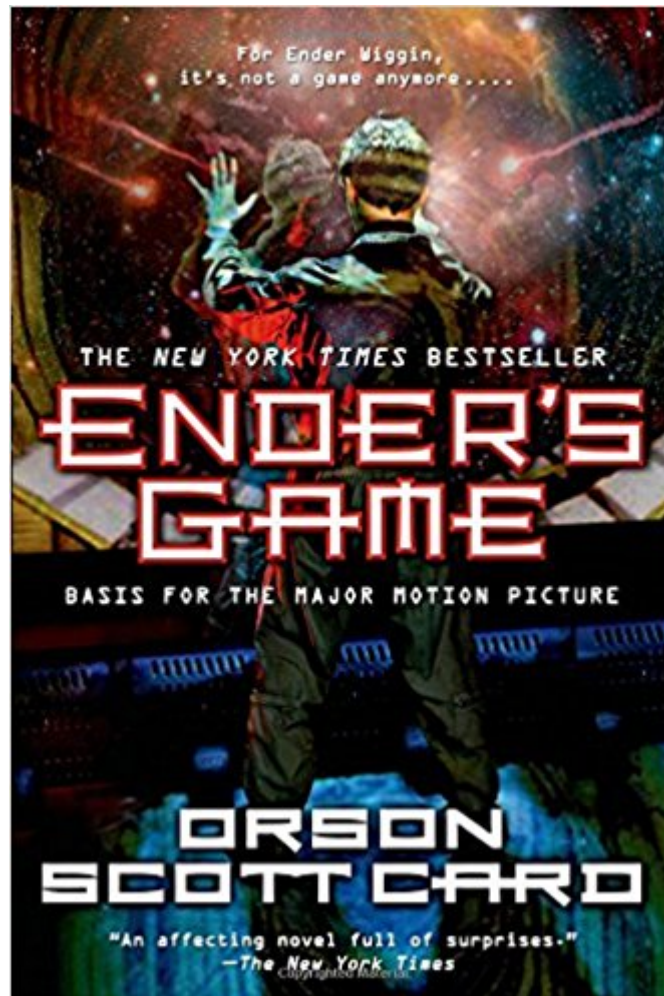




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Ender's Game (The Ender Quintet)



Synopsis

The worldwide bestseller, *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card comes to the screen at last in a major motion picture event in November 2013. Starring Hugo's Asa Butterfield, Harrison Ford, and Ben Kingsley, the movie is sure to inspire a new audience of fans to read the book that started it all. Once again, Earth is under attack. An alien species is poised for a final assault. The survival of humanity depends on a military genius who can defeat the aliens. But who? Ender Wiggin. Brilliant. Ruthless. Cunning. A tactical and strategic master. And a child. Recruited for military training by the world government, Ender's childhood ends the moment he enters his new home: Battle School. Among the elite recruits Ender proves himself to be a genius among geniuses. He excels in simulated war games. But is the pressure and loneliness taking its toll on Ender? Simulations are one thing. How will Ender perform in real combat conditions? After all, Battle School is just a game. Isn't it?

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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 an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Intense is the word for Ender's Game. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses -- and then training them in the arts of war... The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of 'games'... Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games... He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet? --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I finally got around to reading Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card! I could swear I read this book as a kid, but now I kind of don't think so. Maybe I picked it up but never actually read it. I have a pretty good memory and I think it would seem at least vaguely familiar to me if I'd read it before. And it didn't. Not at all. As for the book, I freakin' loved it! I didn't go into it thinking I'd like it so much. It's was just fascinating! I'm not very familiar with Card's work, despite knowing very well who he is (we share a religion) but I can say now with absolute confidence that Orson Scott Card is a genius. Ender is the youngest of three children. But he lives in a society that limits most families to two children in order to control the population. His parents had to get special permission to have him. He thinks they only did it to put him into school. Card does a good job of showing that, even though Ender thinks his parents never truly wanted him, the opposite was most likely true. Ender just can't see it. When he is asked to join battle school, he feels obligated to do so, so that as a "Third" he will not be an embarrassment to his parents. There's a lot of sadness in this book from the get-go. Ender's older brother, Peter, is mean and violent, showing serial killer tendencies such as killing small animals. Between him, and other bullies at school, Ender gets beat up a lot. He's small, but smarter than most, which is why he makes it to battle school and why he's often the object of bullying. There were parts that brought me to tears. (I'm looking at you,

scene-with-Valentine-on-the-lake). This may sound like a typical anti-bullying middle grade read, but it's not. Not at all. The science is interesting, but it's really being inside Ender's head and seeing him run through all his strategy that makes the book truly addictive. The characters are young children (Ender is six as the book begins) but they are so intelligent, that they think like adults. So they have more book smarts than most normal adults will attain in their lifetimes, but they still have the emotional vulnerability of children. Sorry to keep quoting Mr. Spock, but simply fascinating. I really couldn't put this book down. I totally loved it and would recommend it to absolutely anyone. Totally gonna go shove it down my younger brothers' throats and tell them to read it or no Thanksgiving pie for them! Okay, I really won't. I'm not that mean. But I am going to tell them to read it. Because everyone should read this book once. Especially young boys. That, and I need someone to geek out about it with. :D So yeah, go read this one. And then you can see the film. :D Come back tomorrow for my review of that story medium for this book. :D

This is a book for grownups - but also a book for a teen or tweener who likes to read, as well. The characters of any merit in the book just happen to be children - gifted children. It is a tale of outer space/ alien creatures and the potential end of the world. Perfect for the sci-fi/fantasy fanatic. All that being said, it is the story of the indomitable human spirit embodied in one little boy named Ender Wiggin and truly the weight of the world rides on his shoulders. We've all felt like that...as though the weight of our own world rides solely on our own shoulders and we've felt the things this young boy feels - and it's how we dealt with it and how Ender deals with what is handed, thrown at and forced to that makes this tale magnificent. It's one of those books that is a keeper for the library and a book you'll want to read again...I sure know I do. Happily in this multiple story book - there's plenty more to read! From a monetary standpoint, this is an excellent value - from the standpoint of an excellent set of reads...it's like winning a lottery. Orson Scott Card is excellence personified. His books are diverse. I discovered him when I read his book *Magic Street* - an outstanding book. This is excellent. He gets into a kid's mind and stays there and grows up with him in outer space.

I loved this book! I will admit I was hesitant to read it even though it had been recommended to me numerous times by various people. I have just never enjoyed reading science fiction that much. I did want to see the movie though, and I was told if I wanted to watch the movie, I should read the book first so I could understand things not clearly explained in the movie. That being said, I became engrossed almost immediately. I was enthralled with this society that needed children who could go on to become serious military members. I had to know what was happening with Ender, who was

basically a test-tube baby. I couldn't put the book down until I discovered if he fulfilled his destiny or not. I empathized with Ender throughout the whole book. It's so hard not to become attached to this brilliant little kid who is ripped away from his family and sent to a place where he is initially persecuted because the other kids are jealous of his genius military tactics. I've never been a big fan of any war stories, but I was deeply involved in this one. I was rooting for Ender to win each and every one of his "practice" battles. Poor Ender spending grueling hours being used by the military bigwigs. I felt as sad and betrayed as he did when he found out he had single-handedly destroyed a species. I became so attached to Ender that I had to read the rest of the series to find out what happened with his life. This is a wonderful story that will truly draw you in and captivate your imagination.

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