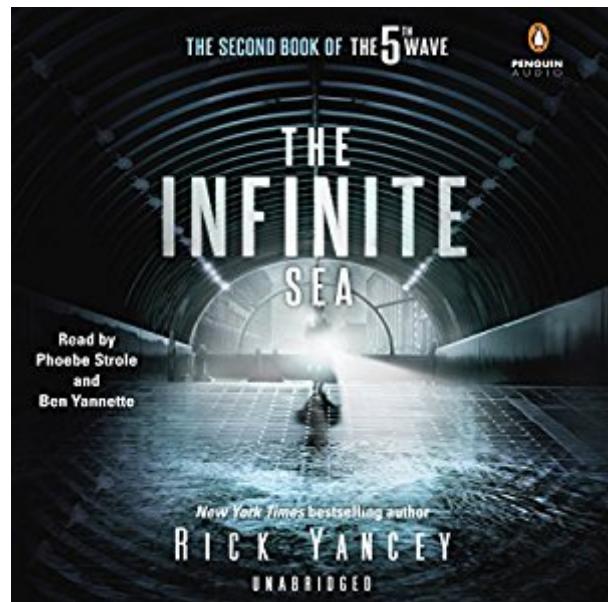


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The Infinite Sea: The 5th Wave, Book 2



Synopsis

How do you rid the Earth of seven billion humans? Rid the humans of their humanity. Surviving the first four waves was nearly impossible. Now Cassie Sullivan finds herself in a new world, a world in which the fundamental trust that binds us together is gone. As the 5th Wave rolls across the landscape, Cassie, Ben, and Ringer are forced to confront the Others' ultimate goal: the extermination of the human race. Cassie and her friends haven't seen the depths to which the Others will sink, nor have the Others seen the heights to which humanity will rise, in the ultimate battle between life and death, hope and despair, love and hate.

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Customer Reviews

I struggled to decide between 3 and 4 stars. Wish they had the option of 3 1/2. The "Infinite Sea" suffers under the curse of the sequel. The second in a series is always the weakest link. This felt much more disappointing than usual because "The 5th Wave" was, without a doubt, one of the best sci-fi books I've read. You fell in the love with the characters, especially Cassie & Evan (and yes, they fell in love with each other). The book was never trite or tiresome or meandering. It was just a great read. So how did this second in the series fail in comparison with the first? First, there is not enough Cassie and Evan. They essentially become secondary characters in this book. We barely hear from them or about them. Instead, the focus shifts to other characters, especially Ringer. The problem is our heart is with Cassie. I really wanted the story to stay with her (primarily). I have no problem with a fleshing out of secondary characters like Ringer, but I just don't want to read a whole

(or even half) book about her. Second, this book became much too convoluted and confusing story-wise. Always the most successful stories are the simplest. The story of bad aliens come to earth to wipe out the humans by something akin to invasion of the body snatchers (the implants really being the first wave against the humans) was simple, but extremely engaging and well-written. This second book was much too confusing, especially about the implants. Yes, I realize the point was to bring the reader to a place that the characters found themselves in - you can trust no one, because who is really the good guys and who the bad? You just don't know. I just felt like this was not done successfully.

I went into THE INFINITE SEA wanting to know one thing: WHAT HAPPENED TO EVAN WALKER BECAUSE HOLY FREAKING ALIENS EVERYWHERE THE ENDING OF THE FIFTH WAVE WAS LIKE...WHAT EVEN?! Actually, I had a few other unanswered questions too, but still. Evan. I needed to know what happened to him. I expected THE INFINITE SEA to pick up where THE FIFTH WAVE left off, with Cassie anxious to find out what happened to Evan, and figuring out how to save humanity. So you can imagine my surprise when that didn't happen. In fact, the story opens with Ringer, a character I barely remembered from book one and honestly, didn't care all that much about. My bad. Because we end up spending 70% of the book with her. Yes, we find out what happened to Evan. Eventually. And yes, we catch up with Cassie, Ben, Sam, Poundcake and Dumbo. But if you go into this expecting some kind of epic humalien reunion with lots of romance and lots of kissing, well---good luck with that. As with THE FIFTH WAVE, there are multiple POVs that not only alternate between characters but switch tense too. (You risk getting lost if you aren't paying attention.) The action is sporadic and the intensity doesn't kick up until about the halfway mark. But even then it doesn't last long. We do find out what's really going on with Vosch and the Others, but only after wading through copious amounts of superfluous information and metaphors that employ the title of the book which was far more confusing than it was helpful. And then there was the moment that won the award for Most Creative Escape Tactic Ever. And by creative, I mean, I just threw up in my mouth a little bit.

Rick Yancy's The 5th Wave series envisions the world after aliens known only as the Others attack. Silent and unseen, the Others watched the humans for ten thousand years before their invasion that slaughtered over 7 billion people through pestilence and coastal destruction, leaving them without food, electricity, medicine and with little hope. Small pockets of people are left to fend for themselves when the Others begin to hunt them down, murdering them and spiriting away their

small children. The 5th Wave of the invasion is the worst of them all: the Others have taken over human bodies leaving people suspicious and fearful of one another, trusting no one. But then one human girl falls in love with an alien boy...The second novel, The Infinite Sea, picks up almost immediately after the end of the The 5th Wave. Cassie, mourning the loss of Evan Walker who has been missing since they blew up the alien base, is holed up in an abandoned motel with young refugees from the Others' internment camp. Led by Zombie, the jock from Cassie's high school, the small group of children and teens must make a decision: wait for Evan, as he promised Cassie he would always find her, or head south for the winter. Although Cassie has never trusted her, Ringer volunteers to recon the area before they make a final decision. Cassie even feels a bit of teenage envy toward the intelligent and highly competent soldier-girl. Silly, but very human. Through flashbacks, the reader learns more about the silent Poundcake, Ringer's father, and Evan Walker's life before the invasion. We do find out what happened to Evan Walker after the explosion. And, the best part of all, Ringer becomes even more badass than the last book.

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