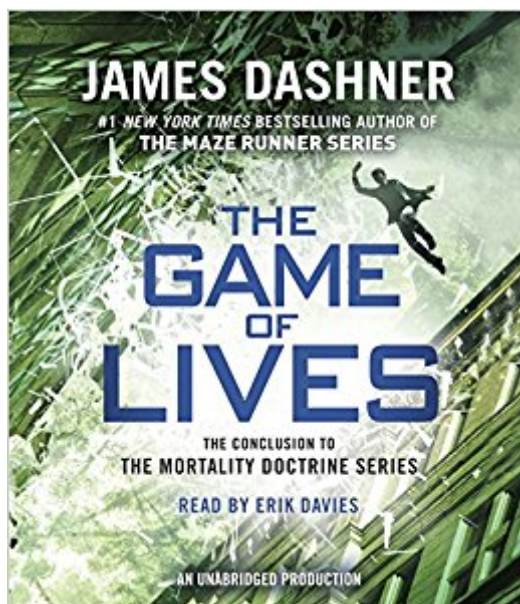


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The Game of Lives is officially out in paperback! So if you haven't yet picked up Dashner's cyber-adventure trilogy, now is definitely the time to start! This book is just plain cool. In the thrilling conclusion to his Mortality Doctrine series, Dashner has brilliantly imagined a world in which virtual reality has been taken to terrifying new levels where the lines between what is real and what is virtual blur dangerously. There are so many twists and turns in this inventive plot, I never knew what to expect. Between trying to decipher what was real from what wasn't, deciding which characters could be trusted and which ones couldn't, and the intense and imaginative action scenes, I was constantly on the edge of my seat. Something Dashner does incredibly well in all of his books is writing teen dialogue. His word choices have such an authentic quality to them that really builds this great camaraderie between some of his characters and keeps the tension at a boiling point between others, and really brings these characters to life. I loved how so many action scenes in this book take place in a virtual setting. Not only is it really creative and fun to read, but it also delivered an action-packed story where brains could very believably, and without any super powers, defeat braun. I loved that! This book is, of course, perfect for fans of The Maze Runner series. I also feel like this is an ideal book for gamers as well as fans of YA sci-fi or dystopian novels in general.

A great conclusion to this series. If you like stories that take place in a virtual world, then this series is for you. If you haven't read the other two books, start with The Eye of Minds. Tangents (computer programs that have gained sentience) are trying to take over the world and human hosts that have connected to the VirtNet. I was often guessing whether Michael, the main character, was in the real world or in the VirtNet, and whether he is human or just a program. Is this a game? Or are people's lives really at stake? These books always kept me guessing. The only real complaint I have is that

the story ended without tying up what happens to one of the main characters. I assume that James left it open to write more books for the series.

It was a good ending to the series, but to be honest, it didn't live up to the first book! I felt that the first captured my attention completely, the second was hard to get through, and the third wasn't boring but wasn't great. Now that's not to say I didn't enjoy it. It really is a good story, I just feel it could've been better!

Our teenage boys loved this book. We were supposed to read it together, and I kid you not, one of them was done with over 100 pages in one day. I told them there was no way I could keep up since I have to work to be able to buy them more books. They have been enjoying all of the books by James Dashner.

Incredible book, a must read. Read the first two in sequence and you will be mesmerized how you got from page 1 of book one to here- I never knew what would happen next. just plain incredible. :)

Very well written. So many YA books are first person and just stink but this one was great. I highly recommend it. Interesting story humor to keep you going. I really like James Dasher - he tends to keep you on your toes. Something many YA authors don't.

Great finish to a wonderful series. I couldn't stop reading from page 1. Mr Dashner has a flare for creating landscapes in our minds.

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