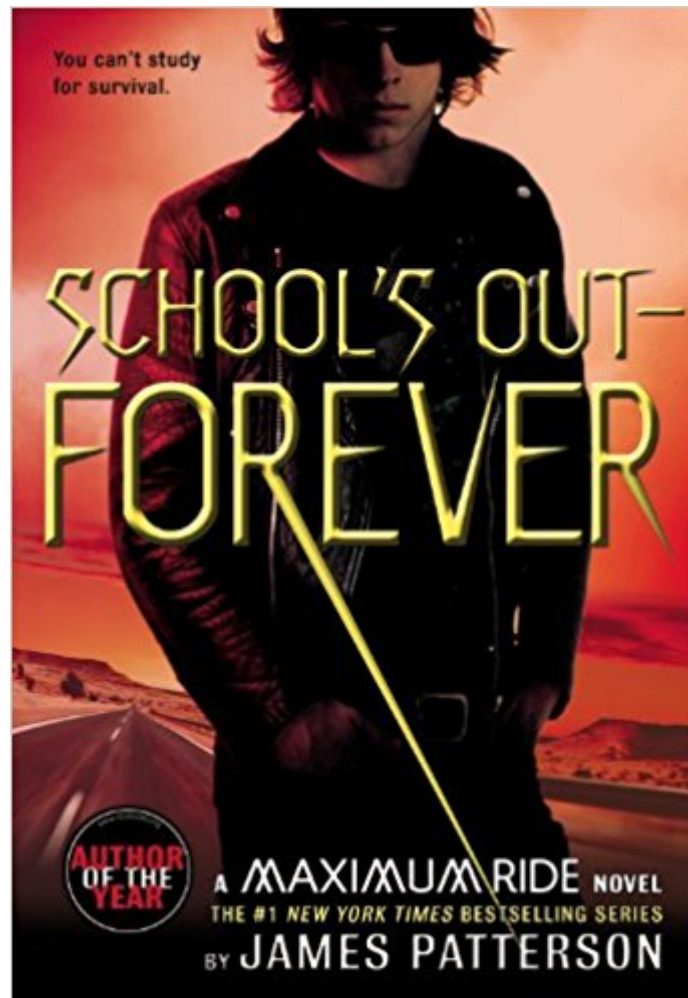




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# School's Out - Forever (Maximum Ride, Book 2)



## Synopsis

Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride and the other members of the "Flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It seems like a dream come true--except that they're being hunted by half-human, half-wolf "Erasers" who can fly, too. In Book 2 of the series, the Flock members are taken under the wing of an FBI agent and try to live "normal" lives by going to school, making friends--and continuing their relentless search for their parents. But the Erasers return, forcing the Flock to abandon their search and make their escape once again. The voice inside Max's head keeps telling her that it's up to her to save the world, but this is especially challenging to do when she is faced with her ultimate match: a newer and better version of herself, Maximum Ride II. Max's heart-stopping quest to investigate the mind-blowing mystery of her ultimate destiny continues in the scariest, strangest, and funniest James Patterson novel yet.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 6-10  
This book picks up exactly where *The Angel Experiment* (Little, Brown, 2005) left off. The six genetically engineered bird children have escaped from the wolf-hybrid Erasers again, Max is still hearing The Voice in her head, and she is still reeling from the revelation that Ari, the most persistent of all the Erasers, is dead by her hand and that he might be her brother. From this point forward, there is action, but no distinctive plot. The closest the story line comes to compelling is when the kids are taken in and enrolled in school by a seemingly kind woman who just

happens to be a high-ranking FBI agent. It will not shock readers when it is eventually revealed that she has betrayed them. This book is full of as many twists, turns, and conspiracies as an episode of daytime drama. And just like a soap opera, it relies heavily on melodrama until the very end, whereupon readers discover that very little has actually happened. The story is disappointingly anticlimactic and violent. Still, it does have some appeal— the children continually outmaneuver their attackers without permanent damage. Plus, the talking dog they pick up during their adventures is sure to entertain.

