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The Last Star: The Final Book Of The 5th Wave



Synopsis

The highly-anticipated finale to the New York Times bestselling 5th Wave series. The enemy is Other. The enemy is us. They're down here, they're up there, they're nowhere. They want the Earth, they want us to have it. They came to wipe us out, they came to save us. But beneath these riddles lies one truth: Cassie has been betrayed. So has Ringer. Zombie. Nugget. And all 7.5 billion people who used to live on our planet. Betrayed first by the Others, and now by ourselves. In these last days, Earth's remaining survivors will need to decide what's more important: saving themselves. . . . or saving what makes us human. Praise for *The Last Star* Yancey's prose remains achingly precise, and this grows heavier, tighter, and more impossible to put down as the clock runs out. This blistering finale proves the truth of the first two volumes: it was never about the aliens. "Booklist, starred review "A haunting, unforgettable finale." "Kirkus Reviews "Yancey doesn't hit the breaks for one moment, and the action is intense, but the language always stays lyrical and lovely. It's a satisfying end to an impressive trilogy, true to the characters and the world Yancey created." "Entertainment Weekly "Yancey has capped off his riveting series with a perfect ending." "TeenReads.com "The ending provides both satisfaction and heartbreak." "Publishers Weekly "Yancey's writing is just as solid and descriptive as in the first two books. What Yancey does beautifully is reveal the human condition." "Examiner.com" Rick Yancey sticks the (alien) landing in the action-packed finale to his *The 5th Wave* invasion saga And the author gives us a major dose of girl power as well, pairing Cassie and Ringer for an uneasy alliance that provides the best moments in this fantastic series. "Thought-provoking and satisfying conclusion." "USA Today" Praise for *The 5th Wave* Now a major motion picture starring Chloë Grace Moretz "Remarkable, not-to-be-missed-under-any-circumstances." "Entertainment Weekly "A modern sci-fi masterpiece . . ." "USAToday.com "Wildly entertaining . . . I couldn't turn the pages fast enough." "Justin Cronin, *The New York Times* Book Review Praise for *The Infinite Sea* "Heart-pounding pacing, lyrical prose and mind-bending twists . . ." "The New York Times Book Review "Impressively improves on the excellent beginning of the trilogy." "USA Today "An epic sci-fi novel with all the romance, action, and suspense you could ever want." "Seventeen.com " Books in the series: *The 5th Wave* (The First Book of *The 5th Wave*) *The Infinite Sea* (The Second Book of *The 5th Wave*) *The Last Star* (The Third Book of the *The 5th Wave*)

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Customer Reviews

I'm honestly wondering how anyone who is a true fan of this series gave this book a 5 star rating. I wrestled between a 1 and a 3, finally landing on the 2 for the following reasons: (Spoilers ahead...)

Cassie has always been the main character despite the changing POV. I really think Yancey did a wonderful job with her character growth through the series and her ending. It was heartbreaking, but beautiful. I'm still upset she didn't realize Evan Walker's true love until it was too late to celebrate it fully with him, but I can tell Yancey wanted a more "real-life" ending for all of his characters instead of fairy tale love stories (which I think is a great idea). Also, the religious references and the complete loss of faith in the end of the world was realistically well-done. With all of that said, why did I hate this book? The first 2 books (which became 2 of my favorite YA novels ever) built all fans up in a way that we were aching for the explanation of the invasion. Well...in this book we find out all the aliens are actually dead and technology is controlling the whole thing, but how? We still don't know how Vosch knows all that he knows and how he came to be. We don't know why the Others decided to kill the human race and what they planned to do with Earth after. And there was a point where Vosch was saying there were only a limited amount of escape pods and when Evan Walker asks why, Vosch says he will explain...but doesn't. At all. It's a total mess that left me with more questions than the speculations of the invasion I had from the first 2 books! I have to add: in the second book it was hinted that the 5 waves might not be from aliens, but from human government instead. It was never said outright, but it could have been a possibility. In the third book, it would

have made way more sense when Vosch was semi-explaining to say that the government did it as a means for population control to save the Earth instead of aliens were doing it to save the Earth, but giving no more information after that. I don't even want to mention how he butchered Ringer's character, but I have to. Her character is meant to be apathetic, but then we see interesting character growth in the second book when she insta-falls for Razor (which I hated but rolled with). It's worse in this book when she keeps thinking about Razor but saying she doesn't love and blah blah blah, but then we get hints her reason for being is Zombie/Ben Parish? What? Oh, and she's pregnant. The apathetic badass chick turns wishy-washy and pops out a daughter. I'M SO MAD. There was no gradual character growth. Ringer just became completely different and wrong for no reason. Lastly, Yancey's writing style was choppy in this one. What was happening wasn't always fully explained. I also got serious whiplash from all the ridiculous POV changing, which made reading more confusing than it needed to be. I expected so much more from this book. So much more. I know from friends and reading other reviews on here that I am not alone in my disappointment. If you're a fan, read this last book to join in on this debate. If you haven't read the first two books, don't start because you will be devastated when you get to the last one.

The worst ending ever! This book was all over the place and ruined the entire series. By the end of the book, I was hoping I would wake up from this nightmare of a story and realize it was all a bad dream! No such luck. Evan and Cassie were all but forgotten, to tell Ringers and everyone's POV. The author seemed to be rushing this book and added random words to fill the empty space. And what was with all of the God bashing? I won't read another book written by Mr. Yancey

What did the red/green coins tell them? They said they showed if the person was infected, but that obviously was not the case. It couldn't have been health, because Ben is chosen as "not infected" when he has the plague. What really happened with Evan before he met Cassie? Who was his "girlfriend" and why did he have a human girlfriend if he knew she would be killed when the Others "arrived"? Did he kill her? Did he kill his family as well? Did he really just sit back and watch them die of the plague? Where did Evan's memories that he argued for coexistence and then for a quick asteroid strike come from? There wouldn't be any reason for the Others to plant these false memories in him. Or was he just lying about this? I assume Evan must have been killing people on his night patrols after he rescued Cassie. Why didn't she confront him about this? Why did Ringer go along with Vosch's plan to get Evan? Along the same lines, why turn herself in after 40 days on the run instead of searching for Ben herself? How could she trust (or even believe) that Vosch wouldn't

kill them if Evan were captured or dead? Why didn't Ringer use the bomb that Vosch gives her right away, to blow up the base and take out Vosch? The aliens did not have the emotion "love." Why do they care about the Earth's environment? Their plan to save the environment is poorly designed, given that wiping out humanity results would result in catastrophes such as chemical spills and nuclear meltdowns. If the aliens sent the ship long, long ago and never had contact with humans, how did they design the perfect virus to affect only humans? How did they know anything about our DNA? Wouldn't they need test subjects? Why did the aliens wait so long before beginning the attack? Why wasn't it done when there were less humans and less technology (as suggested in previous books.) Wouldn't that have been better for the environment? Why didn't the EMP in the first wave knock out the electronics implanted in the silencers? The child bombs were designed to sow mistrust. But how could they do that if all the witnesses were eliminated in the explosions? Why did the priest wait to kill his victims? Who and where were the other 11 individuals who Vosch said knew the truth? The cat lady silencer changed the timeline. If all of the silencers "awakened" at puberty, she must have known about the plot for at least 50 years or so. Why was there such an old silencer? This once again raises the question of why the Others waited so long. Why didn't the nanobots protect the cat lady's health? (She is described as toothless.) Why did she eat cats instead of hoarding food like Grace? Why did Constance need to kill the priest silencer? They were both on the same side, so she should have just explained her mission to him and that would be that.

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