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LIGHTS

All's quiet in the small town of Holliswood. Television sets, computers, and portable devices are aglow in every home, classroom, and store. Yet not all is perfect. Evil is lurking, just out of sight, behind the screen.

CAMERA

Residing in this sleepy town is a villain with more ambition than the world can withstand. Twisted beyond reason, he is dead set on throwing Holliswood into chaos and documenting the destruction of every person in it, including Daniel X.

EXTERMINATION

The only person who can stop this made-for-TV tyrant, Daniel must use his extraordinary power to save the town. But this devilish director has assembled an all-star team of his own creation and vows to stage the most spectacular finale the world has ever seen. Can Daniel X stop this deranged outlaw--or will he find himself on the cutting room floor?

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Kim says

horrible - read only the first 100 pages. a waste of time

Sharon says

I need to find a fan of Daniel X so I can find out what I am missing. The humor is forced, the plot predictable, and I am disappointed in how deals with moving on from a relationship, by wiping out any memory of him. There must be people out there who love Daniel X. Tell me what I am not seeing.

TylerNixon says

This book is a very good sequel to the first one. Daniel X shows very good character development and you can see it very well through his journey to clear off his enemies from the list. His enemies help him get stronger and more experienced and you can clearly see how he goes from a naive child with powers to a mature alien hunter who has mastered portions of his own power. The setting in this book isn't that exciting compared to the first book. The first book had a setting that went from earth to his own home planet that is light years away from earth and spoke of a place with beautiful architecture. Books two has the same set and I believe that the plot of the story is the limit that they put on the setting. Reading the book I often how it was always the same. However the book itself is still a good one that I found enjoyable.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jaglvr for TeensReadToo.com

Daniel is the coolest alien out there! Don't take my word for it...pick up DANIEL X: WATCH THE SKIES and find out for yourself.

This is the second installment in James Patterson's science fiction series aimed at the younger reader.

This time, Daniel is determined to take on number 5 on The List of Alien Outlaws on Terra Firma. Daniel's father was the keeper of the list, but was murdered when Daniel was very young. He's determined to carry on in his parents' footsteps and become the best Alien Hunter out there.

Number 5 on the list is a horrible creature that has begun to brainwash humans into starring in his intergalactic TV show. After they serve their purpose, Number 5's henchbeasts liquefy the humans and eat them. (I know, lovely, right?) Number 5's actions are actually carried out by Number 21 on the list. So Daniel has his work cut out for him.

Daniel has many amazing abilities; the coolest is being able to materialize friends and his dead family to

assist him. It takes all their help and all his cunning to devise a way to beat both Number 21 and Number 5.

DANIEL X: WATCH THE SKIES can be a bit gory at times in the descriptions used. But the story is definitely aimed at boys, and the guts and gore in the story will definitely appeal to the intended readers. With short, quick chapters (two or three pages are the norm), the book flies by with page-turning speed. The action is consistent and continually builds until the final battle Daniel faces with Number 5.

DANIEL X: WATCH THE SKIES is actually a refreshing change from Mr. Patterson's usual murder mystery genre. He does a wonderful job handling science fiction and creating a likeable boy that all the humans on earth can cheer for.

Melissa Conway says

I paid \$19.99 for the hardback (published by Hachette Book Group), a sum the average teen would be hard-pressed to part with for a book that didn't also slide neatly into the slot of his Wii.

As a woman squarely in middle-age (depending on how you calculate my potential life-span), I am clearly not the target audience for this testosterone-fueled romp, but I liked it nonetheless. Each short chapter ended in a mini-cliffhanger that kept me turning the page, much like a snowball rolling down a steep slope, picking up whatever is in its path and flinging bits of detritus to the wind.

If I were a teenaged boy, I'd eat this stuff up, assuming my usual diet was filled with stomach-turning descriptions of slimy aliens and the nasty ways they kill and devour people. It almost felt like I was reading the script for a television show on Nickelodeon, you know, except for the graphic violence. Although, given the average Spongebob episode, even the violence isn't that bad—for a teen thoroughly inured to it, as I suspect most these days are.

