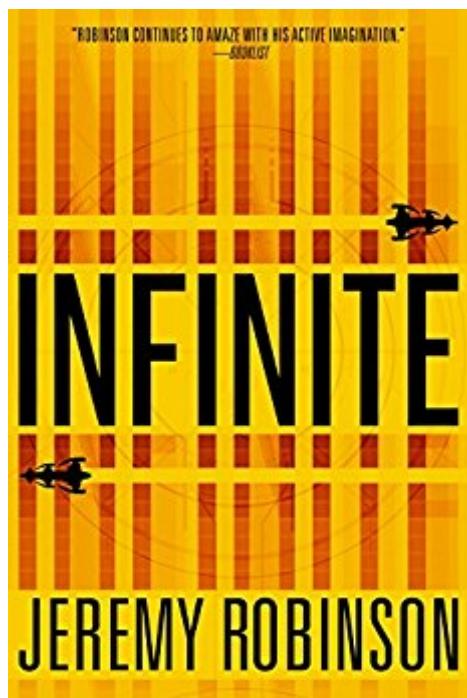


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Synopsis

SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME...The Galahad, a faster-than-light spacecraft, carries fifty scientists and engineers on a mission to prepare Kepler 452b, Earth's nearest habitable neighbor at 1400 light years away. With Earth no longer habitable and the Mars colony slowly failing, they are humanity's best hope. After ten years in a failed cryogenic bed--body asleep, mind awake--William Chanokh's torture comes to an end as the fog clears, the hatch opens, and his friend and fellow hacker, Tom, greets him...by stabbing a screwdriver into his heart. This is the first time William dies. It is not the last. When he wakes from death, William discovers that all but one crew member--Capria Dixon--is either dead at Tom's hands, or escaped to the surface of Kepler 452b. This dire situation is made worse when Tom attacks again--and is killed. Driven mad by a rare reaction to extended cryo-sleep, Tom hacked the Galahad's navigation system and locked the ship on a faster-than-light journey through the universe, destination: nowhere. Ever. Mysteriously immortal, William is taken on a journey with no end, where he encounters solitary desperation, strange and violent lifeforms, a forbidden love, and the nature of reality itself....HE DISCOVERS THE INFINITE. Jeremy Robinson, the master of fast-paced and highly original stories seamlessly blending elements of horror, science fiction, and thrillers, tackles his most ambitious subject matter to date: reality itself. An amalgam of the works of J.J. Abrams and Ridley Scott, Infinite is a bold science fiction novel exploring the vastness of space and a man's desire to exist, find love, and alter the course of his life.

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Customer Reviews

Infinite by Jeremy Robinson blew me away. This is easily a top contender for which one of this author's books should become a high budget blockbuster. With subtle influences of other great science fiction stories/films, just a little bit here and there, but still very unique in its own right, this latest recipe is more than properly saturated in Dr. Robinson's Old Fashioned Imagination Tonic, and finally shaken and stirred to create what I found to be a riveting sci-if tale. It made my head spin at times but never in a way that took away from the story. I could not stop reading it. Check it out!

I won't go into a book synopsis, because you can read that here for yourself or in other reviews. Let me just say that this book was fascinating! I have read just about every book this author has written, and while I have some favorites, this one will certainly fall in that list. The story did remind me a bit of the movie Passengers, but kicked up several notches! I stayed up late into the morning to finish this one. Highly recommended for sci-fi fans and anyone else who wants to read an awesome story! Trust me...you won't be sorry. Kudos, Mr. Robinson...it's no wonder you're one of my favorite authors!

This novel grew on me. Or 'novels', it felt like there are a couple of mini-books in here, timelined up against each other and with all the same characters, but kind of distinct in their tone. Anyway, it's the future. Earth is an ecological wreck, Mars is on the way to the same. On an FTL spaceship heading to Kepler 452b, William Chanokh comes out of cryogenics to find only to be killed by fellow crewmate, Tom. And it gets weirder from there. Will can't seem to die. And he finds this out in many painful and graphically described ways. Now would be fine if the ship was heading where it was supposed to. But Tom went crazy, turned it toward the end of the cosmos and locked the controls. Oh, and killed pretty much everyone else while he was at. So now Will has to hack his way in, which is going to take some time (that's OK, he has plenty to spare) taunted by the fact that until he works

things out, the object of his affection, Capria Dixon, is a veritable Sleeping Beauty in her own cryogenic bed, ready to be woken by him as Prince Charming when the moment is right. And it is the nature of all that time and what Will does with it that drives this novel. He's immortal, he's quite moral and he's marooned. So he is kind of a Tom Hanks "Cast Away" character but with all the resources of a self-repairing space ship run by an AI he can somewhat program, Tom's hard to crack locks notwithstanding. Oh yeah, but with no chance of rescue. Ever! To be fair, a book of one human-ish character (he's immortal, hence the 'ish') and one AI makes for some dull spots while they contemplate their navels. Kind of like that "Passengers" movie last year had dull spots (and "Infinite" has lots of similarities with the movie actually) but they are mostly in the first mini-book section, which I felt was about the first third. As things move along, we get less of these. Ultimately, this is a book that asks the big "Why" question, then tries to answer it using allegory and allusion. Despite the geek aspect (we still have devs and hackers in the future, go figure) this is not for everyone. It's a locked-box puzzle, but that's incidental; it's one man's journey of personal enlightenment, but that does not mean it's every man's journey; it's a philosophical conversation about what actually comprises the universe, but really there are current physics books that go into that way better. So, it's an unusual beast. If you like to think about stuff like this, then Robinson will prod you, hard. If you just like story arcs of action or adventure, then this is probably not for you.

Jeremy Robinson has become one of my favorite writers. I first read his Chess Team books and started searching for the rest of his books. I have been seriously entertained and have spent hours and lost sleep reading his books. It's just too difficult to stop without finding out what happens next. So I keep reading and realize it's 4 o'clock in the morning. INFINITE is a departure from his usual style of books. It has much more of a Science Fiction feel to it where his other books were more action thrillers with more than a touch of the supernatural about them. Jeremy Robinson stretches himself as a writer in INFINITE and succeeds very well. The story starts on a ship in deep space where the main character wakes up with a screwdriver in his chest. He dies and returns to life and the story takes off with our hero trying to find out just what is happening and why things are going as they are. The first few pages were a little slow but the story soon picks up and the reader finds themselves taken up with the story and what happens next. I recommend this book to everyone who likes Science Fiction and thrillers with a touch of out of this world story telling. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. I also recommend the reader purchase his other books and get set for many hours of reading entertainment.

There is a lot more to this book than you would suspect after reading the first two chapters. In fact that is one of the surprising things about this book - it keeps morphing every time you think you know where it is going. Normally this might be jarring but in Mr. Robinson's hands (and imagination) it becomes an exciting and unexpected journey through a mixed bag of ideas. The transitions are sudden but not jarring, rather you get the feeling that you are opening a new layer, like those nesting dolls where you open up one and a new one is inside. How far will it go? Well, you will have to read the book to find out. The reasons this doesn't get the coveted 5 Stars is that I found myself starting to anticipate the coming changes and figuring out the ending too soon. But that's just me - my mind works that way. But even though there were a couple of the changes that I felt came too soon or weren't as interesting, I just kept "opening" the story to find a better one inside.

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. It was truly unique, with twists and turns. It held my attention throughout and I was so very sorry when there were no more pages. One of Jeremy Robinson's best works - something completely removed from his other novels (and I've read most of them.)

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