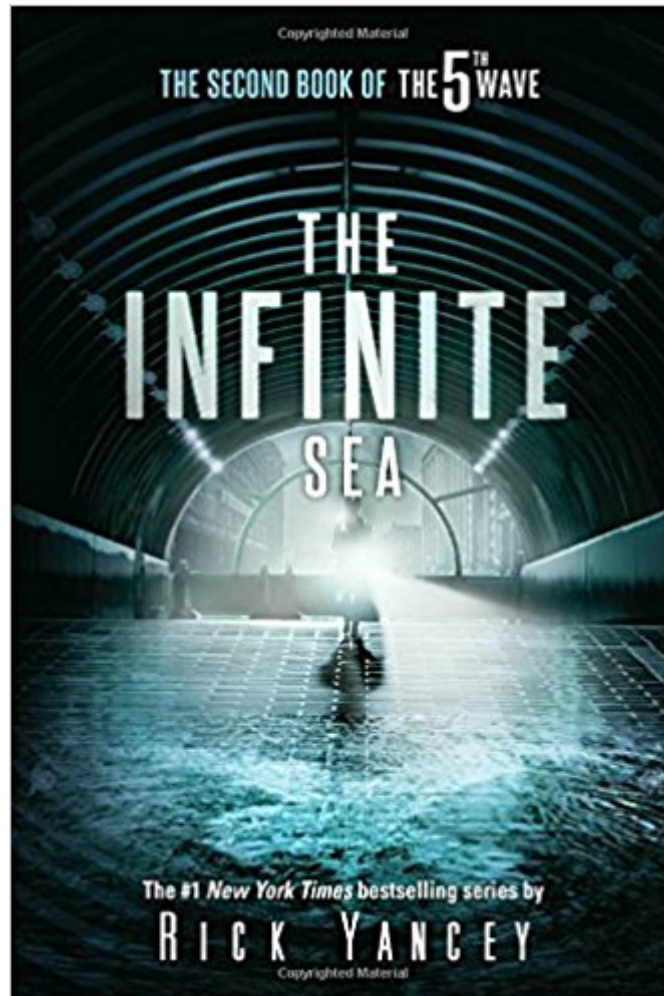




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# The Infinite Sea: The Second Book Of The 5th Wave



## Synopsis

The riveting follow-up to the New York Times bestselling *The 5th Wave*, hailed by Justin Cronin as “wildly entertaining.” 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. 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* “This gut-wrenching sequel to *The 5th Wave* careens on a violent course of nonstop action.” • *Publishers Weekly*, starred review “A breathless, grueling survival story . . . Yancey’s prose remains unimpeachable—every paragraph is laden with setting, theme, and emotion.” • *Booklist*, starred review “A roller-coaster ride of a sequel.” • *Kirkus Reviews* “It doesn’t just move the story forward, but even opens up new possibilities in the previous book.” • *Geekdad.com*

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Gr 9 Up *The 5th Wave* • The majority of the first-person narration in this second book in "The 5th Wave" series (Putnam) shifts between Ringer, a beautiful teen with deadly aim, and tough-but-tender Cassie, who thought she was the lone surviving human. A third-person viewpoint is used for Evan, an alien who has shifted his allegiance in the face of true love and Ben (Zombie), badly injured but still in command of the ragtag paramilitary group of creatively nicknamed children and teens. The action springs back and forth in place and time as readers learn why Poundcake no longer speaks, how Evan is related to super-strong Grace, and why chess is important to Ringer. The "infinite sea" can be made of snow, of tears, of the floaty feeling of semi-consciousness, and, more than once, it is a sea of blood. Yancey keeps the pressure on, as Cassie and Ben seek to protect the younger humans and outsmart the devious Silencers. Ringer struggles to maintain her humanity in the face of nanotechnology and Evan struggles with turning his back on what his species has been working toward for thousands of years. Yancey's writing can be melodramatic ("The world will be consumed by the crushing dark