This is the second in the Daniel X series (I haven't read the first). [Plot summary/spoilers ahead!] I had a hard time pegging the exact target-age the authors were going for, especially after the huge, blobby fish-alien antagonist has impregnated all the unfortunate women in a small American town with its wriggling tadpoles. It's meant to be horrific in a humorous way, and it is. Only—as the mother of a young boy who is an advanced reader—the objectification of these zombified pregnant gals gave me a twinge of concern if the reader happened to be, say, a fifth-grader who isn't even clear on how babies are made. I'm not here to start a debate on what's appropriate in a young adult novel. In this book, people are forced to carry alien progeny, and people die hideously; it's all in good fun.

As I continued reading, I found myself wondering: if Daniel has the imaginary power to point his finger with his thumb cocked like a gun and blow a hole a mile deep into the ground, turn himself into a mosquito, or teleport himself away from danger, where's the room for a plot to even develop? He should be able to breeze in and out, enemies smoking in a burnt-out crater behind him—but no. Daniel wants to know what the bad guys are up to, and his snooping ways let the creepy-crawlies get the jump on him. This allows for moments in the storyline where the reader is **almost** tense at the outcome (if I'm a thirteen year old boy, then I probably **am** tense). Will Daniel succeed? Will his imaginary friends get hurt or killed, and if they do, how long until he simply brings them back to "life?" The story is told in first-person point of view in Daniel's voice, and I kind of felt like he wasn't being honest with the reader. He's got the power to do virtually anything with his mind. He's young and his powers are just developing, but does he know he's going to win; is he just playing with the bad guys like a cat toys with a cricket? Of course, his parents were killed by the

topmost baddie on the most-wanted aliens list when Daniel was three, but we don't know (maybe the first book answers this question) if his parents had the same powers as he does. If so, then Daniel's mom-and-dad-slaying nemesis would have to be invincible indeed, and the reader can assume Daniel and this super-villain will definitely clash in a sequel near you.

Sprinkled throughout the narrative are some not-so-hidden messages for the reader, as if the authors couldn't resist tossing in a few political opinions about our broken school systems (what better platform than a bunch of pre-voting adolescents?) These messages are not preachy; on the contrary, they are quite amusing, like when Daniel's imagined mother provides the school with sarcastic lists of why he'll be absent on successive days ("Dr. I. M. Trubbell is assessing the state of his bureaucratic mumbo jumbo allergy.")

All-in-all, Daniel X qualifies as a "good" read in my book, but it's probably an "awesome" read to its target audience, red-blooded teenage boys who'd like nothing better than to be like Daniel; whipping out the biggest gun, smearing alien guts all over the place, getting the coolest, prettiest girl—anything he imagines.

[Review originally posted to Booksquawk]

Rita says

Compared to other Patterson books, this was not worth my time.

Indah Threez Lestari says

24th - 2011

Waktu kecil, karena aku tinggal di Jl. Holis Bandung, aku sering menuliskan alamat Holiswood di halaman buku-bukuku. Eh, setting cerita di buku Daniel X yang ini namanya Holliswood.

Itu saja.

Crystal says

I loved the first Daniel X book and I was eagerly awaiting the newest one. So I was thrilled to receive this as a review copy from Miriam Parker at Hachette books.

The second installment doesn't disappoint, it has Daniel back facing 2 new nemesis aliens from The List. I love his secondary characters who are from his imagination. His interaction with them is fascinating. This book also brings in interaction with a new real character and possible love interest. This added a new dimension to the book.

The background happenings and the reason Daniel is after 2 aliens on the list makes an interesting story line and it catches your attention and you don't want to put the book down.

It's a quick, fun read and I will be eagerly awaiting the next installment. These books are rocket science, they

really don't require much thought, just time to read for genuine enjoyment.

Mechanic Joe says

Ok, this is the second book, but I feel like the whole series is a ripoff of Ben 10 (the original). I know that sounds immature, but honestly James Patterson needs to stop. For example, Maximum Ride was great. Six books ago. I love the guy, but seriously, come on! Releasing, like, seven books a month is getting old! I'm sorry, but it's killing me!!!

The only thing I like is the fact that Daniel is a alien. Mr. Patterson, give us some time to breathe, then you're more then welcome to release a few more books.

Jody says

Meh. I could give up James Patterson and my life would probably be better for it but I just can't stop myself. At least you don't have to devote too much of your time or brain power to his books.

