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When the fate of the world rests upon you...

Allison Delaney wants to spend her senior year healing from the loss of her father, to leave the shadows of his death and her junior year break-down behind. A Labor Day beach party seems like a good place to start...but there's more danger lurking than anyone could imagine. Death is coming to Earth if the pods of infectious creatures aren't stopped. But only one human can help...

To live or die is no longer a choice.

Eenoki is a protector of life but must have a sentient host to fight the invasion. A teenage girl would not be the best choice, but out of desperation Eenoki invades Allison's mind and body, granting her unnatural abilities and strengths – and helping her escape certain death when the first wave of pods land.

As destruction rains down on Earth's population, Allison realizes to save everyone, she must make the ultimate choice: Reject her human side and bond with Eenoki to become the Earth's Priestess – or be killed along with the rest of humanity.

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EXCERPT:

Why would they come out here?

I stagger back, shaking as I remember my narrow escape from town, and the aliens' hissing reaction to sound. I hobble to the pilothouse. "Pete!" I shout, twisting the handle. It refuses to turn. "Shut off the engines." I beat on the door.

"What the hell this yellin' about?" he shouts, throwing the door open at me. The other passengers scream. Pete turns toward the shore. "Oh my God." He runs inside. Revving the motor, he swings us back out into the bay. A loud screech jabs my eardrums as metal grinds on metal, and the engines come to an abrupt stop. "No. No!" Pete shouts, turning the key. There's no reaction at all.

Over the wind and waves, an odd clicking sound makes my flesh crawl. We all stand motionless trying to identify it. The clicks grow louder, overlapping until they become shrill. Something strikes the hull with a heavy thud, and everyone jumps. Then another pound on the boat, and another. I can't decide whether to search for the source of the noise or hide below. But I have to know, so I follow the sound to the rear of the ship. Bobbing on the waves is a human, his face streaked with a black oily residue that's oozing from his nose and mouth. It resembles the oily residue I saw on the back of Bob's neck. His eyes are opaque and dead. Nausea rises in my gut.

They didn't die. I'm not sure what they are now, but they're no longer human.

I've put everyone here in danger with my selfish request to go to shore, attracting their attention. I grow limp and drop my head back, staring up at the sky.

So close, a thin voice says, seemingly right in my ear. It's the voice that warned me to run. Clenching my jaw, I lash out through my mind at the voice. So close to what, dying?

Discordant memories churn in my head. I close my eyes to still the illusions. A glow illuminates the back of my eyelids and warmth spreads through me.

You must see, Allison. The only way left to explain in time.

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J Aislynn d'Merricksson says

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In Arwen Paris' *Fate of the Stars*, Earth has become a battlefield in the war between two alien groups. Allison just wants to enjoy a night on the beach with her friend Becca. During a beach party, she and several others witness an odd light in the sky. Later, Allison passes out on the beach. Waking in a panic, she hurries home, hoping to avoid an angry mother. Soon enough, she'll have far more to worry about than a missed curfew...

Devastating news on the personal front is followed by devastating loss on the communal front, when more lights appear in the sky. The bestial and bizarre Ma'tiok seem to have no control over their ships. They crash wherever, disgorging four-footed, needle-mouthed hunters that tear into anyone they see. Their bite proves infectious, turning the victims into some sort of psuedo-zombies, and the creatures themselves rapidly reproduce in a most unusual way. The little Ma'tiok are just as lethal as their larger dams.

Then come the other ships, bringing bipedal leopard-like warriors that hunt and kill the Ma'tiok. During the first attack, Allison managed to get to a ship out at sea. When she realises her mom is back ashore, she leaves the ship, heading to the old nuclear bunker under the library.

That journey turns into one of discovery, as she learns she is hosting an alien presence within herself, one that the second group, the Vongjar, rever. In exchange for help for her mother, Allison agrees to learn to work with the Xeenci called Eenoki, the advanced soul now sharing her body, for the Vongjar believe that only in times of great universal crisis will a second Xeenci appear.