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Gr. 7-10. Max and her flock are back in this new volume in the Maximum Ride series, a follow-up to *The Angel Experiment* (2004). In a flying fight with Erasers, Fang is injured so seriously that the flock takes him to a hospital. It's obvious he's not a normal human (having wings and avian DNA), so it isn't long before the FBI shows up. Anne Walker, the lead agent, takes the flock home to her Virginia farm, where she tries to mother the kids and enrolls them in a nearby private school. Living a somewhat normal life for the first time, Max, 14, manages a date and a first kiss, and others in the flock begin the quest to find their birth parents. Then everything falls apart, and the six kids face betrayal and extreme danger. Patterson, an accomplished storyteller, once again demonstrates his ability to write page-turning action scenes, this time leavening the suspense with some surprising humor; at one point, Max declares that she's "Avian American." Fans of the first book will be delighted with this continuation of the story, even though the book leaves the fate of the flock wide open.<sup>B</sup> For more about Patterson's jump into YA, see the adjacent *Story behind the Story*. Diana Herald

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I love this series. It moves fast with lots of action and of course lots of emotion. I couldn't put the book down. There wasn't even a problem deciding whether to continue to read or watch my favorite TV show. I continued reading. I can't wait to get the next book in the series. You'll love them but start with the first one to really get to know the characters and what has happened to them and know where they are headed. I know you will enjoy these books.

I chose this rating because I really like the maximum ride series. The first maximum ride book that I read was the saving the world and other extreme sports not knowing it was really the third book. But

it was really good and interesting. But then my friend told me it was the third one in the series so then I had to get the first book and read it and then on Christmas I got a kindle fire so then I got the second book on my kindle which is the book that I am reviewing now and now I only have to get the last book in the series, The Final Warning and then I'll be done and I'll read the other books, which are Fang, Angel, and Max. I like Max's little jokes and how she tells most of the story and Iggy's sarcasm and loving explosive things and the relationship between Fang and Max and how Fang's silence turning to hatred and super strength and Nudge's almost endless talking and Angel being able to control other people's minds and Angel 's talking Dog, Total and galaxy's being like a normal everyday little brother and being a super mutant kid and totally awesome at the same time!!! So to total it up, this book and book 1 and book 3 are totally awesome!!! I can't wait to read the last book in the series!``

I really am enjoying this series so far. This book has just enough action to keep me interested without it being a constant feeling of reading a movie script that is all about explosions and fighting and nothing else. I won't bore you with a plot summary because I know other reviewers are fond of doing that. If you liked the first book in the series, I recommend you get this one. The characters really grow, especially the main one, and they really do seem like a family. This book shows just how stupid really really smart people can be when they don't think outside the box in the exact right way or they don't understand human nature. Let's be clear, even if they're not 100 percent DNA-wise, our characters are still human where it counts. That's as much of a plot as you're likely to ever get out of me unless a book I read is so confusing that I can't help but ask questions in my review simply to get them out of my system. Unless you have a heart of ice, you'll really feel for the characters in this book if you're not "too old" for a book about teenagers and children. Give it a shot. I don't think you'll be disappointed. It can be quite a wild ride at times keeping up.

This book continues where book 1 left off. Unfortunately it feels more like a joining of three novellas than a complete novel. It still is good just not great.

Very detailed and multiple layered characters , you can get the sense and emotion from the characters leeching out of the pages. Many other books have characters with way too much saintly patience but this book brought the frustration and extremely taxing work of being on the run , along with a plot that had just enough complexity to draw you in , but some good dry humor to break it up. The concept of a clone that is almost your equal but not enough to make you want to kill them is a

sign of an experienced author. Very 3-D characters , Angel is sweet but a little bit bitingly inquisitive , Nudge is cute but occasionally a little saucy , Gazzy has a tough shell but is an eight year old boy through and through , Fang is quiet but thoughtful , Iggy is patient but fiery and Max is tough but careworn.

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