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After inadvertently saving the world, eighteen-year-old Jessica Martinez is ready to put adventure behind her and settle back into the familiar routine of high school.

Though when she's offered an opportunity to photograph the inside of an alien space ship, Jess jumps at the chance. After all, she'd be crazy to turn something like that down, right?

Spending time with David on the ship has definite advantages and the two seem to pick up right where they left off. But when Jess discovers a plot to sabotage David's efforts to establish a new home for his people on another planet, neither David's advanced tech nor Jess's smarts will be able to save them.

ASHES IN THE SKY is an action-packed, romantic Sci Fi adventure that will leave readers screaming for more.

## **Ashes in the Sky Details**

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## From Reader Review Ashes in the Sky for online ebook

### J. Ford says

When we think of aliens, I think most of us conjure up visions of little green men flying around in spaceships. I can assure you, however, the ones in the book I'm about to talk about aren't little green men. They are otherworldly. Intelligent. A little self-righteous. But they have this incredible ability to turn into something us humans can understand, and that's human.

In book one of the series, FIRE IN THE WOODS (a must read by the way before you read this one), we meet high schooler Jess, a National Geographic wannabe, and David, this kid who just crash landed an alien vessel in the woods near Jess's house. But he's not your typical alien. Nope. He's hot. In fact, he's the heart throb of every teenage girl in the world. Well, at least he looks like him enough to fool Jess. Anyway, the two end up on this wild adventure trying to escape the army that is trying to capture him, while David tries to protect Jess from the aliens that want to kill her. It's a great story, and a fast read and I loved it, which says a lot because I normally don't read Sci Fi. Needless to say, I've been waiting for almost 2 years for ASHES IN THE SKY to come out, and lookie!! It's here!!

After reading the first book, I was expecting an excellent read and boy did Ms. Eaton deliver. This book was jammed pack with action and romance and I fell in love with alien David all over again. Can the guy get anymore swoon-worthy? The chemistry between Jess and David jumps off the pages. He's so into her and she's so into him, but they are always thinking about the alien thing that stands between them. How could it possibly work? He's from a planet called Erescopia and she's from Earth. In his true form, he is truly as alien as they come, but Jess loves him. In fact, she loves him more as himself than as the human David. But he's so sweet and loving and doesn't want to pretend that things could be perfect between them. I think this is a theme that teens can relate to especially if they are attracted to someone of a different race or of the same gender. How will people react? Where will they go where people don't stare and talk? How can they have a normal life with so many prejudices in the way? I found it refreshing how the author wove this theme into the book about aliens. I guess humans aren't the only ones to wrestle with these everyday dilemmas.

The action in this book is still there and it grabs you from start to finish. The pace is fast and you will reach the end of the book before you know it and beg for the last book. You'll kick and cry because you can't get your hands on Book 3 for maybe another year or so. Yes. You heard me. Of course, miracles are known to happen, so you never know. :-)

I loved the other characters in this book as well, especially Edgar. I'm not going to tell you anything about him except that he is a brilliant creation from the mind of Jennifer Eaton. He's so ... no. I'm not going to tell you. You're going to have to read it for yourself.

Is there a downside to this book? I guess that depends on what you're looking for. This is a YA book and it has a YA appeal. If you're looking for something like ACROSS THE UNIVERSE or THE 5TH WAVE, this isn't for you. If you're looking for something along the lines of ALIENATED, or Jennifer Armentrout's LUX series, then ASHES IN THE SKY is for you.

5 stars out of 5, folks. I can't wait for the final book. It's going to be a doozy!

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## Dani (Dani Reviews Things & Love in a time of Feminism) says

See this review in its natural environment, Dani Reviews Things.

*I received this book for free from Chapter by Chapter in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.*

Rating: 4.5 stars

I loved the first book of this series SO MUCH that I immediately picked up the next one!

What I enjoyed about *Fire in the Woods* continued in *Ashes in the Sky*. I don't want to repeat myself too much, so be sure to read my review for the first book here. But I want to pick up on a few things that really stood out in this book.

