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The rumors of a secret government project concerning the remains of a crashed spaceship in Roswell, New Mexico, prove to be true as the brethren of the craft come calling. As panic grips the nation, all wonder exactly what these visitors from space intend. Publication to coincide with the release of the motion picture of the same name from Warner Brothers. Includes a prequel not dramatized in the film. Color illustrations throughout.

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Alden says

Independence Day is a science fiction story about an alien invasion of the earth happened on July 4, the same date as the Independence Day holiday in the United States. It is also based on the movie of the same title shown in 1996.

I have only watched the movie version when I was younger. But if I had a choice, I'd rather read the book first before watching the movie. The movie was good but the book is not that good. The book contains a lot of long narrations before the actual conversations which made it a little bit boring for me. Nevertheless, I still rated this book three out of five stars because I actually liked the story. It was exciting, slightly funny and it somehow makes you feel proud of your country.

Victor Orozco says

Very good. Really enjoyed the thoughts and feelings of many of the characters in the book. Most books based from films are from an initial screenplay. Most of the scenes that didn't appear in the movie I had seen in the Director's Cut and other deleted scenes. I prefer reading the scenes but in the end I prefer the Theatrical Cut. Thank Goodness they didn't include the alternate ending with Russell in the biplane, didn't work as great as him in that F-18. Love some of the hopeful dialogue at the end with the writer hammering how important it was that all the world as well as America was truly united. B.

Abdul says

A fun little read.

The book is quite simplistic in the story and dialogue, and is EXTREMELY American (cockiness and swagger from every character and not just the pilots, the whole Independence Day concept, America being the centre of it all, etc).

But all in all, worth a read. The simplicity makes it an easy read, which in turn made it quite enjoyable.

Didn't blow my mind at any point, but I liked it.

Adam Aufderheide says

A fun book, for more mature alien lovers. it took the best parts from every sci-fi movie and book and mashed it all together

Terra says

I didn't realize that this was a novelization of a movie. If I had known that I would have just re-watched the movie. It truly read exactly like the movie, not a single hair out of place.

Alfred Haplo says

Freedom, how precious that is. As we celebrate July 4th, we ought to also remember the events this week about other countries - about the freedom to live, and how fleeting life is.

July 3rd 2016, Iraqi families breaking fast in the final days of Ramadan as they prepared to usher in Eid. So far, the death toll is **292** (edit, Jul 7) from a suicide truck bombing in the busy shopping district of Baghdad. Many were children. *July 4th 2016*, three coordinated bombings near a US consulate in Jeddah, a mosque in Qatif and a holy site in Medina, Saudi Arabia killed 4 guards and many, wounded. *July 1st 2016*, over 20 people dining at a cafe in the diplomatic enclave of Dhaka, Bangladesh were fatally attacked by militants. Many were international visitors - Japanese, Italian, Americans - there at the wrong place, wrong time. *July 1st 2016*, the British, French and other Commonwealth countries commemorate the 100th year of The Battle of the Somme where hundreds of thousands died. Many were fathers, sons, someone's family. *June 28th 2016*, at least 44 Turkish and international travelers dead because of terrorist bombings in Ataturk Airport, Istanbul. Many said final goodbyes that day.

Today, many Americans celebrate their freedom and the nation's Independence Day with the holiday fanfare of barbecues, parades, fireworks and outdoor entertainment. None of that for me, fortunately, with nothing planned but quiet time. And, eagerly, as I am sometimes wont to do on July 4th weekend, watch the re-run of Independence Day, the 90's alien-annihilate-earth movie. I love Sci-Fi movies but none has captured my imagination more than this movie, I supposed, partly because of the impressionable age when I first watched it and partly because the "President's" rousing message of freedom resonated with me.

Still resonates with me, especially in light of aforementioned events.

Excerpt from the script:

PRESIDENT:

*Perhaps it's fate that today, July the Fourth,
we will once again fight for our freedom.
Not from tyranny, persecution or oppression.
But from annihilation.
We're fighting for our right to live, to exist.
From this day on, the fourth day of July
will no longer be remembered as an American holiday
but as the day that all of mankind declared
we will not go quietly into the night.
We will not vanish without a fight.
We will live on.
We will survive.*

As it turns out, I actually own the book novelization of the movie. On a whim (and why not?), I breezed through the book and thought I'll throw in a speedy review just to give credit where it's due. Novel tie-ins with movies are notoriously horrible but this one was surprisingly decent. The book fleshes out the story with more details than the movie particularly around character nuances and scene settings. My recommendation would be TO NOT read the book on a standalone basis and to read it in succession to the movie. Overall verdict of the book? Good triumphs bad.

[Note: Co-writers/co-producers Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich also wrote the novelization for Stargate, a movie (and subsequent TV series) that I loved too.]

Mateo says

This book was about aliens abducting earth. They weren't afraid of anything. They were smart and knew how to destroy the earth good enough, but we figured out their plan.

I can relate to David because we both love chess and can relate things to it. Funny enough, both our parents get mad if we win because they usually lose. We both have an open mind and can't stop thinking on what anybody doesn't know. I think that when I grow up I'll be something like him, excluding the aliens abduction. I gave this book 4 stars because it was a book that you can't put down. I just wish that there was more to it because I could easily predict the ending. I recommend this for anyone who hasn't seen the movie cause then you would just know the whole story.

Rabbit {Paint me like one of your 19th century gothic heroines!} says

Rating: 3.5

Review to come.

I really want to watch the movie now.

Heather's Mum says

Independence Day is a good read... Great Movie. Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich's great plot, plus the outstanding, believable special effects of the film, made the movie an emotional, on the edge of your seat treat. Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith and other stellar cast members were the hot fudge on top of this cinema sundae making this one of the best science fiction flicks ever!

Also read Stephen Molstad's 1996 tie-in novel,
1998 [Independence Day: Silent Zone](#) and
1999 [Independence Day: War in the Desert](#)

Adi says

I read it one afternoon when I was in high-school.

Patrick says

Even though this was written after the fact. I found the book to be an enjoyable read and as I usually do, liked the book over the theatrical release. Although I might be a bit biased due to the author being my uncle. He nicely included my brother and I in the book as the doctors who get killed during the alien autopsy.

Mandy says

Not a bad movie tie-in. Some of the scenes (dialogue especially) were better executed (and more memorable) in the movie. Not surprising, since this is mainly an action movie. I did enjoy getting a bit of a deeper look into the characters. Also, as a Stargate fan I loved the nod to Daniel Jackson. All in all, definitely not the worst movie-tie in I've ever read, but not the best, either. Sort of middle of the road. A must for die-hard fans of the movie, though, I think, if only for curiosity's sake.

Fred Lusk says

I read this book just for entertainment.. Was actually pretty good.. followed the movie pretty closely.. But were a few surprises and went more into depth on the aliens.. I enjoyed it.. Actually has a little sobering message at the end.. If you like sci fi, it is well worth your time..

Gene says

If you saw the movie, the book does not add very much. It's not a bad book at all, just very drawn out at times and if I had not seen the movie a million times I may have enjoyed this book a lot more. The little details that it did add that were not mentioned in the movie was appreciated however. 2.5/5

Tabitha says

The movie was fun , the book is great. the book is the novelisation of the movie but goes deeper into the story lines and takes more time on the characters and the feelings they have.

if you love the movie the book would be a great addition to your collection.
