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“A fun YA sci-fi story with a compelling cast of characters.” —Kirkus Reviews on Infinity

Sera is the obsession of a killer chasing a ghost. G is a soldier with too much blood on his hands.

Dylan lost the only person he ever loved—and will stop at nothing to get her back.

In a whirlwind chase that takes them back to where it all started, Sera, G, and Dylan will have to confront their demons—both physical and mental—and each other, in order to win their freedom.

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Sha says

I received this e-ARC from Entangled Teen in exchange for an honest review.

In Alpha, we follow Sera and G (in alternating POVs) as they attempt to take down the creator of the Infinity project, Cora, once and for all. This involves a lot of realm skipping, alliances that are made and broken, and secrets that finally come to light. Though I've seen nothing confirming this, the book reads as a conclusion to the series, wrapping up story lines for Kori and Noah and all the characters from the previous two books.

My experience with this novel may be a very particular one, because I jumped into this series without experiencing the first or second novels. Book two, Omega, is advertised as one that can be read as a standalone. I have not seen that in relation to Alpha, but I will say this myself: you cannot read Alpha as a standalone book. You will understand the plot, but you will not connect to the characters' motivations, nor will it be easy to understand all the terms specific to this book (ie realm skipping, PATH lines, the Infinity Division, etc).

For this reason, I will focus a lot of my review on what this book presented, and not what I didn't understand that I'm sure was explained in other books. Just to get it out of the way, though, let me offer my (very likely ignorant due to lack of series knowledge) bafflement at your feet:

1) PATH Lines: Somehow, these are implemented in certain individuals' arms, allowing them to travel from realm to realm. The description on the PATH lines was lacking, though. Is this a holographic grid that pops up? An electronic line that illuminates on the person's arm? How exactly does this look? As a reader, I had no way of picturing this during my reading.

2) Realms: Slowly during my reading I came to understand there is only one real realm: Wells, a town I think? City? And it has many different versions, which is what the people are skipping through. But why does only Wells have different realms? What determines the rules in these different realms? (It seems so arbitrary that a realm is simply defined by "we jail people for violence" or the way they dress.

Let's move to the actual book now. Prior to reading, I skimmed reviews on the first two books to get details on plot (since there didn't seem to be actual full plot description anywhere, I improvised). This helped with knowing who was who, but even then, I kept forgetting characters and if they're good or bad. Because there are a lot of characters? Noah, Yancy, Dylan, G, Kori, Cade, Cora, Ash, Sera, Karl Anderson (x2), Rabbit, Makaden... These names are popping up back and forth and sitting here now I think I remember how each of them contributed to the book?

With so many characters, it somewhat follows that the plot was a bit convoluted. In the beginning of the novel, Sera was imprisoned by Dylan and G is skipping around with Cade and I think some others? And Dylan wants nothing more than to have his Ava back. Sera makes a deal with him (will not spoil), he agrees with it, okay, we have a plan!

But then BAM, Cora appears and has the exact solution to his problem. Not to mention she brings up a problem for Sera (but has a solution) and a problem for G (but has a solution). So Sera's deal with Dylan is now moot, their whole conversation was ... a waste?

Then five seconds later BAM G appears and Sera ends up with him and Dylan skips off. So the plan that was made ten pages ago with Cora, so carefully, is moot too. G and Sera make their own plan with Cade but then BAM something else appears and that plan is moot...

I could continue but that would really spoil everything, although, is it a spoiler if the tendency of this book is to backtrack on everything the characters do? Every time a new character appears, they have the perfect solution to every problem our heroes face AND they render moot every single conversation/plan that has occurred in previous pages. For a majority of the book, I felt like I was wasting my time reading scenes that would mean nothing in a few more chapters. Which was frustrating to say the least?

Accardo focuses another portion of Alpha on Sera and G's relationship. The two have been locked in adjacent cells for a significant portion of their lives, and now they are finally united. Clearly there is going to be some romantic tension. Sadly, I was not vibing this relationship. When G kisses Sera, it almost spooked me? The description was just very physical and violent, I actually thought he was going in to attack her, not make out. So sadly, not a ship for me.

"I've seen you, G. You're not afraid of anything. So what's the big deal? Just get over it and kiss--"

The thundering of my pulse drowned out everything else. The buzz of the clock, her voice, my logic... I lost my shit. I grabbed her face and mashed my lips to hers, moving them furiously, greedily, like she was the meal I'd been deprived of from the moment I'd entered this world.

I will say Accardo has something very creative and cool with the concept of this book. People skipping realms to find the one they love? I'm down for that. But the execution was not there for me, and I don't think it's simply because I hopped in mid-series. Yet my opinion will not necessarily be yours, so be sure to make your own thoughts on this series (and start with book one?) TBH, the first book's plot intrigued me way more, sadly I was not offered that ARC. *sob*

Two stars because I felt like I was reading huge portions of a book that ended up backtracking on itself, the romance did not connect for me, and I (to be honest) was skimming by 80%.