First off, I read this book in a day, ignoring all other responsibilities, 100% because the excitement started pretty early on and continued (and *escalated*) right to the very end. There were moments where I was *sure* David and Jess were goners, or at least various body parts were!

Our main characters, Jess and David, were both kickass in their own ways, especially David. He was so caring and clever (because alien scientists), but Jess also had her smart moments. At the same time, they both had real insecurities, given that they were in love and *from different planets*. That's no big issue to overcome. There was even a moment where they had to acknowledge their different...err...parts. Because...ya know...David in his natural form doesn't have the same...uh...parts... AWKWARD. But I have high hopes for these two, as much as they seem to think they're too different to be together. For a start, there are ways around their physical problem... But also, the abilities that David had were starting to show in Jess, and while we didn't get too much of that this book, I'm really excited to see what else he awakens in the third book!

Other shining characters were Jess' dad, who really fought for his daughter through his PTSD, and EDGAR. I fell in *love* with Edgar, who was such a sweetheart in a creepy crawly way. I never thought I'd love a giant spider thing, but somehow Eaton made me want one. Edgar was the real hero in all of this, saving everyone's asses over and over. **ALIEN SPIDERS FTW.**

Bonus notes: I enjoyed reading about the alien technology, as well as the alien planet they stumble upon. I really felt like I was *there*, amongst the shiny metal walls and eerie forests. Given that none of these things are real (as far as we know), I have to give Eaton props for making it all *seem* real, at least to me!

Overall, this book was even better than the first to me. I seriously recommend reading my Goodreads updates below, as I think they should be enough to convince you to pick up this series. The books have kept me on my toes and made me believe in spider pets and alien love, and I *cannot* wait for book 3!!!

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## Jamie (Books and Ladders) says

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I'm part of the blog tour for this one so you will get to see my full review on March 1st over on Books and Ladders!

I read the first two books in this series over the course of two days, basically. My actual reading time was probably 4 hours total. Because I was so in love with the concept and the writing and the characters that I couldn't put it down. This is shaping up to be one of my new favourite alien invasion stories and I cannot wait to see where the next book goes!

I really like this one, I think it's a great series. But I would have liked a bit more urgency at the end. I mean, there is literally an evil alien trying to destroy everything and all they are concerned about is tacos. I mean, I get the need for normalcy and all that jazz but .. maybe tell someone? Idk.

I think Jess really grew in this one. She obviously couldn't do \*everything\* because she was human, but I think she handled things pretty well. I also liked that she did some things that the aliens and other humans couldn't do! That was awesome! I also liked that she understood that she couldn't do everything! I think it was great that she started to realize that there were consequences to her actions and that it was important to understand the why behind them. I think it was great that her and David tried to figure out ways to be together even though they both knew it was futile.

David was much better in this book. I thought he had a lot more depth and dimension to him since he was in his natural element.

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## Claire says

What a book totally amazing.....

Copy recieved from publishers Month9Books as part of the Ashes in the Sky blog tour in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts are my own.

After finishing this book I can safely say I'm now a huge/ massive fan of Jennifer M. Eaton's books, boy does she know how to take you on an epic alien adventure. I absolutely adored this book and book one too it really is a no holds rip roaring ride of a book. I literally speed read this book in a few days, it's brimming with action, heartbreak, romance and all out catastrophe. The characters are superb they all really find a way into your heart, obviously apart from the bad guys which I loathed with a passion.

I loved learning all about David and his people in this one being on the spaceship I thought was amazing getting to see how they lived the heat changes that poor Jess had to injure the heartache and I loved seeing her grow and her dad too it was wonderful seeing her in her element with taking photo's and her father being so much more open to it.

I have to say one of my favourite parts of this book was Jess and David on the other planet I thought Jennifer did an amazing job of capturing how it would be and the surroundings also the creatures there was totally fabulous and I loved poor Edgar never thought I'd love a spider but totally did.

