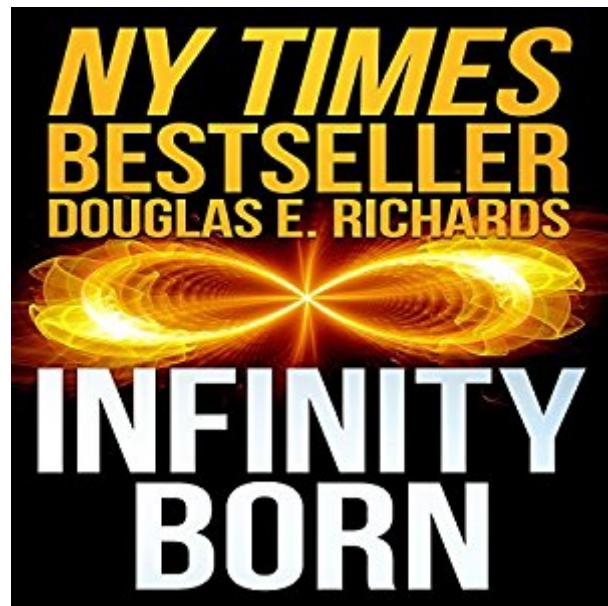


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Customer Reviews

I just finished 'Infinity Born', which is probably the most thought provoking thing I have read in a long time. If you're not familiar with Richard's writing this is an excellent place to start. He has taken our world and mixed a very small amount of 'What If' in the current and ongoing quest for advanced Artificial Intelligence - A.I. is already here and in common use. SIRI, Google, Echo, and many others are forms of A.I., which while obvious when pointed out was not something I had actually realized.

The changes (Or maybe a better term would be additions) that he introduces make for a fascinating look at our world - sometimes a disturbing one. Whatever you would like to call them, he makes you think - these are not reams of mindless fiction, but ones which make you examine what is going on and consider what You would do. The character development is excellent (No surprise there as this is true in all of his writing) and the technical aspects are as well. Its obvious that Richard's spends a lot of effort in learning about what he writes, so much so that after reading his books I come away feeling I have more knowledge than I started with - and often find myself doing research on my own about what he wrote about. (I admit I became more interested in science when I was young through references in science fiction, so that is really nothing new, except for the fact that most of the other 'contemporary' fiction does not make me do that). Richard's writing has that same affect as my early exposure to Science Fiction - something I had not realized I missed until now. If your looking for a an engrossing and highly enjoyable book, look no further. This is the first in what I hope to see is a series (Yes, its that good).

This time I tried to read a Douglas E. Richards book slowly, taking a few evenings to savor every scene instead of tearing through it like I've done with all his previous books. But I just couldn't keep myself from speeding along as usual to find out what would happen next and from being unable to put the book down for any length of time. If you can refrain from doing that, you're a better man than I, Charlie Brown. The excellent and extensive [Review](#) here describes much of the overall story, and I will only supplement it by briefly describing some other aspects. The book is about a military detective, Cameron Carr, who is tasked by the Secretary of Defense to hunt down an extraordinary genius, Isaac Jordan, who in 2020 has developed a technology for advanced, self-learning, self-aware computers that might achieve consciousness. Jordan's heinous crime is that he demolished an entire high-tech community and its inhabitants with a space weapon and then butchered his own family. One of Jordan's daughters survives and, along with Carr, is pursued by a deadly Russian operative. Stunningly, it turns out, Jordan might not have been the monster he so obviously appeared to have become; and Carr has second thoughts. I'll stop there so as not to be a spoiler. But I will add that there are truly fascinating matters regarding the transference of a human brain's content to a computer and the concomitant issues of individual human consciousness and soul, about which Richards presents some highly thought provoking material. This book concerns the future of computers. However, considering all the other scientific and technological disciplines and their future evolution covered in other books by the author, which are listed at this [webpage](#), it is inarguable that Douglas E. Richards is just flat-out brilliant. Martin P. Fricke, PhD (nuclear

physics)San Diego

I'm very very glad I don't read the last few pages first--because Douglas E. Richards always lays out what is truth and what is fiction! I will say one thing--a lot of research into scientific ideas is done by this author before he writes the sometimes bone chilling SciFi novels that he does. And this one will send chills up and down your spine just wondering if this could really totally occur! This one has twists I really did not see coming. Who is real? What is ASI and why is it being sought after by countries and bad guys alike? Who is alive and who is dead? I stayed up way beyond my usual time to finish this. Yes, it is that good. I'll just be hoping that the scenarios don't all come true--at least in my lifetime!!

This is my second book by this author. So far, a common theme of his seems to be having very good ideas, and doing his research. The ideas in the story were thought provoking, and presented in an easy to grasp way. The other theme is that there are no "regular people" - every character is an expert, the absolute best in their field. The characters don't feel real, they're consistently at the top of their game, and they know it, and everybody around them knows it - and comments on it. Lots of back patting. Great idea, I just wish the characters were more believable.

This is an excellent book for someone who is very scientifically inclined. I am not. Much of it appears to be science fiction; I have no way of knowing what is based on actual fact and what is not. However, a lot of facts are given at the end of the story. The story is full of mystery and intrigue regardless.

I am a retired biomedical engineer. I read about the advances in wonder. So does this author. What a wonderful yarn. Thanks Doug!

I absolutely love Richard's books and have read every single one of them. They are fun reads and very well researched. I especially like the fact that at the end of each book he discusses what's true and based on current research and sites his sources. I read a lot of non fiction books on science and technology and almost every time I read one of his books I find uncanny parallels between what is written as fiction in his books and the actual state of the art research that I've recently read or are currently reading. This makes his books very plausible/believable though they are works of fiction. Can't wait for the next book...

I just hate that I've finished it. Thoughtful and provocative. It's a story that I would encourage anyone to read. Heartbreaking and also uplifting.

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