Julie says

After absolutely hating the first Daniel X book, I'm really not sure why I even picked this up. I guess I was holding out hope that it might be a little better (it would be hard for it to be worse...). Besides, Patterson changed collaborators this time around, so there was a CHANCE it would be different. And they are such fast reads that it wouldn't take THAT much time out of my life even if it really did suck.

All that said, it was okay - maybe just a bit better than the first book. The problem I had with it is less in writing style, and more with the actual premise. He can basically do whatever he wants just by imagining it - including hanging out with his deceased parents, and a whole posse of imaginary friends. What gets me is, these imaginary people can apparently affect reality, because he can summon them, have them build something, and then be using it later when they're not around (i.e. they are creating something with a physical form). Daniel can come up with whatever weapons he wants, etc., and yet he still has a tough time with these alien battles. I guess I just think the premise is ridiculous.

On top of that - what the HECK kind of Alien Hunter goes on a date when there is a nasty alien killing people by the...well, by the tens at least, all around him? I feel that when the bodies are piling up (well, this is inaccurate as they are puddles of goo) like they were in this situation, the one person with any hope of stopping it should NOT BE GOING ON A DATE.

Whatever, Daniel X. Who knows if I'll be sticking around to see what you do in book 3.

Bobby Bob says

Even though I'm giving this book three stars because it's not that well-written in my opinion, this is such a

guilty pleasure. The main character, Daniel, is so overpowered it's ridiculous, and the super short chapters make it cut off so suddenly that everything feels unnecessarily suspenseful. This is consistent across the whole series, but I love all these books for it.

The antagonist in this one is a little odd for his TV obsession, but they still nonetheless get the job done for Daniel to just go completely overpowered.

WilliamHernandez says

The book Daniel x Watch the Skies is about a teen named Daniel who is an alien hunter who hunts down intergalactic alien that threaten to destroy Earth. In this book Daniel goes up against an intergalactic entertainer that has his own TV show of destroying and taking over worlds. The thing that I like about the book is the way Daniel acts throughout the book. The way that he acts is relatable to me he is sarcastic and he always finds a way to make any situation funny and enjoyable. The only thing that I disliked about the book is that there was not interplanetary travel because that was one of my favorite parts of the first book. Overall I would recommend the book to anyone who loves SF-FI and enjoys a good laugh every once in a while.

Mirsab says

"Daniel X: watch the skies" is a compelling read of an alien boy who now lives on Earth. This is the story of a sixteen year old alien hunter named Daniel who must fight the fifth most powerful outlawed alien on Earth using his unusual powers I can't really explain because of its wide variety of abilities. But in his quest he must protect his friends, family, but most of all Earth and everything we know on it.

The setting of this book is beautifully written. Daniel lives in a nice pent house in Hollywood, California with no one but himself. This boy's house is where he trains himself, works on tech, and lives. But there's more than meets the eye with this house it's also a fortress to protect himself from aliens that might have a problem with him.

The plot of this story was intricately made. As a three year old boy his alien hunter parents were slaughtered by Number One the most powerful alien on Earth a.k.a The Predator for something he was trying to steal called The List. His parents had had and which he now has The List (a list of all the outlawed aliens on Earth that stays updating all the time). The List is a thing all outlawed aliens would die to get their hands on. But they had hidden it well. Fortunately Daniel also hid well or he would have been killed by The Predator without a second thought. Now that Daniel's older he's jumping around the list from alien to alien killing whichever one is closest to him until he's strong enough to get his revenge on the Predator.

This is a great book of fantasy, fiction, and adventure. Any young adult who loves action will love "Daniel X: watch the skies". This book will leave you on the edge of your seat. Even with all of Daniel's amazing powers will he be able to destroy the evil Number Five.

Tiffany says

Watch the Skies Daniel X by James Patterson and Ned Rust is the second book in the Daniel X series. My son Nick and I read it together because we both loved Daniel X so much in the first book.

