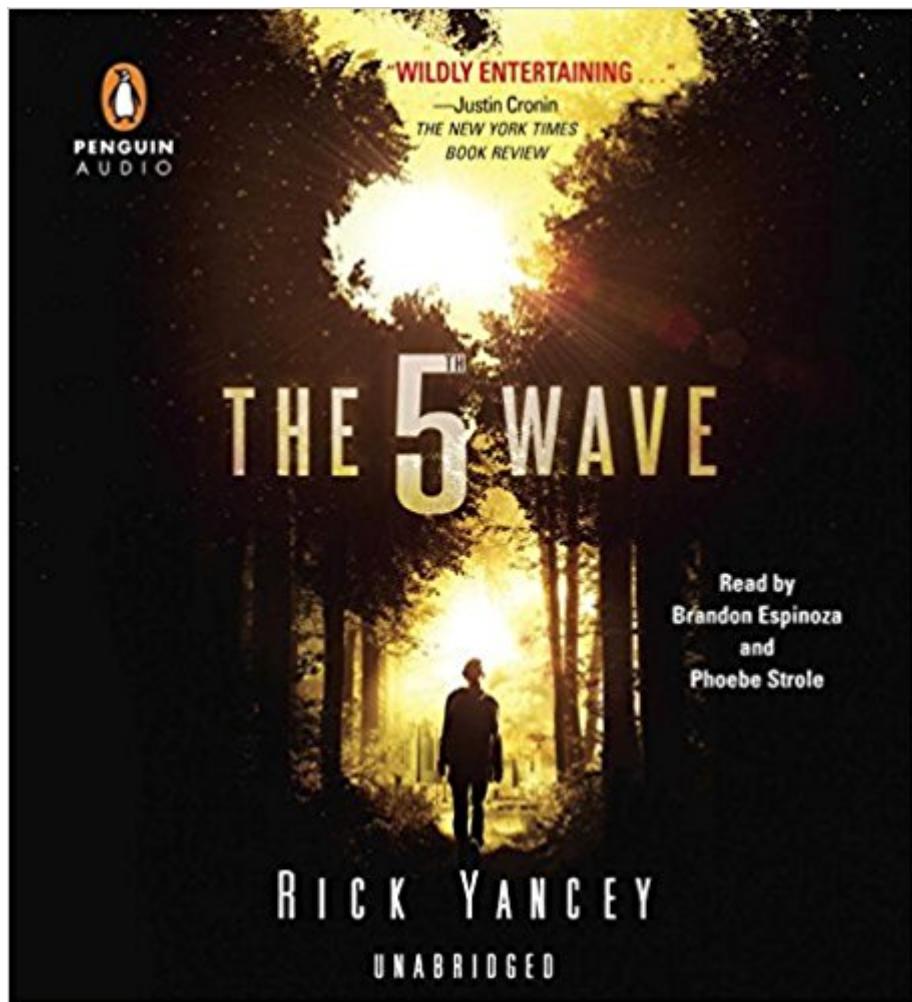


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The 5th Wave



Synopsis

"Remarkable, not-to-be-missed-under-any-circumstances."•Entertainment Weekly (Grade A)The Passage meets Ender's Game in an epic new series from award-winning author Rick Yancey. After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one. Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. Who have scattered Earth's last survivors. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie's only hope for rescuing her brother--or even saving herself. But Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up."Wildly entertaining . . . I couldn't turn the pages fast enough."•Justin Cronin, The New York Times Book Review"A modern sci-fi masterpiece . . . should do for aliens what Twilight did for vampires."•USA Today.com

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Customer Reviews

An Best Teen Book of the Month, May 2013 Spotlight Pick: Forget your E.T. version of sweet, harmless aliens--in The 5th Wave, Rick Yancey imagines a silent invasion that takes extraterrestrial intelligence to a whole new level. Alternating points of view peel back each new layer of the novel while death, separation, and love, push his diverse characters to survive in a terrifying new world. As a storyteller, Yancey is as cunning as his aliens, weaving the characters' lives together

in unexpected ways. After the first couple of chapters I found myself sucked wholeheartedly into the story, wondering who can be trusted and what chilling new twist is lurking around the corner. Book 2 can't get here fast enough. --Seira Wilson --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr 9 Up-Cassie travels with just the essentials. First on the list: Luger, M-16, ammo, Bowie knife. Incidentals like food, water, sleeping bag, and nail clippers come further down. A nondescript 16-year-old, she is one of the very few people left alive on Earth. Aliens sent waves of destructive forces to eradicate humans: Cassie's family survived the 1st and 2nd Waves. Her mother died in the 3rd Wave (Pestilence) and her father in the 4th (Silencers). Her little brother may still be alive; he may even be safe in a military compound, as Cassie deals with the 5th Wave- a carefully orchestrated survival dance of kill or be killed. The aliens are never described in detail, and their reasons for wanting the humans gone are not clear. But they are ruthless and determined, and their methods for gaining control mean readers will never again see owls as the friendly, mail-delivering avians portrayed in the world of Harry Potter. The compelling story is told from the viewpoints of Cassie and Ben, who is now a soldier known as Zombie. Cassie crushed on Ben at school, but he never particularly noticed her. Now he has transformed from handsome high school sports star to focused paramilitary killer. Yancey's story is full of violent twists and turns, but character development continues along with nonstop action. Cassie and Ben grow out of high school self-centeredness and find leadership qualities. Cassie's interactions with an alien elevate him from a one-dimensional "bad guy" role. While the big body counts (billions die) happen largely offscreen, there are numerous more personal instances in which teens are both killers and killed. The ending has enough planned loose ends to practically guarantee a sequel.-Maggie Knapp, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