All in all a fantastic Alien book bursting with amazing characters, world building and kick ass battles with the bad guys get the tissues at the ready this book will blow your mind.

Review can also be found on my blog below

<http://thelifeofmeabookworm.tumblr.com/>

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### **Jennifer Bardsley says**

Jennifer Eaton is back at it with a terrific follow up to “Fire in the Woods.” “Ashes in the Sky” is full of hot alien love, and by “hot” I mean boiling. Mix in some action, adventure, and giant spiders, and you have a YA Sci-Fi book that’s guaranteed to entertain.

A few months after Jess and her alien loverboy David rescued humanity, she is invited aboard his spaceship as a goodwill ambassador/photographer. But early on it becomes clear that Jess isn’t seeing all of the ships. Imagine what it would be like if a teenage photojournalist was invited to North Korea. Every step is paved with danger.

To make matters worse, Jess’s relationship with David runs hot and cold. In a best-case scenario, David and all of his alien friends will move to Mars and she’ll never see him again. In the worst-case scenario, the tentative truce between humans and aliens implodes, and Earth as we know it is destroyed.

That’s a lot of pressure on any person, let alone a teenager. But don’t worry, Jess is up to the job.

As a reader, I loved being inside Jess’s head. Her spunk and determination made her easy to root for. The pacing of this book was also superb. In this era of #WeNeedDiverseBooks, let’s not forget that should include female Sci-Fi heroines like Jess.

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### **Maggie says**

So I liked the first book in the series. This one I found myself kinda bored with. I like the writing... I just could not connect with the story properly. So I skimmed the like last 30 something percent of the book and still feel like I didn't miss much. Easton is a great writer... don't get me wrong... I just didn't feel the same pull with this book. Sophomore slump of the series, maybe?

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### **Tamara says**

I GIVE THIS BOOK 5 OUT 5 STARS .. IF I COULD MORE STARS. I WOULD. \*\*\*\* MAY HAVE SPOILERS\*\*\*\* READ AT OWN RISK =]

OMG.. I cried at some parts =[.

Jennifer M. Eaton is an amazing author. She draws you in to the book from the first page.

you start with Jess back on earth and David is on a spaceship but Jess thinks he on Mars. Jess is giving the chance to go on the spaceship to take pictures of the Aliens and shown around the ship. She is being followed but she don't know what by...

Her and David make out in the dark. Jess can't see him. She is thinking of him in human form, and David is hurt by that and walks away from her.

Then she finds herself lost and snaps picture of some aliens fighting. Little did she know in the back ground she found something really bad. The caretaker man found her she told him she fell throw a wall. And he takes her back to the girl alien who was showing her around the ship. They go the next room and Jess sees David in pain and she can feel it and falls to the floor. when she comes to she in the room that looks like her house. Two Aliens are looking at her they don't understand how or why she could feel David's pain. When the they leave Jess could feel David and yelled for him to get his ass in the room. David knocked on the room door and Jess pulled him in and he looked human and not in his true form anymore so he touch her with out burning her. David asked to see the pictures she took and she lets him. the one picture with the aliens fighting. He sees somethings that shouldn't be on the ship. Jess takes him back to the spot were she fell . then all hell brakes loose!

To know more buy the book and read it!

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### **Melanie McFarlane says**

Lately I've been impressed by sequels. Like, enjoying them more than their predecessor, which is a hard thing to do, when the first book in a series is the one that grabs your attention, makes you fall in love with the characters, and is that all consuming first impression you can never forget. But I have to say, I love ASHES IN THE SKY, even more than Book 1.

It could be the amazing world building that Eaton accomplishes, creating an alien ship made of non-earth elements, which is no simple feat. Though at times I found myself reading passed the scientific explanations, I still appreciated that they were implemented appropriately in the novel.

Oh and the romance builds, which I can't complain about. Seeing the passion between Jess and David continue is an added bonus. Especially when the twist comes early in the novel, adding to the life or death action and adventure.

Enjoy this series, it goes from great to amazing. But one warning I have to give is watch for the grassen.

