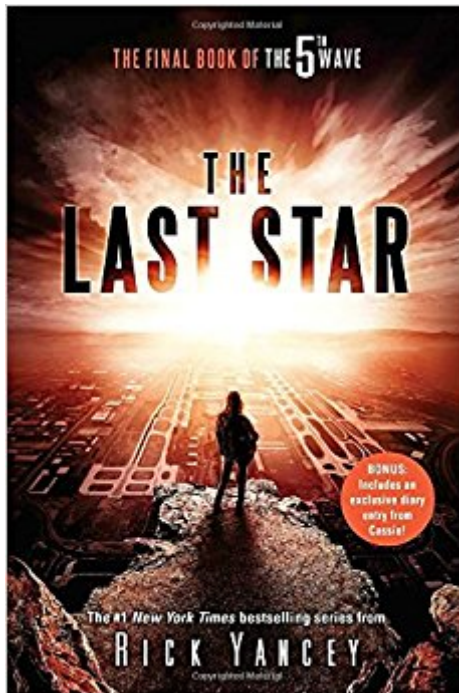




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The Last Star: The Final Book Of The 5th Wave



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 "[T]he 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

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Gr 9 Up-The Others arrived with one goal in mind-complete annihilation of the human race. The first wave cut the power, the second brought natural disasters, the third heralded the plague, the fourth saw the Others walk among us, but the fifth will be the worst. Without trust, it is every human for themselves. Forced by Vosch to undergo the 12th system, Ringer is enhanced with alien technology that makes her a deadly killer. Vosch has given her one mission-bring him Evan Walker. With Evan captured, Ringer offers Cassie what she wants most-a chance to infiltrate Vosch's headquarters to save Evan as long as Vosch is Ringer's to kill. Added to this pressure is the fact that they have just four days before the mothership will begin dropping bombs on all of the world's major cities. This is the most mature of the volumes of Yancey's "Fifth Wave" trilogy, as strong language frequently appears and violence reaches its peak. Astute fans will appreciate the author's attempt to make everything come full circle back to Cassie's initial fear that she is the last human. While satisfying, the ending will leave readers either loving or hating it, so prepare to hear passionate debates from teens. VERDICT While some questions remain unanswered, there are too many fans of the series even to consider passing over the final installment for purchase.-Lindsey Tomsu, La Vista Public Library, NE (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Loss and sacrifice intertwine with the underlying questions of morality, family, and human strength, and the resolutions of two apocalyptically doomed romances are appropriately understated, but no less electrifying. . . . [T]his blistering finale proves the truth of the first two volumes: it was never about the aliens." •Booklist, starred review "[The Last Star] again unspools from multiple perspectives, keeping readers as off-balance as the characters, who must adjust to a world where they can trust no one. . . . After hundreds of pages of violent, nonstop action, the ending provides both satisfaction and heartbreak." •Publishers Weekly Praise for The 5th Wave An Best Book of the Year A New York Times bestseller A USA Today bestseller "Just read it." •Entertainment Weekly "A modern sci-fi masterpiece." •USA Today "Wildly entertaining. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough." •Justin Cronin, The New York Times Book Review "Nothing short of amazing." •Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Gripping!" •Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Everyone I trust is telling me to read this book." •The Atlantic Wire Praise for The Infinite Sea A New York Times bestseller A USA Today bestseller "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 From the Hardcover edition.

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.

I struggled to finish this book. Like most 2-3 star reviews I agree with the confusion with the characters POV. Honestly you have to just take this book at the authors word because there are no solid confirmations of supposed theories. There is no absolute resolution to the story but enough hate to continue to kill. The ending was just horrible I was left with so many supposed theories and a dead main character. The author attempted to bring the reader around after trudging through this mess with a baby and a somewhat family setting by a river in a big house. Honestly it just did not work. The author had no idea where to end this book and it clearly showed in his writing. The series started as a dystopia action plot and ended in Mayberry. I would not recommend.

I have to say that overall the series is good and held my interest, but the last book left me feeling a

little empty. I finished the entire series in about 5 days (Christmas break/traveling) so it's all fresh in my mind. I can understand the ending and appreciate the beauty in it, but overall it left me feeling kind of depressed and hopeless. Unless that's what the author was going for being that the story was told in a post apocalyptic world. Without giving too much away, I was hoping for things to be more resolved overall. Spoiler*** It seemed the sacrifice (though it saved the world from bombing), didn't really matter since the plan was to eradicate the military bases and victims anyway. Having Evan live was especially sad and depressing knowing his future plans at the very end of the book. I guess the author just wanted the story to be raw and really show humanity's lack of empathy. The negative religious moments were a bit heavy and have been overplayed in the Hollywood (the evil priest...quoting the Bible and then killing a group of people while they sleep). Is everyone who is religious either crazy, ignorant, or ruthlessly evil? I wonder if Yancy will write another book with Evan's story. Also, Cassie's character became more whinny, self centered, and almost unlikeable in this one. She was one of my favorites in the other books, but it seemed that Ringer who was a secondary character initially, was now put front and center. Great first 2 books, just a bit of a disappointment for the ending. I would say my vote would be more for 2.5 stars, but I gave it 3 since it's part of the series.

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