What do you do when the Others come? You can't trust your senses, you can't trust anyone. Your only goal is to survive and maybe keep some of your humanity intact. When you can't trust anything or anyone - do you shoot first or take the chance when that hesitation will probably mean your life? When the first wave comes, all technology is gone in a moment. An EMP takes everything out. The second wave caused massive tsunamis and destroyed the coasts of the world. The third wave infected and killed 97% of the remaining population in brutal fashion. The fourth wave destroyed all trust in humanity and introduced the constant threat of drones. The wave that makes you question

every action... and the fifth wave... is us. Cassie must survive in this strange world with no mother, father or brother to care for anymore - fighting and living because if she is the last human on Earth she refuses to go out with a whimper. She will fight until she can fight no longer. But she is not the only body left, even if she may be the only one with her own mind left. It is possible that one in every three people left is an Other. A Silencer. An Imposter. Has your mind and body been hacked? Do they look like us or can they make themselves look like us? Or maybe they've been here all along. Waiting. That's when you can't trust your eyes. You may be looking at an Other and not even realize it. We next meet Ben, who must rediscover his fighting spirit if he wants to survive and survive he must. After not succumbing to the virus that infected him, he cannot give up. Taught to fight and given a new name, he must battle for his place. Part III shows us a new perspective, an Other awakened in a human body and given a mission. To kill. To finish the human race, one by one. He has been tracking Cassie for a while and takes aim. Shoots. Traps her, but for some reason cannot bring himself to finish her. Hunted. Shot. Then saved? Cassie wakes up being tended to by Evan on the family farm. He is the only one left of his family. Evan helps to nurse her back to health, bakes bread, carves walking sticks and wants to help her rescue her brother Sammy. What can't this farm boy do? And why does this make us so suspicious? Even Cassie can't quite bring herself to trust him. There are just little things that seem off, like a life-long farm boy with smooth hands and perfect cuticles. No callouses to be found. There's a small nagging feeling in her mind that asks- what if he's an Other? The characters are well written and believable. You feel for them. Root for their successes and hurt when they fail. You wish for their survival despite the current chaos and destruction of the world. The world is familiar and yet fundamentally altered by the Others. The book draws you in from the start and you puzzle over people and motives. Who will survive and if the human race survives this destruction, how will this ordeal fundamentally change the survivors? I am constantly questioning my conclusions and re-evaluating what I believe is happening. A great book is able to reveal just enough that the entire plot is not given away by page ten. This post-apocalyptic, alien-invasion novel is highly recommended, especially if you plan to watch the movie. I cannot wait to read the next book, Infinite Sea!

What a take on an alien invasion. This book had me hooked by the 2nd chapter. I really enjoyed the different point of views. Especially the silencers. Cassie was hilarious, feisty and strong. I loved the way she was able to think her way through almost any situation. I honestly believed her and Parish would meet up and fall in love from the beginning. Especially with her huge crush on him, but when she met up with Evan, I knew Parish did not have chance. Sammy at times seemed older for his

age and then younger during different times. I made a real connection with all the main characters and was extremely happy with one unnamed sadist was killed. I wanted to read this book before seeing the movie, came out 2 days ago. I hope the movie does it justice because this is one heck of a book. You don't want to miss it. I purchased it paperback because it was cheaper than Kindle.

I'll start with a disclaimer: I LOVE alien stories. The ones where the aliens are nice are my favorite thought so I went into this one not knowing if I'd like it or not. Earth is under attack from aliens. It's so intense death seems to be the only outcome for Earthlings. However, this is not horror, nor is it post-apocalyptic either since it's happening as we read. It's science fiction at its best. The story is told in three different POVs, two of them being first person. I admit I got lost the first time it switched. I wondered how Cassie suddenly got sick with the disease from the third wave; however, after this little hic-up, I paid more attention to the section changes and didn't have any more problems. The idea behind the story is plausible, enough you might catch yourself looking at the sky from time to time, and you won't see the next electricity failure the same way ever again. All four main characters showed courage, strength, and they all faced their own dilemmas, yet my favorite was Evan. Although I loved the story and the way the author put us into the protagonist's heads, I'd say Evan is the reason I give this book a 5* (in lieu of a 4*). HE IS the difference between 'Yep, I love the story!' and 'Oh, I want to read more!' I'll definitely pick up 'The Infinite Sea, The Fifth Wave #2'.

I'm not a young adult, however, despite a sprinkling of teen romantic melodrama, the story moved me. Yancey paints a vivid picture of the raw grotesque that remains in the settling dust of a destroyed humanity through the eyes of its few survivors. I was referred this book by a retired marine whose first-hand account of war legitimized the author's portrayal of young soldiers and their struggles to remain human in the face of the inhumane.

If you've watched the TV show, The Outer Limits, and are a Sci-Fi fan then you're pretty familiar with this plot already. The fun of this version is the teen perspective and how much I enjoyed the characters. I enjoyed Cassie's diary because it was funny, horrifying, showed her flaws and strengths and thought processes. She is smart and loyal beyond belief which, at times, is her only saving grace because other people's motivations are beyond her understanding so her choices are often wrong. She's a teen in a world gone mad, and she is allowed a finite amount of mistakes because mistakes can kill you or anyone you meet. Growth isn't just difficult, it's excruciatingly painful. I enjoyed Rick Yancey's phrasing and tempo. I also found myself skipping past pages to find

more action. I enjoyed the book even though I'm many decades past those painful teen years.

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