This time Daniel X is fighting a new alien from The List, Number 5. This alien is filming a reality tv show on Earth to entertain his home planet. His minions are torturing humans by making them do silly stunts and then killing them for the tv show. The aliens in the audience love the tv show, and Alien 5 is sure they will get incredible ratings back home. The aliens are spreading the love by impregnating the women of the town who ate the free sardine samples they found in their mailboxes. Daniel X has to figure out how to help the pregnant women in his town and stop Alien #5 before he becomes the headline act of the new reality show. I liked this book almost as much as the first one, but Nick was disappointed in the new alien. He felt that Alien Number 5 wasn't as developed as Seth was in the first book. He also felt that Daniel wasn't as funny as he had been in the original novel. Although he didn't like it as much as the original book, he still liked it a lot.

This book has short chapters which added to the excitement of the book. You feel like you are rushing headlong into every experience Daniel experiences. Daniel has a sarcastic sense of humor that had both of us giggling nearly every night we read. It is a quick read and one that you don't want to stop reading. I recommend this book for reluctant readers, especially boys.

Maddison says

Link to blog: <https://thatreadhead1.wordpress.com/2...>

I have to say Number 5 was incredible sneaky with his plan to take over the world! The caviar was a rather good idea, I have to say.

I would feel seriously unnerved if I found out that he'd been watching basically my whole life. Super paranoid!

Once again, I really liked the friendship dynamic of this, but I think I appreciated the romantic side more (for once). I just disagree with Daniel and Dana.

I love the way he just materializes his parents without even thinking about it.

And Lucky was such a cute addition to the story!

The short chapters really help me to fly through :D Got this book read in an hour and a half, thanks to reading along with my 3x audio. It was my second-last book in the readathon.

Jose Valadez says

This book was amazing. The book is science fiction. It is a medium challenging read. This book changes its point of view a lot. It is about an alien hunter named Daniel X. He is young and resilient. He is killing aliens as a way of revenge for them killing his family. The one alien that is on Daniel's top spot to kill is Number Five. This book grabbed my attention because it has many strong words throughout the book. He and his family try to kill all the aliens. His family is not real. He brought them into the world with his powers. My favorite character from the book is Daniel X. He is my favorite because he doesn't stop hunting down the

aliens. He faced many tough challenges like taking down the big alien at the diner. This book takes place in a town called Holliswood. It is not a real city. It is in a mostly realistic city other than the fact that Daniel X and his family are from another world. The setting is very clear to see in my mind. The author draws me into the setting very easily by adding a lot of little details into the book. I really liked this book. I think readers would enjoy the book because it is a good, fun read to do. I believe there is no certain age for reading this book. If you like to read science fiction books, this one is perfect. This book made me laugh sometimes. The author's style is engaging in my opinion. I felt that the book is complete. This is my first science fiction read. It was a fun and interesting read. My favorite parts in the book were when they discovered something important about the aliens because it added tension to the storyline. I would like to read the other books in the series soon. There are no pictures in the book. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in science fiction books or looking for a fun read.

Joe Spang says

I read Daniel X, watch the sky's I rated this book a 5 out of 5 because it gets you hooked from the beginning. I was hooked on the series from the first book. This book is better than the first. Every page is packed with action and leaves you wanting to read another. This book is for people who want mystery and action. I would recommend it to people who don't read a lot but want to. Or for people that want a good series, this series has six books.

About this book, it starts off with Daniel on his way back to earth from defeating number 6 on the list. When he gets back he is looking for another alien to take off the list and decides to take on number 5. This alien has the ability to control the minds of humans through technology. Number 5 is a TV director of an intergalactic TV show that finds killing humans funny. His goal is to kill everything on earth and repopulate it with his own species all while making intergalactic TV history.

Daniel has a really hard time stopping him because number 5 has this ability to see everything that Daniel is doing. How is number 5 doing this, how is he always one step ahead, and how does Daniel stop him? You have to read the book to find out.

Mia Emslie says

This was a quick listen.. and felt like a Spider-Man episode. Lightweight story, no character development, surprised this was from James Patterson. Too bad the alien 'hero' only had imaginary friends & family. Would have liked him to hang onto the real girlfriend..

Shae Petersen says

I loved this book better than #1. I felt the whole situation with number 5 impregnating all the females in the town with alien babies was a massive plot point that really drove the story. The fact that he did it so easily by getting them to eat caviar meant that his population would increase rapidly so quickly therefore take over the town/ world was pretty cool. I also liked the romance with Judy, but was so bummed at the end when he erased her mind so he could leave without hurting her! Onto book 3!

