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Shadows In Flight (The Shadow Series)



Synopsis

Ender's Shadow explores the stars in this all-new novel...At the end of Shadow of the Giant, Bean flees to the stars with three of his children--the three who share the engineered genes that gave him both hyper-intelligence and a short, cruel physical life. The time dilation granted by the speed of their travel gives Earth's scientists generations to seek a cure, to no avail. In time, they are forgotten--a fading ansible signal speaking of events lost to Earth's history. But the Delphikis are about to make a discovery that will let them save themselves, and perhaps all of humanity in days to come. For there in space before them lies a derelict Formic colony ship. Aboard it, they will find both death and wonders--the life support that is failing on their own ship, room to grow, and labs in which to explore their own genetic anomaly and the mysterious disease that killed the ship's colony. Shadows in Flight is the fifth novel in Orson Scott Card's Shadow Series.

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Customer Reviews

A Reading Guide for Ender's Game. THE ENDER UNIVERSE Ender's Series: Ender Wiggin: The finest general the world could hope to find or breed. The following Ender's Series titles are listed in order: Ender's Game, Ender In Exile, Speaker for the Dead, Xenocide, Children of the Mind. Ender's Shadow Series: Parallel storylines to Ender's Game from Bean: Ender's right hand, his strategist, and his friend. The following Ender's Shadow Series titles are listed in order: Ender's Shadow, Shadow of the Hegemon, Shadow Puppets, Shadow of the Giant, Shadows in

Flight. The First Formic War Series: One hundred years before Ender's Game, the aliens arrived on Earth with fire and death. These are the stories of the First Formic War. Earth Unaware, Earth Afire. The Authorized Ender Companion: A complete and in-depth encyclopedia of all the persons, places, things, and events in Orson Scott Card's Ender Universe. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

"Card's latest installment in his Shadow subseries does a superlative job of dramatically portraying the maturing process of child into adult. Card makes the important point that there's always more than one side to every issue. Fans will marvel at how subtly he has prepared for the clever resolution." Publishers Weekly, starred review, on Shadow of the Giant "Shadow of the Giant is a fitting and satisfying continuation to the Ender series, although it is not a conclusion. Card...seems to indicate that he will at some point return to follow Bean's family and the other Battle School Children as they expand throughout the galaxy." SF Site.com "Once again, Card keeps the action, danger, and intrigue levels high...paves the way for further Ender-Bean developments; and leaves his readers eagerly awaiting them." Booklist on Shadow Puppets

Beware the "enhanced" edition! Despite advertising a 305-page book with real page numbers that match the print edition, sent me the enhanced edition that is significantly shorter--about 140 pages instead of 305--and has no page numbers. I returned the ebook immediately but would still like to buy the full version. I don't know why this continues to be a problem years later. The books are two different versions and shouldn't be mixed up by like this. I read the enhanced version previously, and I felt like the story was way too short and very rushed. Apparently that's because I'm missing more than half the book!

(No spoilers, safe to read) The good part of this is that it gives you more insight into key factors of the entire Ender World that are not delved into anywhere else (to say more would give spoilers so suffice it to say I found that aspect interesting). Beyond that the book was very narrow in scope, not deep. I would like to see a deeper and more epic follow-up to it (again, I can't go into that more or it would be a spoiler). It's a novella, nearly short story in length and that, along with the narrow scope, was a bit disappointing. But well written, and if you read the first four, well, you might as well read the fifth, even if just for the reason that it fills in the blanks on a few things.

Well, what do you know! They've finally released the real book! I downloaded the sample and compared it to "Enhanced" version. The current Kindle version, "Length: 305 pages (Contains Real Page Numbers)", is no longer the older "Enhanced" hack job. Make sure the page doesn't say "enhanced edition", and make sure it says it contains real page numbers, and you should (at long last) be all set. For your convenience, direct links: Good: [Shadows in Flight \(The Shadow Series\)](#) Yuck: [Shadows in Flight, enhanced edition \(The Shadow Series\)](#)-- Original review of "enhanced edition" --The "enhanced edition" does have two short vignettes added in (about seven paperback pages of text, total -- 13 paragraphs in chapter three, and 34 paragraphs in chapter nine), and there are a few pictures. What the publisher isn't telling you, however, is that it's been abridged out the wazoo. I took a word count on the full text, and it would be somewhere in the 75 to (generously) 90 page range in a standard paperback. You only get one third of the story when you get the "enhanced edition". Out of morbid curiosity (apparently in a temporary masochistic fugue), I read the "enhanced edition". It is as if they took the story, ground it to a fine texture, centrifuged it, and then killed off anything left living in it with a shot of ammonia. Yes, the "enhanced edition" is the finely textured ground beef of the Enderverse, or to use the popular term, this heavily abridged "enhanced edition" is pink slime. At the time of this review, consolidates the hardcover and "enhanced edition" reviews, even though they're not remotely the same book. also states that the print edition is 240 pages, but they say nothing about the extreme abridgement of the "enhanced edition", which is roughly a third the text. The "enhanced edition" is nothing but a blatant money-grab by the publisher. To tout the additional seven pages without mentioning the missing 150 or so pages is too blatant to be simply an innocent omission. I am highly disappointed that does not include anything to warn their customers about what the publisher is doing to their most avid readers. It's a shame that I almost expect such behavior from a publisher, but as I have had nothing but fair dealings with , I am surprised they allow this to proceed without comment.

One of the things I really like about OSC's novels (apart from superlative character viewpoints and conflicting moral dilemmas) is the plausible descriptions and creative weaving of worlds as well as creature/aliens that populate his universe (Enderverse). It is the latter in this case so much so that you can appreciate the novel in many different levels. For example: a) The dynamic between Bean's three kids and how they are likely to think and act being not only superintelligent but also being holed up in a ship for years without outside/physical human interaction. b) Answering what is happening to Bean as he's getting older and bigger beyond his body's ability to adapt, and the race toward solutions for their "condition" c) Revelations into details (more details than ever explained)

about the Formics, and how, a lot of what the human race knows about them (and what had thus far been put forth in existing novels) are either missing or downright mistakend) Like other OSC novels, a fresh reboot on our preconceived notions about how alien planets and technology works. And how different they are from the way we would do them. Instead of thinking in terms of what a human would assume, are instead fresh insights on how aliens would actually accomplish things, including architecture and engineering.... Basically all these themes and more in a book that many here diss as being too light or shallow, which is just plain wrong. Many people seem to want long books just for the sake of extending their entertainment time instead of getting the full value of a good story regardless of length. This novel is not only concise but gets to the point without the fluff most other books waste your time with. It's a full book and while it leaves room so you can be sure it's made to pre-sell future sequels, it is complete for the story it tells and adding more stories to it would have just been an exercise to waste your time in reading (looking at you, George RR Martin). This gets its well-deserved five stars and I can't wait for more new concepts from OSC.

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