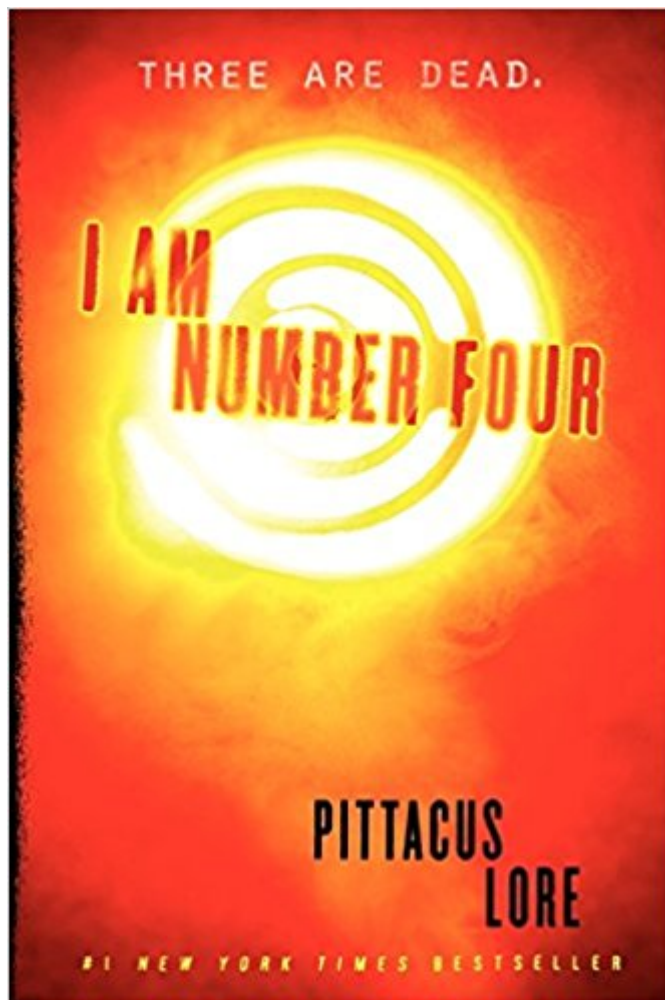


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I Am Number Four (Lorien Legacies)



Synopsis

The first book of the #1 New York Times bestselling series and the inspiration for the hit movie from Dreamworks! John Smith seems like an ordinary teenager, living a normal life with his guardian Henri in Paradise, Ohio. But for John, keeping a low profile is essential, because he is not an ordinary teenager. He's an alien from the planet Lorien, and he's on the run. A group of evil aliens from the planet Mogadore, who destroyed his world, are hunting anyone who escaped. Nine Loric children were sent to Earth to live in hiding until they grew up and developed their Legacies, powers that would help them fight back and help them save us. Three of them are now dead. John is Number Four, and he knows he's next. Michael Bay, director of Transformers, raved: "Number Four is a hero for this generation." This epic story is perfect for fans of action-packed science fiction like The 5th Wave series by Rick Yancey, The Maze Runner series by James Dashner, and Orson Scott Card's Ender's Game. The battle for Earth's survival wages on. Read all of the books: #2: The Power of Six, #3: The Rise of Nine, #4: The Fall of Five, #5: The Revenge of Seven, #6: The Fate of Ten, and #7: United as One. Don't miss the first book in the brand-new I Am Number Four spin-off series: Generation One.

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Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month, August 2010: John Smith has just arrived in Paradise, Ohio, just another

stop in a string of small towns where the 15-year-old has been hiding out from the Mogadorians. Those terrifying aliens are hellbent on destroying him and the other nine Loric children who have sought refuge on Earth. The Mogadorians are picking off the surviving kids in numerical order. The first three are dead and John's number is up. Will his Legacies, his defining super powers, develop in time for him to fight against the enemy? *I Am Number Four* is a breathless page-turner of a sci-fi novel that will have readers rooting for the teen alien who must unleash his fire power to save himself, his human friends, and the planet. This is the first of a slated multi-book series that, judging by this first book, will help reinvigorate a traditional YA genre that's grown a bit light on strong character development. So, gear-up sci-fi fans, the battle for Earth is on and there's a new kid in town! --Lauren Nemroff

Will Hill and Pittacus Lore: Author One-on-One

Will: Hill's new thrilling trilogy kicks off with *Department Nineteen*. Recently he was able to ask some questions of the mysterious Pittacus Lore. Read the resulting -exclusive interview below, or turn the tables to see what happened when Pittacus interviewed Will.

Will: Number Four is told to blend in but he finds this a difficult task. Being a mysterious figure yourself, has this ever happened to you?

Pittacus: I have always taken great care to conceal my identity. I change my appearance regularly. I do not speak or correspond with many people. No one has ever suspected me of being what I am, which is an alien military leader with superpowers. If anyone ever does, it will be a bad day for me.

Will: Why is now the time to write the unknown history of the planet Loric and the Nine? What do you think the people of Earth can learn from the Loric Legacies?

Pittacus: We are in the middle of a war to save the remaining Loric, and to save earth. We thought the people of earth might want to know about it. I hope humanity does not make the same mistake we did on our planet, which was to be unprepared the day war arrived on a grand scale.

Will: Who do you think would win in a fight, Dracula or a Mogadorian?

Pittacus: Dracula wouldn't stand a chance. If he tried to drink Mogadorian blood he'd poison himself. It would be like drinking battery acid.

Will: Number Four has his legacies as his best weapon. Do you think John could be an agent of Department Nineteen?

Pittacus: Once we have vanquished the Mogadorians, maybe that is what he will become. He certainly has some mad skills.

Will: Sarah in *I Am Number Four* is in love with an alien. Jamie in *Department Nineteen* is falling for a vampire named Larissa. What makes young love just so difficult? Do you think these crazy kids/vampires/aliens will ever make it work?