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### **kelly {BookCrushin} says**

4.5 out of 5 stars

"And I regret nothing."

Ashes in the Sky is a fantastic follow-up to Fire in the Woods; it has everything I didn't know I needed! I

loved the adventure Jennifer M. Eaton continued and I am so thrilled she gave us more Jess & David. Her writing was engaging and creative. I really loved the in-depth world building, character development, and the awesomeness of space!

The adventure that Jess ends up on this time around was really fun and of course scary. I can't help myself, but alien stories are one of those paranormals that actually scare the crap out of me. It's not horror scary, just believable. I honestly feel that an alien invasion is one of the most plausible sci-fi scenarios. So yeah, this series felt really real and the worlds and scene building was incredible and I couldn't get enough!

As a second novel, there was a significant amount of character development and growth. Both Jess and David have a much deeper consciousness this round and they really make huge strides in their own personal development. They both are hilarious and expressive. I was able to vividly imagine what Jess must have felt like when enveloped in warm alien love. I wanted to be Jess in those moments of bliss, but I definitely didn't want to be her when she had to experience the polar opposite.

I devoured all the action, romance and twists! As much as I liked the sinister plot that throws Jess and David in another life threatening adventure some of the things that happened throughout were a little too coincidental. It didn't take away from the pure enjoyment though. Of course the best part of this book is how much Jess and David feel for each other. Jess, overall, has a lot of compassion, it's what got her into...and out of...a lot of the scenarios she encounters. Other than her love of bacon & meat, she would make for a very compassionate case-study. Maybe I am biased since I personally could never eat another animal, but I am no Buddhist, I've killed some insects and spiders here and there. But I am pretty sure I would have acquiesced as quickly as Jess did and realized that sometimes you have to close your eyes to see what is around you and embrace the good and beware of the bad that is out there. Not everything is as it seems.

I really devoured Ashes in the Sky, it was a wonderful sequel and this series is a breath of fresh air. If you don't fall for Jess and David and if you don't catch some feels then we were reading different books! Ashes in the Sky is a brilliant adventure, a perfect addition to the series and even though there is no cliffhanger, I am so excited for another book!

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## **Mandy says**

I received Ashes in the Sky in return for an honest review as part of the tour hosted by Chapter by Chapter.

David is gone and Jess just wants life to get back to normal but everyone is so curious to find out about her alien encounter. Jess hasn't heard from David since they all left knowing that he's got to prove to his people that they can terraform Mars and keep earth safe. However, being normal just doesn't seem to be working for Jess because while Earth is safe she's not done with the aliens yet. When she's called to meet with an Erescopian who wants Jess to travel on their ship taking pictures due to the interest of his people.

Given the chance to shoot a once in a life time series of pictures Jess jumps at the chance while her father is less than thrilled. However a chance to see David is too hard to pass up after all she's been missing him. However her trip aboard the spaceship will be anything but a vacation as she learns the truth about the terraforming. Will they be able to stop what's happening?

I like Jess and David they are one of my favorite human and alien couple it just works perfectly. While they may have only had a whirlwind romance when they saved Earth the first time around they now have more



time with Jess on the ship. While they have this sweet relationship it's clear that that even though they aren't the same species they have that magical chemistry and are willing to risk it all.

I've been impatiently waiting for *Ashes in the Sky* to come out so that I could see what would happen with David and Jess next. I found the concept unique it's an interesting twist on the idea of aliens bringing a new story that captures the imagination. The characters are great you can't help falling in love and connecting with them. *Ashes in the Sky* is another well written installment it's action packed right from the start filled with enough mystery to keep you guessing and just enough romance to balance it out. I've very much enjoyed the authors story telling it's a beautiful story and I can't wait to get my hands on the next one. I've been thinking about it while I'm not a fan of them typically I think I need an Edgar. High recommend for all fans of young adult romance.