Question is, how does Allison reconcile her humanity with the weight of this new status? And, of course, there are those who do not believe her a worthy host, though Eenoki chose her, out of the millions of others out there.

I don't usually enjoy alien invasion stories, because the aliens are often left as just that- alien. The Ma'tiok are, don't get me wrong. They act like mere animals, yet they've achieved spaceflight, or someone shoots them into planets to wipe it clean. If the latter, who controls them? If the former, what of their culture and motivations? However, the introduction of the Vongjar and Hytan species changed the dynamic. Once Allison is among the Vongjar, we learn of their culture. The Hytan as well. They cease to be faceless. They become beings whose goals and ideas we can admire.

Allison learned the hard way, just how terrified of the strange and unusual most humans are. Her growing bond with Eenoki gave her abilities beyond her known ken, and altered her appearance just enough to fall under the "too different" category for the survivors. Both of these things turned this into a very interesting book for me and I'm looking forward to continuing it!

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Bran Pendergrass says

Fate of the Stars by Arwen Paris was a thrilling young adult science fiction and fantasy that I enjoyed for what it is. What happens when a teenage girl finds herself knee-deep in an alien invasion and is the only one who can save our world?

Allison Delaney was trying to escape the horrors of the previous year by being a teenager and attending a beach bonfire. When she discovers that the waves cannot wash away the horrors of her past, Allison wanders

off to find respite and solace in her own company. To her dismay, Allison discovers that no one is around on the beach when she wakes up the next morning, so she heads back to her own home. Allison discovers that her mother has fallen ill and the sudden loss of her father rails at the inside of her heart causing her to feel that pain all over again and the overwhelming feeling of losing her mother as well. Insert chaos and drama into the story with an alien invasion that decimates the human population.

Allison starts to think she has an extra "Spidey sense" since things are happening that only affects her and no one else can explain. This could be affirmed when she finds she is able to communicate with Eenoki who helps glean an insight into the invasion thus thrusting Allison smack dab in the middle of the war.

I'm a huge fan of Fantasy and Science Fiction but this book kind of fell in the middle of the road. It was neither spectacular or deplorable, but very average and non-complex in its character development and world building. There were a vast array of alien species and there might be a few too many to keep track of. I did enjoy the fight scenes and came to feel for the main character. There was a feel of a rushed plot line and an overload of information in the beginning. I wanted more explanation and more of an insight into the complete story instead of the rushed this is what is going on and here's what's going to happen explanation from Eenoki.

Overall, the book just needed some extra editing and some more "fluff" to push it into the higher star ratings of accomplished books in this genre. Though it may not be at the top of my list, I could see recommending this story to someone who is looking to get into Science Fiction YA books for the first time as an introduction. I feel like people who are totally immersed in this category would not appreciate it as much as those who are just starting to delve into this genre.

The cover of this book is exquisite and really draws the eye for further investigation!

I received a copy from the publisher, Legendary Prose, via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review and all of the expressions and thoughts are my own

Movies, Shows, says

Note: This review contains NO spoilers

Fate of the Stars intrigued me from the start... when I read the synopsis. Thought it was an interesting sci-fi storyline. Well, no regrets there... I was pulled in to Allison's plight when her home is invaded from beyond the stars. When a dangerous situation plunges her into an incredibly difficult decision with lack of or no knowledge and/or information to help her. Moreover, Arwen Paris skillfully describes these invaders with great detail... enough to get the imagination going. It is a life and death situation that Allison is thrown into, and she has no choice. Well, she does, but her options look awfully dismal...haha!

Anyways, the character development is well written and evenly written out for all characters, even minor characters alike, evenly, particularly to the importance each one has to the storyline. With each description, the imagination's eye is able to capture a visual, even an idea of the strong personalities these individual characters have that Allison encounters. Arwen Paris also effectively describes the different aliens and their personalities. Not only that, the descriptive writing in laying out the setting almost placed me "smack dab in the middle" of this chaos...haha! I got the feel of Allison's desperation and exhaustion as she fights to keep her loved ones... and the entire human race... ALIVE!