Pittacus: Love is a beautiful and confusing thing. I hope they all live happily ever after.

Will: *I Am Number Four* has made the perfect action sci-fi movie. What has it been like to see this come to life on the big screen?

Pittacus: It's been thrilling and fun and very cool. We're hoping to see all six of the books become films.

Will: What can we expect in *The Power of Six*?

Pittacus: Six is a powerful young woman. Mogadorians fear her. In *The Power of Six*, we see why.

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•Despite the amazing powers that many of the people of Lorien possess, the planet was defeated and its natural resources looted by Mogadorians in a matter of days. Only nine children escaped with their guardians to Earth, where they planned to hide until they developed their powers in order to defeat their enemies and revive Lorien. The Mogadorians hunt the Nine and have already killed three of them. And that's just the backstory. When Number Four, bearing the name "John Smith," moves to Paradise, OH, he runs afoul of the school bully, falls for the most beautiful girl in town, and befriends the local alien conspiracy nerd in short order. There is plenty of great action, but the dialogue is average, as is the character development. With its interesting premises and a fast-pace telling, the story will grab readers who are willing to suspend quite a bit of disbelief. Others, who like their science fiction with a bit more science and internal logic, will have to search elsewhere.
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I Am Number Four is a Sci-Fi book about a fifteen-year-old alien boy called Number Four, or John. Number Four is from a planet called Lorien, which was overrun by an alien race called the Mogadorians when he was a small child. Four and 8 others made it out, along with their parents, who are assigned to protect the 9 "Garde". The Loric made a long journey from their home planet to present-day Earth. Now the Mogadorians are on Earth, searching for the last of the Loric race, to eliminate them for good. So far, the Mogadorians have killed One, Two, and Three. Now they are on the hunt for Four. My favorite part of the book has to be the final battle with the Mogadorians. I enjoyed this part mainly because of the never ending suspense and thrill throughout the whole battle. The fight does feel a bit long at points, but still maintains excitement throughout the entire battle. Another one of the reasons that I enjoyed this part was all the main characters in the novel coming together to fight against the Mogadorians. There are many other exciting and suspenseful segments of the book, but the battle is my favorite. On the other hand, my least favorite part of the book is definitely Four's dreams/flashbacks to Lorien. Throughout the entire book they feel unneeded and do not contribute to the plot other than maybe one or two of them. The flashbacks give the feeling that they are in the book only to fill space, and not to entertain the reader. Some people may feel different about them, and may enjoy learning about the lore and backstory of Lorien. Other than the flashbacks, I enjoyed most of the book and would recommend it

to others. This book can easily appeal to many different kinds of people, with the sudden hints of romance included, and the intense and thrilling battles against the Mogadorians. In my opinion, the book is mainly written for people who like reading Sci-Fi and learning about alien life. However, the book does manage to include some romance and drama.

Contemporary Sci-fi, Young Adult John Smith and his guardian Henri seem to be living a normal life in Paradise, Ohio and John seems to be an ordinary teenager. John is most definitely not an ordinary teenager and keeping a low profile is essential for him. He is on the run and is an alien from the planet Loric. Aliens that are evil and from the planet Mogadore, destroyed his world and are now hunting anyone that escaped. There were nine Loric children that come to Earth to hide until they grew up and developed their Legacies. The powers that would help them fight back, survive and save Earth. Three are now dead. John is Number Four and knows he is next. This is a story that is full of action and adventure and makes for a very fast read. It will also have readers checking out the other books in the series to learn more about this world and those that live in it. Reading how John fights to stay alive makes for an amazing read and will have readers hoping for more about him in the other books. It will also have readers hoping for a good ending at the end of the series. The book is full twists and turns and definitely takes readers on a roller coast ride that is unforgettable.

Decided to read the book after seeing the film and wasn't disappointed. I like good SciFi, the kind without giant bugs eating people. There were actions missing from the film, and some of the character traits were switched to another in the film. Still, I was inspired to get the next book in the series, The Power of Six.

I didn't know what to think about this book at all when I first opened it. I was just like...wth! This book is real! No. Way. But literally that isn't true at all. The real writer (who is a ghost writer named Josie Hughes) went to Black River High School which is a place I'm familiar with because of *coughs* reasons. When I first found that info I was like "Cool I want to check this book out" and then chaos was unleashed. I was so confused because I looked up this Pittacus guy and said "bruh. What are you talking about? You are not an alien." And then I found out about the whole James Frey thing and it. Made. Me. Mad. Josie Hughes was fired from continuing the series with Frey because Frey wanted it to go one way and Hughes wanted another (Hughes came up with most of the stuff). And then Frey goes on with continuing the series without him. Wth! Besides all this confusion and crap it

wasn't a bad book so I'm giving it four stars.

This book is a work of art. For anyone who likes comic books, superheroes, Star Wars, or any other type of sci-fi, this book is most definitely for you. It keeps you hooked throughout, wondering what powers (legacies) that the heroes will sprout. When you read it, who can connect to the characters, wondering what will happen next, or feeling sorry for them. I am currently on the 4th book (The Fall Of Five). I must say that each book gets better and better. These books keep the reader excited and hooked throughout. I am constantly wondering what will happen next. In the third book, a cave writing depicts that a character (my favorite character) will die. The other characters are trying not to let him die, and each time that he is on the brink of death, he comes back to life due to another character's healing power. One betrays the group, which is like a slap to the face I must say, but it keeps the reader even more interested. I am telling you: READ THIS BOOK!!! If you don't, your gonna wish that you had. This book is also great for getting kids to read that usually don't read. I knew someone who almost never read, but once they picked up this book, they couldn't get enough. This book is a must read. Happy reading!

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