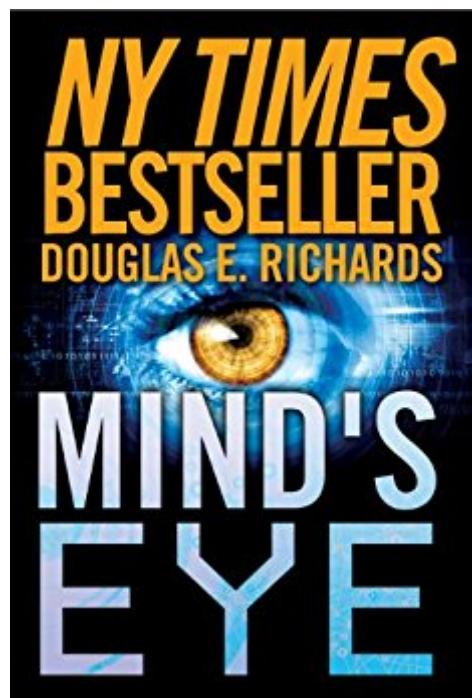


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# Mind's Eye (Nick Hall Book 1)



## Synopsis

A breathtaking near-future thriller. From the NY Times bestselling author whose books have sold over a million copies. When Nick Hall wakes up in a dumpster--bloodied, without a memory, and hearing voices in his head--he knows things are bad. But they're about to get far worse. Because he's being hunted by a team of relentless assassins. Soon Hall discovers that advanced electronics have been implanted in his brain, and he now has two astonishing abilities. He can surf the web using thoughts alone. And he can read minds. But who's responsible? And why is someone so desperate to kill him? As Hall battles for survival and races to find answers, he comes to learn that far more is at stake than just his life. Because his actions can either catapult civilization to new heights--or bring about its total collapse. Based on actual research on thought-controlled web surfing, Mind's Eye is a smart, roller-coaster ride of a thriller. One that raises a number of intriguing possibilities about a future that is just around the corner. Be sure to look for BrainWeb (Nick Hall 2) and MindWar (Nick Hall 3). "Richards is a tremendous new talent" (Stephen Coonts) who can "keep you turning the pages all night long" (Douglas Preston). "Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton" (SF Book.com). Near Future Science Fiction Thrillers by Douglas E. Richards: WIRED (Wired 1), AMPED (Wired 2), MIND'S EYE (Nick Hall 1), BRAINWEB (Nick Hall 2), MIND WAR (Nick Hall 3) -- New in 2016, QUANTUM LENNSPLIT, SECOND GAME CHANGER -- New in 2016, INFINITY BORN -- New in 2017. Kids Science Fiction Thrillers (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike): TRAPPED (Prometheus Project 1), CAPTURED (Prometheus Project 2), STRANDED (Prometheus Project 3), OUT OF THIS WORLD, THE DEVIL'S SWORD.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A man wakes in a dumpster with no memory of who he is or how he got there. If that's not bad enough, he soon discovers people are trying to kill him. So begins "Mind's Eye," a techno-thriller from Douglas Richards. Our hero soon learns he has other capabilities, like being able to read people's minds and being able to surf the web with his thoughts. Through his mind reading, he learns his name is Nick Hall. By being able to access his assassin's thoughts, Nick is able to counter their efforts and escape their clutches. He also learns he has been a guinea pig for cerebral implants which give him the web surfing capabilities. But reading minds seems to be a double edged sword. He has no way to turn the ability off and as long as he is near other people, he receives a constant chatter in his brain. Also, he learns the innermost thoughts of anyone he comes in contact with and discovers a lot of the population to be sick and demented. I won't get into much more of the plot as I don't want to give away any of the twists. The book is full of action and double crosses. It will keep you guessing as to what will happen next. The middle of the book slows down a bit as the pros and cons of mind reading and thought-driven internet access are debated. I think Nick and his friends make a good case for what is their final decision on his abilities. However, the government and certain sociopathic individuals have other plans. If you enjoy a fast paced adventure with a slant to cutting edge technology, then I think you will enjoy "Mind's Eye."

This novel represents another home run by author Douglas E. Richards. The premise is, admittedly, over the top. The protagonist, Nick Hall, has lost his memory of his identity but has gained the ability to read human minds. He can also surf the Internet and access it totally without any external hardware such as a laptop computer. This gives him mental abilities that are obviously unparalleled, together with problems such as the fact that he is constantly bombarded with unwanted thoughts from those around him. And, of course, the protagonist is being pursued by Richards' trademark paramilitary forces together with the bad old US government. This could've been somewhat passable,

but as usual Richards managed to pull it off brilliantly and this is a very readable novel that held my interest throughout. Unlike many science fiction authors, Richards never forgets to make his characters likable and real to the reader so that the reader cares about what happens to them. Too many science fiction authors treat their characters as afterthoughts. Not Richards. I keep giving Richards novels 5 star ratings, but that is because they are all such brilliant reads. To be perfectly honest, I do not believe in telepathy and I doubt that it is ever going to happen, so this novel required that I suspend my frank disbelief in its premise. No matter. I enjoyed this novel thoroughly. RJB.

...and it's a heckuva good read! Admittedly, I went into this one with a bit of prejudice, not being much fan of mindreader-esp yarns; figured, what the hey, don't have to eat the whole egg if it's bad. This is a tightly written, plot driven book, as is much of science fiction. That's not a problem, it's a FEATURE! Richards' characters sneaked up on me, and pounced hard by chapter three. I found characters I could identify with, in (horrific!) situations I understood, driven towards a 'who would guess' cli-max-max-MAX - ( yup, it builds...) and I cared about the result. I want more; I think you will, too.

Consider yourself warned. I downloaded this book and got nothing done that day. I spent the next two days reading this book because I was unable to put it down. People innocently start reading, and before the first page is read, they've become hopelessly addicted. Consider yourself warned. That being said, Nick Hall wakes up in a dumpster, bloodied, without a memory, and hearing voices in his head and he knows things are bad. But they're about to get far worse; he's being hunted by a team of relentless assassins. He discovers advanced electronics have been implanted in his brain, and he now has two astonishing abilities. He can surf the web using thoughts alone. And he can read minds. As Hall races to find answers, he comes to learn that far more is at stake than just his life. Because his actions can either catapult civilization to new heights--or bring about its total collapse.

This is a great story with an excellent premise. It is well written, fast paced, and has some good twists at the end. The characters are well done and the writing far exceeds much of the new fiction out there. I am going to go order up one of his other books right now and check it out.

This is my first encounter with this author. It's the kind of story that you tell yourself, it's late but just

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It's not often that I've read a science fiction novel, with complex postulations, that didn't have any disappointing holes. I thoroughly enjoyed the science, the characters, and the action/suspense.

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