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Vincit qui patitur - those who survive win. But not all of the survivors are human. In a series that is already short on characters the second book starts thinning out the herd quickly and those survivors find out the other living people are not always friends. I liked that chose to keep the list of characters small. Unlike J.R. Tolkien or G.R.R.Martin, Yancey decides to kill almost everyone in the opening chapters then gives us a manageable list of people to follow. Not only are there very few human survivors - the few that are left are not always poets and statesmen - Cassie quickly notes that it must be typical after a genocide that the surviving group turns out to have more than its share of douchebags...and almost every character in the book gets their chance to be one. Some of it is predictable - but enough is surprising to keep this interesting. What made this fun was taking this big story about the end of the world and making it small and claustrophobic. The characters have the entire world to themselves yet they come off as trapped in a small box like fish in a farm or more fitting - deer in a hunting camp.

This book was surprisingly bad. After the 5th Wave, I expected more from the sequel. It was so hard to follow the characters, you couldn't really tell who was talking throughout the story. The language was vulgar and didn't add anything to the story line. A 7 year old character throwing out F Bombs. Seriously! I bought this for my 12 year old daughter and felt ashamed knowing that she read it before me. I read the 5th Wave and the content was fine, but this book was ridiculous. It seems like a lot of the story line was borrowed from the Twilight Series, so it was very unoriginal. I made the mistake of preordering The Last Star. I don't really know what to expect.

I read the first book in his series, The Fifth Wave, and loved it. I am finally getting around to being able to read this one. It's also awesome. It started off a little slow, and since it had been a while since I finished the last book, I had to kind of reacquaint myself with the last book to understand what was going on. I was curious to see just how he could drag this story out into an entire book and still have it be interesting, and he did just that. There are some cool twists and turns that I never would have expected (don't want to give spoilers). I am sad to see some of the characters go, but some aren't as gone as I thought they were! You'll definitely love this book, especially if you liked the first one. I highly recommend it.

This was another thrilling story to add to The 5th Wave series. Just when you think it can't get any darker or more mind boggling, it absolutely does. With that said, I don't feel as if it measured up to the standards set by the first book in the series. While I thoroughly loved the backstories being offered throughout, I feel like too much focused on Ringer and certain locations in which the characters remained pretty much stationary while waiting for something to happen. Who likes waiting?! While I liked Ringer's character and could appreciate that the pause was necessary I feel a whole lot more could have been done. One of the reasons I loved 5th Wave so much was because of the fast pace the character shifts allowed for. The entire group (even Ringer) sitting stationary for a lot of the story eliminated a lot of that, slowing the pace down quite a bit. I also think the author went a little far with Ringer's new abilities and I didn't like Evan's character arc in this story, and Grace didn't help things. I never fully understood her motivations and she caused her to come off as insignificant and somewhat unbelievable. Will I read the conclusion of this series? Absolutely! But not because this book measured up to 5th Wave standards. The author gave me just enough in Teacup and Poundcake to keep me going through Ringer's transition, Grace's lack of motivation, and seeming loss of every other characters inherent spunk.

The Infinite Sea is a YOUNG ADULT dystopian sci-fi book. It is the second book in The 5th Wave trilogy. The final book is due out in May. I listened to the audio book as well as read the book. I'm not going to lie. After reading some of the reviews on this book, I was nervous to read it. Some said it didn't have the same feel as The 5th Wave. Some said they didn't care for the other POVs. Some thought it was confusing. You could see why I might not want to read this, but I had to know WHAT HAPPENED TO EVAN WALKER?! We get many POVs in this book. Along with Cassie and Zombie (Ben), we have Ringer, Pound Cake and EVAN WALKER. I wasn't sure I wanted to learn about Ringer. But the more read/listened, the more I really liked her. I can't even begin to tell you my excitement to hear Evan Walker's POV. He is even swoonier. Pound Cake's POV was heartbreaking. Cassie was strong and vulnerable. Things aren't getting easier for Ben. There is so much of heartbreak in The Infinite Sea. Their just kids. The Infinite Sea feels like an in-between book, like the Empire Strikes Back. The good guys are battled and hurt, but they have a plan. Best of all, WE FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO EVAN WALKER! Swoon. I have already pre-ordered The Last Star. I can't wait to have the final conclusion to Cassie,

Evan, Ben, Ringer and the rest of the group.

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