I was in awe and "at the edge of my seat" from beginning to end. However, I felt that there was sooo much going on. I also thought, that at various different points in the book, the book could have already come to a close, even for a cliffhanger, ... some parts seemed repetitive. Moreover, as I came to the end of the book, there was just a lot of open-ended storylines and subplots that were left open. This definitely feels like the

first book in a series. Well, the plus side of this is the cliffhanger which hints at the potential for spin-off series for the various characters introduced in this book. I do look forward to more to come. What lies ahead for Allison as she begins her adventure... as Earth's priestess... We will have to wait and see...

Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy from the author/publisher but all opinions are my own.

Reviewer: Jasmine

E.A. says

(I received this book free, from the Author in exchange for my honest review)

I have to say, this book wasn't what I was expecting. It took a completely different turn then what I was going for and, it was pretty good.

So I'm mixed with this book, it was vastly original, but it also had some typical YA annoyance that took away from the epicness of the plot.

The world is in the process of ending. Creatures are infecting humans, Allison is taken over, in a somewhat like "The Host" fashion, (*All for it doesn't completely take her over, which is misleading in the synopsis.*), and for some reason, there is a freaking love triangle. Why.. just Why? There was no need of it. To me it felt like it was placed there to created drama. The world is ending! What more drama do you need? It wasn't in the story long, but long enough for me to roll my eyes and speed read through it.

The ending made me mad. Like the last few chapters of the book where freaking amazing, and then it ended. Like, it stopped before I felt the story had concluded. I had to go check the page count online to make sure I wasn't missing anything. There's a hug chunk of the story that still needs to be told. There better be a second book, or an extended version to explain that mess up.

Other then these two things, I was quite please with this book. Allison growth through out the story is steady and realistic. She's a fighter, despite all that she has lost, she stood tall and didn't back down. I do wish that we got a little more time to get to know her mom. I felt like she had more to give, and as a person she could have been so much more to the story then, what ultimately happens.

What got me, was that this story itself stars out like a normal YA, but it isn't. It broke free of the typical mould and ventured into the unknown. It was like Jupiter Ascending meets Star Track. The plot and story is truly one of a kind and I highly recommend you take a change on this amazing, sci-fi.

Happy Reading

-E.A. Walsh

Sabrina says

Checkout my full review on my blog! <http://omgbooksandmorebooks.blogspot....>

I was intrigued from start to end. I really enjoyed the Sci-fi elements of this novel. The world building and the aliens were described in detail. I really enjoyed Allison's character growth throughout the novel. I wish the side characters were more present. The story is very unique and I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

Aneta Bak says

Fate of the Stars is an epic story of an alien invasion and an unlikely heroine.

Allison is a loner, and ever more so after the death of her father. With a mother who chooses to ignore her, and a best friend who's just entered a new relationship, Allison is completely alone, that is until an alien spirit named Eenoki inhabits her body. When an evil race of aliens come down to Earth and start killing its inhabitants, Eenoki and Allison may be the only ones to stop it.

I really enjoyed reading from Allison's point of view. While she may not be the smartest character, she is definitely very determined and the character development she goes through in the book is truly amazing. In the beginning of the book we see that Allison is very shy and socially awkward. She doesn't like people very much and would rather be in her room alone than face any of her problems. After the descent of the aliens, we see Allison step out of her shell, she finally starts opening up about her emotions and becomes a stronger and more determined character, mostly due to Eenoki's help. Overall, she was a wonderful main character.

I wasn't a huge fan of any of the side characters. The ones we see the most are her best friend, her mother and her best friend's boyfriend. They were all interesting and unique in their own way, but none of them stood out or really impressed me.

