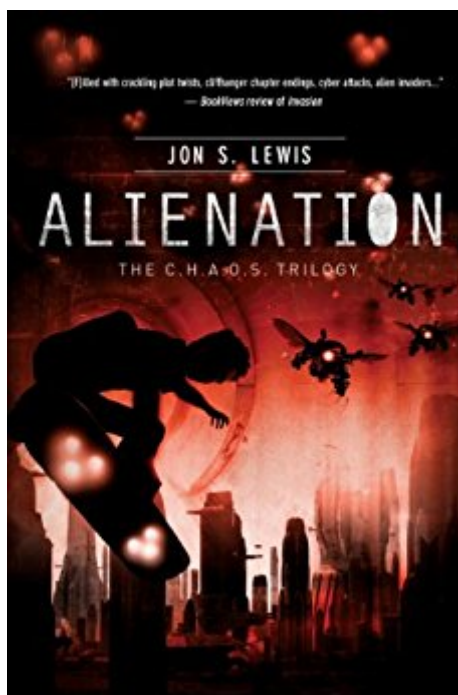


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Alienation (A C.H.A.O.S. Novel)



Synopsis

Earth's last line of defense against the coming alien invasion is 16-year-old surfer Colt McAlister. But before he can save the world, he has to survive the day. All Colt wants to do is return to his old life . . . where aliens don't exist . . . where mankind hasn't been targeted for destruction . . . and where his parents are still alive. Unfortunately life doesn't work that way. The United States government believes Colt holds the key to our survival, so they're sending him to the CHAOS Military Academy along with his best friends Oz and Danielle. There they'll be trained to defend Earth against a swarm of alien shape shifters known as the Thule. But someone is trying to eliminate Colt before he can lead that charge. Shocked to learn about key events in his past and unsure who he can trust, he is alienated and on the run. In a world of high-tech gear, shape-shifting aliens, simulated reality, and hover boards, Colt must step into his true destiny before our world falls into chaos. "Non-stop, action-packed thrills and excitement made it impossible to put down . . . [a] cliffhanger that left me wanting more."

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Customer Reviews

Colt is still having a tough time adjusting to his new life since his parents were killed, he moved to Arizona to live with his grandpa, and making a new friend and reconnecting with an old friend. And, more recent, having defeated the CEO of the sinister Trident Biotech, an alien from the days of WW2. It all gets harder for Colt to live a normal life when people find out his grandfather is the real-life Phantom Flyer from the comics, an internationally-renowned hero who does not wish to be idolized. Now things will get crazier for Colt after a senator has been assassinated and the assassin is hired to go after Colt next. Why? Remember the prophecy about the end of the Thule in Invasion? The government believes that Colt is the one prophesied about, and the assassin, a Thule named Krone, will stop at nothing to kill Colt. This story seems like an advanced technological leap in the technologies used as compared to Invasion, where many things had subtle World War II nuances in the story, and this is, by far, more futuristic (even a few out-there nods by Colt's grandfather, Murdoch), even the cover hints at a highly advanced scientific age than the book's predecessor. Through a gradual process of events, however, as Colt finds out that his grandfather knew a dark secret of his past, that Oz's father has a dark side, is now paranoid about Oz, and ends up being paranoid to the point that he does not know if he can trust anyone. In Invasion, there had been a brief scene in a church and that was the closest to being "Christian fiction" that story was. Here, it gets a bit more explicit, though nothing about salvation and redemption, but instead, it relies on the theme of seeking strength and courage from beyond one's self when facing dark times and it looks like there's no hope left. Especially when you feel like there is no one to trust. With all these great things, there was only one downfall in this great story, well, two. One was a couple spelling errors that threw me off a bit (could've used a touch more editing, just a touch in a couple spots) and a little bit of current teen slang that bugs me (not swearing, not even minced oaths, but slang statements that bother me since they make no logical sense to me like "I know, right?"). Beyond that, I would recommend this to any teen and adult who likes in-your-face science fiction with a good twist-filled, adrenaline-jacked storyline that has you guessing everywhere until the last page... then throws a jaw-dropping last twist on the last page. Let the Domination begin!

I have to say I was impressed with J.S. Lewis's second installment in the The C.H.A.O.S. Trilogy. In

my opinion ALIENATION is a pretty strong read, continuing the story of Colt McAlister with his pals Oz and Danielle as they start their training as cadets at the CHAOS Academy. Although Colt is still a reluctant participant; after all that's happened, he doesn't feel at this point that really has much choice in the matter. In ALIENATION we really get a better look into the characters themselves. Some very important secrets about Colt are revealed not only to the reader but to Colt himself. In fact, we get to know Colt in particular really well. Also, a huge game changing conspiracy is uncovered and some new players are introduced as well. This second book is a well executed 'bridge' book for the trilogy; that Lewis skillfully crammed a lot into without slowing down or disjointing the story's flow in the least. So expect and another entertaining read with a ton of action and danger at every turn. Although this series is geared toward teens, by no means does that mean it isn't one that can be enjoyed by readers of all ages. Plus there is a pretty neat bonus at the beginning and end in the form of a mini comic that creatively stands as the prologue and epilogue.

An excellent series as I had no idea it was geared towards teens and I as an adult loved it

Jon Lewis did a Phenomenal job with Alienation. I can't wait to read the third book! Well done I'm very pleased

I would highly recommend this book to 7th and 8th graders. It was very entertaining and easy to read. Great!

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good read

In 2010-2011, aliens seemed to be making a huge impression on the pop culture psyche. In the movies, the studios released Skyline, Cowboys and Aliens, Transformers, I Am Number Four, Battle: Los Angeles, and even Mars Needs Moms. On television, shows like Flashforward, The Event, and Falling Skies constantly reminded us that an alien invasion was all but imminent. Given this media attention, the ground was certainly fertile for an Christian alien book series. And that's exactly what we've got here... but is it any good? NOTE: This is book 2 of the series. In Alienation, the momentum and excitement of Invasion begins to unravel, and not in a good way. The story line becomes a little muddled and rather than a clear overarching plot, we have a collection of disjointed

events cobbled loosely together by outlandish action sequences in efforts to keep the reader engaged. It feels like cheap thrills and erodes the fictitious reality established earlier. Also suffering, character development is pushed aside and all but ignored as the main characters dissolve into stock character wallpaper, making it difficult to truly care what happens to them. This installment finds the trio (Colt, Oz, and Danielle) heading off to join the CHAOS training program at a secret headquarters. We've also learned that Colt is special, in that he was injected with alien DNA as a young child and he may or may not be turning into an alien. He certainly has unique capabilities, such as super strength, but he can't completely control when they are enacted, giving him a Dr. Banner/Hulk complex (no, it's not directly stated as such). Because of his condition, however, he's supposed to be the only one who can save the world from an alien invasion. Unfortunately, he's also on a secret hit list, targeted by the director of CHAOS, who happens to be Oz's father (hello, Peter Parker and Harry Osborn), who is simply trying to save his job. There's a lot of insecurity, strained love sickness, and confusion portrayed here as the characters - particularly Colt - tries to identify his purpose in life. Lewis even takes a shot at diversity training as Colt grapples with the notion that aliens are people, too. Well, not people, but at least not automatically an enemy worthy of killing mercilessly. But Colt comes off as whiny more often than not and the moral lessons appear as billboards on the side of the road as we zoom by, propelled (or at least distracted) by jet packs and hover boards. Action sequences pop up throughout the story and eventually the narrative ends exactly as you might expect. With the characters poised for book three and the reader somewhat uncertain of what they've signed on for. - from TRudATmusic[dot]com[slash]raw (5/22/13)

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