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### **Katelyn says**

3...2...1....BLAST OFF! You better hold on tight, because Jennifer is going to take you on one wild ride. I loved read this book! Absolutely loved it! I was so excited to get this book in the mail, that I read it in two days! Two day, people! *Ashes In The Sky* made me laugh at it's creative humor, but instead of it coming from David this time, it came from Jess. You know something funny is bound to happen with a human being on an alien space ship. I also really enjoyed learning more about David's people and their unique culture; very creative and very cool! Also, the sci-tech was incredible! Jennifer's writing style and her pacing with this one was perfect, everything flowed really nicely. I liked the twists and turns that Jennifer incorporated into this one too. Now I'm not going to lie, I did shed a few tears at her frustrating plot-twists, (Jennifer killed me, my feels have been shot!) but it all turns out steady in the end, I promise. *Ashes In The Sky* is action-packed, fast-paced, and full of creative fun. It's a book that's out-of-this-world and will leave many with wanting more, and in a ironic twist probably craving tacos.

Originally posted on my blog.

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### **Anelise says**

Note: I got a free copy of this book in exchange for a review

*Ashes in the Sky* blew me away with its amazingness. It was even better than *Fire in the Woods*!

One of the things I liked a lot was the alien technology. I mean, to read about technology that is far more advanced than humans is really cool. I thought that Jess's dad was a pretty strong character in this book. In one part of the book, he had PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), and he got through it. Also, I can't forget Edgar. I kind of wish I had my own Edgar - except for the fact that my parents would probably freak out... Anyway, Edgar was such a sweet spider and was really awesome.

There were only two small things I didn't like about this book. The first being that in the beginning, Jess was crying a lot rather than being the strong character I knew and loved from the first book. The other thing I didn't really like was the ending. I shall not say why though because I don't want to spoil anything.

This book was really great and I really love this series!

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## Sharon Hughson says

If you enjoy young adult adventure stories (or romances) and haven't read this series, you are missing hours of entertainment. I'm giving this book 4.9 out of five stars because of one little issue I had with the story, BUT that doesn't diminish how much I loved the book.

This story takes off a few months after FIRE IN THE WOODS ends. All Jess wants is to get back to "life as usual" by starting her senior year and leaving the spotlight behind. Because when you save the world from an alien invasion, there is a media feeding frenzy.

This book takes Jess out of this world. Literally. She gets her dream opportunity to photograph the inside of one of the spaceships. Of course, what she really wants is to see David again. What she doesn't want? To run for her life. Good thing she's in space so there'll be more flying from people who want to kill you rather than actual running. Although there's plenty of running and sinking through liquefying floors.

My pet peeve is the amount of crying Jess does in the early chapters of the book (once she gets on the spaceship). I'm not discounting that she felt plenty of anguish, but the tears seemed overblown. Every page. Every chapter. And David's crying. And I wondered, "Where is my tough, resilient Jess?" The good news? When push comes to shove, the tears dissipate and the gumption returns. Hallelujah! There's the girl I adore from book one.

I'm not a fan of long, drawn-out descriptions which is why I am a fan of this author. Eaton orients me into each new and remarkable setting without bogging down the pace with too many details. A spaceship with walls that become liquid? Got it. A green-aired planet? I see it. A spider with ten legs and fangs as long as my fingers? I think I'll pass, thank you very much.

Once again, this book gives us a complete story. We know there's more to come, but there's no cliffhanger, no hints that more trouble is on the horizon. Just a perfect ending to an incredible outer space adventure with a hot alien boy.

Even if you don't think you're a science fiction fan, I encourage you to give this series a try. It doesn't have all the techno-geek speak that turns me off to that genre.

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## Jenna says

Jennifer has easily become one of my favorite authors. This book was even better than the first and I didn't think it was possible. Literally, never a dull moment. There was a part at the end that made me want to throw the book, but in a good way...

PLEASE TELL ME THERE'S GOING TO BE A THIRD ONE!!!!

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## Raven says

This book is an amazing sequel! I was hooked from the beginning! An emotional rollercoaster for not only Jess but for me as well. I can't wait to see what happens next!

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