The one aspect of the book that I wasn't super fond of was the storyline and how it played out. While I absolutely loved the beginning, especially with the beginning of the descent, I found the middle of the story to be repetitive and a tad boring. While I don't want to spoil too much of the story, I will say that the middle revolves around Allison going somewhere, and then running away, and then returning to that same place, only to run away again. It was a lot of back and forth, and while I can see why the author chose to write it this way, it became boring quite quickly because it didn't feel like the main character was accomplishing anything. Also this didn't help with the world building of the story, as we only get to see a very limited number of spaces.

Overall, while it had a few flaws, I think the idea behind this book is brilliant and the main character is absolutely fantastic. I can't wait to continue reading this series and see what will happen next.

Happy Reading,
Aneta

Kelly says

If you are looking for action, bravery, some humility and a teenager left to fight for your world than look no further. This story is chocked full of Earthlings fighting against aliens who only want our destruction and a second alien race who only want to annihilate them all. But there is an Alliance of Aliens who seem to have

their own agenda. What is a teenager to do when she wakes up with another alien's conscience with hers? She learns to fight. But as a teenager not even finished with high school, she doesn't know where to begin and who to trust. Her mother is dying and her father had already passed away. All she has left is her best friend. But she can't help her. Allison is being tried and tortured in her race to save her piece of Earth! Allison does find some help with the Vongjar people. They believe she is a Priestess because she can suddenly telepathically talk to them and can fight with their weapons. But Allison needs a little boost in believing in herself and needs to learn to bond with Eenoki if she is to help Earth and stay alive!

The struggle for Allison to figure out what to do makes her grow up very quickly. But she is still a teenager!

Every minute is packed with description of Earth being attacked by these aliens and a lot of action. The characters personalities stand out and make it more believable. The book is written in Allison's Point of View with Eenoki's thoughts with hers. The book is a fast read, I tore through it quickly as it kept my attention. This is a beginning of a great series! I can't wait for the next book!

If you like science fiction, a teenager who tries to believe she can help and does her best with her own frail beliefs in herself, Aliens who believe in you and will die for you, fighting for what is right knowing there may be little hope, action, the navy, and heroes then this might be for you!

Anstice Brown says

Disclosure: I was kindly given a review copy of Fate of the Stars by Xpresso Book Tours for taking part in the tour. This in no way affects the integrity of my review and as usual, all my comments are my honest opinion.

Fate of the Stars was an exciting and exhilarating read. I love sci-fi novels and the beautiful cover really appealed to me-luckily it did not disappoint!

The story is told in first-person which gives it a personal and immediate feel. From the very first chapter, I felt like I was transported to Allison's world and wanted to find out more about her. She is quite a shy and withdrawn character at the beginning of the novel, still reeling from the sudden death of her father and struggling to cope with her mother's emotional disconnection. She is trying to put on a brave face, but she feels like she doesn't belong with the care-free teenagers enjoying summer beach parties and letting their hair down.

But suddenly, all of Allison's problems are overshadowed by the huge threat of an alien invasion and the world as she knows it comes crashing down around her. Now it's all about survival and keeping those she loves safe. I really liked how I was thrown into the action almost straight away. However, at times it did seem a little rushed and I had to read some parts over again to understand what was going on.

Paris' writing is rich and detailed and she creates a vivid picture of the devastation following the invasion and of the mysterious creatures called the Ma'tiok who are taking over and viciously attacking everyone in their path. I enjoyed learning more about the Vongjar and the Hytan.

The concept of Eenoki taking over Allison's body was really interesting as she offers a different perspective on events and gives us extra information and background on what is going on. It also means that Allison

gains extra abilities such as super speed and strength that allow her to act heroically. But at the same time, Allison is still a teenage girl who is never at ease with these new powers, always questioning who she is becoming and whether what she is doing is right. I really felt for Allison as she goes through so much and literally has the weight of the world on her shoulders.

