

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

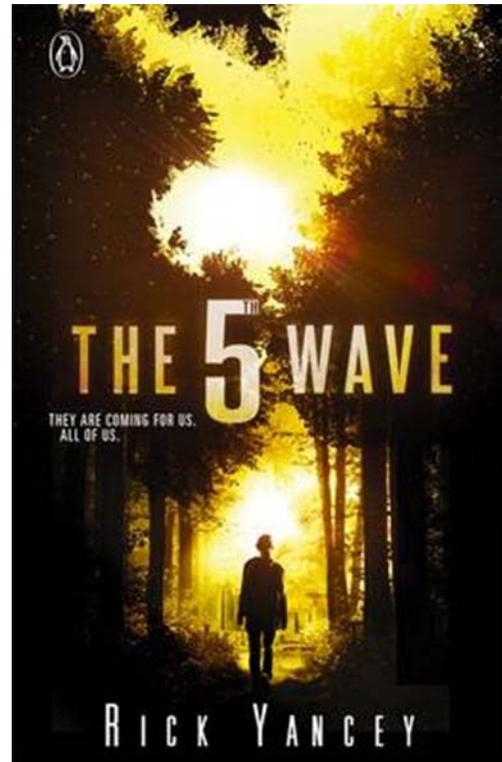
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Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Susana Sanchez

Welcome to the world of teenage Cassie Sullivan. Welcome to a not so distant future where aliens have arrived to Earth and killed humans by the millions. There have been four waves of massive destruction which have left Cassie on her own, with no electricity, convinced that she is the last human being alive, waiting for the enemy to strike and desperately trying to keep a promise she once made... Think you know the story? Wrong. You don't.

Rick Yancey's "The 5th wave" has all the ingredients to become another one in the pile of dystopian fantasies so favoured by teenagers in the past few years. And it is a very good one at that. Fans of "The knife of never letting go", "I am number 4" or "The hunger games" will not be disappointed. However neither would be those looking for something else as I was. The trick is to have one of the most intelligent, funny and brave female teenagers that I have encountered in a long time, carrying a story that refreshingly fights against all of the over-used archetypes of this genre. Yes, of course, she is not alone in the world and yes, there will be teenage-like romance, but do you think you'll know what to expect from these aliens? Oh, no, not these ones. Do you think that humanity will unite, that a hero will come and that mankind will prevail regardless of any alien nastiness? Well, think again. Not even the rebel army here conforms to the norm, formed as it is of children as little as five (!) but then again, as Cassie says, This is not your perfectly normal alien invasion. She has learnt this the hard way. She could run and hide. But she doesn't. She faces, strong and defiant... whilst she keeps an eye on her hair, of course! An interesting perspective on a classic and an entertaining read. Thumbs up from me.



Hollie Compton

*A book which I greatly enjoyed and think many others will. **I think great thought went into (I think lots of thought goes into every book, but more in this one) writing this book with how the characters were introduced and how they developed over the story. The way everything led to another, and how the story flowed so smoothly was amazing,** I enjoyed how the characters eventually joined up for the better and that what happened separately to them, helped them as a group. A book that will be enjoyed by many teenagers and young adults alike for years to come.*

Morgan Steigmann aged 14

Cassie isn't sure, but she thinks she's the last one left. The last one of her kind, the last one able to wipe out The Others. Surviving the first wave was easy- but the next two, not so simple, the third killing her mother and almost everyone she knew. The fourth wave has driven Cassie to go solo, no company and surviving on the bare necessities, all alone- to stay alone is to stay alive, even she knows that. The fifth wave? She knows it's coming, but can't bear to think what it will entail. All she can do is try to survive, but running isn't easy.

This book should honestly be re-named the eighth wonder of the world, full of action, mystery and hope; the often occurring cliff-hangers will leave you in utter despair, with no choice but to delve into another nail-biting chapter. Rick Yancey greatly deserves every acclamation The 5th Wave brings, the Carnegie short listing only a taste of the future awards this novel is sure to bring him.

Cassie, as the main character, is a girl of many dimensions, strong, brave and victorious due to her survival she is mostly level-headed with logic thinking, however, having been through more tragedies in her 17 years than most in ten lifetimes, she can crumble and cry like we can only imagine. Relatable and a fighter, she's the perfect heroine to what can only be described as the most awesome story!

Delilah Acworth, age 14

The Fifth wave was a stunning insight into a non-stereotypical alien invasion. The way it was written was fantastic, but I find myself slightly worried now, because what if that happened? What if we all died within a year and the survivors had barely any hope to go on? These aliens aren't green, and they

don't zip around space in round spaceships that shoot laser beams. These aliens are simply genius, which is why I believe this book will become a bestseller. Everyone needs a bit of adventure, and trust me when I say this, the Fifth Wave will definitely give you enough.

10/10 for this genius creation, it is definitely a book worth falling for!

Danielle Shepherd

This is an amazing book, when it first arrived in my mail I was intrigued about how the storyline of alien invasion would pan out. Now I know exactly why the Hollywood rights have been sold. ***This is a fast pacing, page turning book, not only can you not put it down but you want to read it again, which of course I did.***

Told via multiple perspectives, this novel begins with the development of our main character; Cassie. With what may seem like a lot of luck, but bravery and purpose is what keeps this girl alive when needed. She is a true heroine and mirrors the likes of Katniss (THG) and Hermione (HP), I would definitely have her by my side. There was a lot of creative writing which helped to develop the plot but kept me on the edge of my seat. The other POVs are just as distinct with just as much emotional investment; I was found easily hooked into to their every word. The Aliens have not let the humans go so easily, as the title says they have already endured 4 waves of despair and pain. There is one main fear that is investigated throughout this novel which is the fear of being truly alone. When the enemy takes the face of should-be allies, how can you trust anyone at all? How does humanity survive? A poor guy with a gunshot wound who only wants help might just be a trap. Anyone you could ask for help yourself might be the last person you'll ever see. This is one of the most crucial aspects of this book, it's what makes it so upsetting and desperate.

I have not read a book in this genre that had me so thoroughly--and I mean entirely--caught up in it since The Hunger Games and Harry Potter. I'm in no way comparing the books themselves, just their engrossing factor; they're all consuming from head to foot and every single pounding heart beat and every clenched muscle, makes me want to forget about sleeping and eating and read this fast paced, page turning novel. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a good book to get their imagination and heartbeat racing.

Sarah Murray

*"As relentless as The Hunger Games. As menacing as I Am Number Four" and also the film rights have been bought!- Needless to say **I had extremely high hopes for this book being such a fan of dystopian novels and I was not disappointed.** In the beginning we are plunged into Cassie's world where she is not sure if or how many humans are still alive after the last wave of the alien "Others" arrived. Although the first section of the book was arguably slow and veering on slightly boring it wasn't too long until the excitement builds. **I love how the author slowly introduces characters and cleverly entwines flashbacks** of life before and after the first arrival of the "Others". I must admit I was worried in the beginning this could be a stereotypical "little green alien invasion" but it was anything but these "Others" were described so brilliantly at times I found myself a little scared. **This book had me in tears and at times reaching for my old nightlight. This book is another utterly fabulous addition to the growing dystopian franchise!***