I didn't really relate to any of the other characters as much as I did to Allison, probably because we see everything from her perspective. I also wasn't a fan of the love-triangle element because I think that's quite overdone in YA and didn't really add anything to the story. Luckily, it didn't dominate the plot, which was mostly focused on Allison's journey to becoming more strong and assertive and the huge decisions she faces. The plot was good, but there was a section in the middle that was a bit slow-moving and frustrating and there were some unanswered questions at the end. I hope that there will be a sequel to tie up some of the sub-plots.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed *Fate of the Stars* and found it to be quite different from other YA novels I've read. I hope there is more to come from this author, as this could be a promising start to a series. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading YA sci-fi, especially books like *The Host* by Stephanie Meyer or *Across the Universe* by Beth Revis.

Nildene says

Where to begin really.

I suppose let's start with some main points I just can't get my mind off of.

Firstly, the pace. The entire book happens in one week, and so much happens – like full-on, jam-packed invasions, war and mayhem. It's intense. But also, I don't know if it suited the story well – in the sense that, as I was reading, I felt a bit of disconnect to characters because maybe there were points that were too fast-paced.

Our main character, Allison, has just lost her father (who we never meet) and continuously goes on to lose more and more people. And by people I mean people who are close to her but also people she meets for two seconds, grows attached to and then they disappear for the rest of the book. I don't know if they're dead or if they just moved on and maybe they'll come back later, but yeah, that wasn't fun sitting in the back of my mind as I was reading.

I kind of got *Star Wars* vibes to be honest. But I don't know if it was in a good sense – was it just too similar to have a planet killing machine with very little difference to the Death Star? (Except that this one had precision, and didn't just explode the whole planet) I'm still wondering what I think about that one so this part of my review may be edited later.

Katok and other alien characters. I get it, political intrigue and wars have a lot of people. But I don't remember half their names because I couldn't really keep track with all these different syllables. BUT I did love Donoth, he was adorable and I want to see more of him.

The storyline itself was a bit jumpy I found. One moment she was running somewhere then she was on a ship but then she was back on Earth then not and just, it was very disorientating. It was also kind of predictable, there were no moments of "oh my god plot twist" that I hadn't already guessed or possibly just didn't make as much of an impact on me as it was intended.

Still, the concept was enjoyable and I think if character development was a bit more well-executed then this would've have been a solid 4, but I can only give it a 3.5.

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3.5/5

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Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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Allison has recently lost her father as she is about to start her senior year. A little lost and lonely she tries attending a Labor Day beach party and it is a resounding failure... until a white light blinds her. "Eenoki is a protector of life but must have a sentient host to fight the invasion. A teenage girl would not be the best choice, but out of desperation Eenoki invades Allison's mind and body, granting her unnatural abilities and strengths – and helping her escape certain death when the first wave of pods land." Unknown to everyone pods of infectious creatures are on route to earth and no one will be spared... unless Allison can become the earth's priestess!

There is a fun campiness to this story that kept me reading... even though it wasn't what I expected!

-There is this connection to memories that I thought was really intriguing. Eenoki was able to share through the mind and it made for a rich back history.

-I really loved the four different alien species that were represented. I could envision each of them, especially the cat people! It's hard to create a humanoid race and yet still feel like it is another race totally.

-I loved Eenoki and the idea that his people are able bonding with another race and supplying them with the power they need to save. I can see where bodies of light would cause you to seek a more permanent existence of flesh and purpose.

-Katok! He is the first of the other races to see Allison in action and he realizes that there is something different about her but he isn't willing to accept it at first. I could see this guy more as a love interest than Stephen. It was an odd juxtaposition but I just liked Katok better!

-There are tons of political machinations with the Alliance and seeking the help Earth needs from this body of alien nations. Allison has to take action to show the Alliance that she could represent Earth!

I did struggle with the writing as it was quite flamboyant. Check out this example: "I am so sorry." My words gush out with a sob. That poor little girl. Her death is on me, on my very soul." You see? Too much! It really verges on purple prose.

At the same time there were some details quite well thought out like this description: "Aakina is massive,

lean, and muscular, at least half a foot taller than me. What I thought was tan skin is actually very fine fur. Her high cheekbones slope up and give a regal Elvish shape to her features. Her leopard-like nose, wide and flat, is the most alien thing about her. Midstep, Aakina stops. Her lips curl back, revealing gleaming white fangs."

I really wanted to love the relationship Allison had with her mother... BUT it's so exaggerated and I wasn't surprised about what happened because readers understand about cancer. I just wasn't buying the conflict (ALL contrived) with her mother, friend or Stephen her friend's boyfriend. The worst thing was Allison wasn't cognizant of what affect her actions were having on other lives. She didn't really think about others except as this mass of humanity...

I started to become increasingly annoyed with Allison... She was ALL over the place!

"The idea of being a political or religious figure makes my head spin. I'm not prepared for that. I just lost my mom and haven't even graduated from high school."

She has super clear thoughts like this one but keeps harping on her mother! And who cares about high school at this point?! I'd be worried my planet will be overrun with these monsters!!

Then I became disappointed in Eenoki!! See there is this pattern in the book... She gets somewhere, argues, isn't sure what to do but whines about something (normally her mom!) She runs or a variation thereof and is picked up again in meticulously explained scenes that try to mimic action. She calls for Enoki but he doesn't answer and yet she somehow manages to get out of the situation whether they let her out or aren't vigilant enough... *sigh* The WORST part of this pattern is that Eenoki is what makes this special snowflake special but he rarely makes an appearance!! GAH!

LOL this book... it's fun... it's action packed and full of alien tomfoolery! It's also written oddly without beats so that you can process what happened. Action is happening so fast and it is all FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! Without a pause or space of time to just take in what happens... as a result everything kind of compresses together and none of the action really stands out.

As you can see I am split on this one... I WANTED to love it... but...

? ? ??? Premise & World Building

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? ???? Writing & Narrative

? ? ??? Plot & Pacing

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? ???? Cover & Title

? ???? Feelings

BOTTOM LINE: Fluffy space invasion with some inventive alien species!

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You can find this review and many others on my book blog @ Perspective of a Writer. See my special perspective at the bottom of my reviews under the typewriter...

Neil says

I received a free copy via Netgalley in exchange for a honest review.

This was a quick read spoilt by the characters lacking depth.

Elaine says

Rating 4.5/5* - WOW! Hope this is the start of a new series!

I admit that I wasn't quite sure whether I would like this story or not, but I am so pleased I gave it a go and highly recommend you do, too! It is a very different sci-fi page turner where the focus isn't on the aliens as much as on the unlikely heroine, Allison. Allison has had a traumatic year after the untimely and unexpected death of her father. She and her Mum are coping with grief in very different ways and have, to some extent, lost contact with each other because of this. As Allison attends a beach party but, after hurtful comments from other teens attending, she leaves - only for something weird to happen to her. Unsure of what occurred she returns home . . . only to confront her Mum who shares devastating news just before life as we know it changes as space pods carrying invading aliens land . . .

Told from the first person view point of Allison, the story is action packed, dramatic and traumatic. Allison is only seventeen years old and isn't ready to become the saviour of the human world! Her dilemmas, decisions, actions and interactions are shared in a manner which makes it easy to relate to her as she encounters different aliens, develops new skills and strives to protect those she loves - including herself! There's danger and destruction and only by bonding with and working with Eenoki can they protect the Earth and all humans.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story and really do hope that the author is going to make this the first in a series as I'd love to read more about what happens next, both on the Earth and in the Alliance. I hadn't anticipated enjoying this story as much as I did and I have no hesitation in highly recommending it to anyone who enjoys Earth based science fiction with an unlikely heroine!

I requested and was gifted a copy of this story and this is my honest opinion after choosing to read it.

Michael says

I received a digital copy free from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Fate of The Stars by Arwen Paris is an interesting Science Fiction adventure about an alien invasion on Earth. Allison is a young high school girl who recently lost her father and is struggling to recover from that loss. She is chosen as a host for a sentient being named Eenoki just before a vicious alien invasion begins. She is torn between wanting to be with her friends and family, becoming whom she was chosen to be, and dealing with the responsibility of saving earth that has been thrust upon her. She must also deal with an Alliance who is trying to wipe out the invaders by taking Earth with it.

Allison was such a unique character for me, as she isn't just another character who accepts things easily and

sets forth to do what she was chosen to do. She constantly is fighting with her own lack of confidence, her fear, her loss of loved ones, and other factors. This made her entirely relatable, and characters like her always make me think about how ridiculous it is that many just accept the hero role without much thought or inner turmoil. I enjoyed watching her grow through out this book to learn and accept who she is, yet still have insecurities about herself and whether she is capable of carrying such a burden even.

The story itself won't really surprise anyone who reads a lot of Sci-Fi. The Ma'tiok invaders and their gruesome nature definitely conjured up some disturbing images in my imagination. I thought the other races like the Vongjar and the Hytans were kind of by the numbers. One bound by honor, and the other is led by someone who isn't. Just kind of by the numbers in my opinion. Eenoki, the being who chose Allison as a host was probably the most interesting, but I wish a bit more was revealed about him as a whole.

As for the writing, I struggled with it a bit in the beginning. I felt like Paris spends a bit too much time being over descriptive. It kind of takes away from allowing my own imagination to conjure up what I'm reading about, and forces it a bit much. Much of the first half of the book is lacking in a lot of conversations, and it is just the reader following what Allison is thinking and seeing about what she is experiencing. I found the second half of the book much more interesting. The general pace of the story picks up, and things become more interesting as she learns her role in everything. Where I found myself taking breaks early on, I couldn't put the book down once I hit that halfway point.

Overall, *Fate of the Stars* is a really good YA debut. Allison as a character makes up for some story shortcomings and early pacing issues. I truly felt empathy for her, and just connected with her as a protagonist. By the end of this novel, I found myself eager for the sequel to see how her journey continues. For Allison's character alone, I would recommend this book for anyone looking for a quick and enjoyable Sci-Fi read.

Cover Thoughts: It definitely emanates Science Fiction in a very stereotypical way, but I love how the book showcases Allison's eyes. Her eyes help grab your attention when I don't think I'd have given this book a second look with them missing. I do wish the little quote wasn't there at the bottom, as it mimics the overly used phrase from Uncle Ben in *Spider-Man*.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5 Beers

Carrie says

Fate of the Stars by Arwen Paris is a fast paced young adult science fiction fantasy. The story is that of one teenage girl that ends up in the middle of an alien invasion and tasked with saving the world.

Allison Delaney was attending a bonfire party at the beach but feeling a bit left out when she walked away from the crowd only to awaken the next morning to find everyone else gone. Not believing no one would miss her or have looked for her she heads home only to receive news that her mother is ill and just having lost her father this is a rather big shock.

But before Allison can digest the news aliens invade the planet and chaos breaks out as many humans begin to die. Allison's weird sense of something having happened to her only increases as she finds herself communicating with Eenoki who seems to have inhabited Allison giving her extra powers. Eenoki's presence gives Allison an insight to the aliens and she finds herself caught up in the war.

Fate of the Stars is one of those books that I pick up and cringe a bit when I see a list of characters and alien species inside the book. For me this means that the story is usually one that is complex and hard to follow if we need a separate listing to refer to. Really my guess isn't far off as the story does get pretty complex with the warring aliens.

The story is one that would probably make an awesome action movie as it jumps almost immediately into the huge scene of aliens everywhere leaving destruction in their path. My complaint though would really resort back to the previously mentioned lists in the fact that the fast pace seemed to overpower world and character building with the author slipping in the contact with Eenoki to allow Allison to suddenly know all about what was going on. I, however, wanted more explanation and a bit of build up to the events that you normally find in books as opposed to movies. In the end though it was a decent story that I wish had just gone a bit deeper in the details to match the pace of the action.

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