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Sharon says

The long awaited conclusion to the Infinity series highlighted two characters Sera and "G" who must defeat the parallel universe's Cora Anderson in order to free themselves from her evil plans. For me, their story was harder to follow not just because I had a lot of stops and starts trying to read it, but because it was hard to get into the characters themselves. Also, this Cora is pretty twisted how she tortures Sera and G, so it's one of the darker novels in the series.

In one universe G is Dylan and Sera is Ava. When Ava dies, Dylan is heartbroken and vengeful. Determined to reunite with her, he jumps into one universe after another always seeking his Ava in hopes of rescuing her before she dies yet again and again and again. But at the same time, Dylan continually kills every Kori Anderson, girlfriend of his brother Cade and sister to Noah, who in one universe has never been born. These relationships form the nucleus of the story and it can get confusing.

The slow buildup is agonizingly so. The flashbacks, meant to set the stage, hint that Sera has lost memories while G cannot forget. As the reader, I just wanted it to move forward and get to the exciting part. Which it does, about 80 percent into the book. And there are satisfying epilogues for each of the couples so there's that for fans who want to know what happens "ever after."

Mahalo to #NetGalley and #EntangledPublishing for allowing me to read and review an ARC of #Alpha. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Shelley says

Source Publisher

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Thoughts

Alpha is the third and final installment in The Infinity Division trilogy by author Jus Accardo. The Infinity Division was introduced in the first book where those working for Infinity have discovered the ability to jump to different dimensions. In each dimension the characters all exist, but lead very different lives from one world to the next. Alpha continues where Omega left off and Infinity began. The first two books featured Cade, Kori, Noah, and Ashlyn. Now, the author wraps up the story by featuring two characters we've met in Omega.

Full Review @ Gizmos Reviews

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Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by Robin

Book provided by Netgalley

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

After finally getting the gist of the story and figuring out the whole premise of the story, it wasn't that bad. But I did find out however that this is a series really needs to be read in order. The stories don't really work as standalone stories.

In this third installment we cross paths with Sera and G who are being held captive and used for experiments. Dylan is in love with Ava but she has died so he goes in search of another Ava and comes across Sera whom he kidnaps. I did figure out that G and Dylan are the same person and Ava and Sera are the same yet they come from different dimensions/realms/planes...whichever you choose to call them they are the same. Sort of like the different earths with a doppelganger of you on each earth on Flash. All the same yet personalities are a little quirky on each one.

I also found out that in Book 1 they work for Infinity and are able to jump into the different dimensions.

Dylan tries to twist things so that Sera will believe what he is saying about G and chooses him. This can be very confusing if you are not paying attention or haven't read the previous books.

I enjoyed how it seems as if the same common core of characters show up as I traveled through the different dimensions. It actually made for a more comprehensible and cohesive story. Ms. Accardo was able to show how the dimensions worked. They were the same on a level yet different. Like twins or triplets look the same but have different personalities.

As Ms. Accardo took us on this journey through the different dimension she did a great job of the descriptions of each one from: the sounds, the smells, the clothes, the climates, the emotions, even the feel of the punishments. It made it very simple to visualize just what each dimension was like.

The way the author uses POV's makes it easy to follow a story also. In this case First person was used which allowed me to follow the story a little easier without having read the first two books in this series.

Although I enjoyed this story despite being lost more than a time or two I found it to be an adventure worth taking. I am however going to read the first two books just so that everything is tied up and I understand it a bit more.

If you enjoy romance in a Sci-Fi setting I think you will enjoy this series.

Carrie says

Sera loves G. Dylan loves Ava. But Dylan has taken Sera in hopes she will love him. Why you ask? Because Sera is Ava and Dylan is G. Confused yet? Well, welcome to the world of the Infinity Division.

Alpha by Jus Accardo is the third book of the young adult science fiction/romance series. Each book in the series has taken a page from romance and switched the main characters but it's definitely best to read from book one and unravel the Infinity world from the beginning instead of treating these as standalones as one would do in a romance series.

The Infinity Division was introduced in the first book where those working for Infinity have discovered the ability to jump dimensions. In each dimension the characters all exist but lead very different lives from the first world. G and Sera had fallen in love while captive together whereas Dylan has come from a dimension where the woman of his dreams that he planned on marrying, Ava, had died so he had gone looking for another.

Obviously most fans of science fiction will have heard of different dimensions in one story or another. Most recently The Flash television series comes to mind in which they have Earth 1 and Earth 2 and so on mixed into the shows so I've said from the beginning of this series that while I don't find it overly original overall it is a fun read. Obviously these rely heavily on the romance to help fuel the action but the story does have a lot of action too. Finishing up this third installment I'd give this one 3.5 stars as it wasn't my favorite but still good in the end.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Liz says

Okay, so I ended up enjoying this one more than I thought I would. While I never particularly found myself caring about the characters - though I do feel like I understand Dylan better now - the story in Alpha was really enjoyable. 3.5 Stars.

Something that I appreciated about this entire series was how easy it was to read these books and get sucked into them. Once I really got started, it took me 2-3 days to really read it. The story moves fast and it's easy to sit down and knock out 100 pages.

I really liked the idea of Infinity Division. The concept jumping between different dimensions was really cool! I think my only real problem was each book focusing on a different set of characters. It made sense and it worked, but I also hated that I never really got that much more about Kori and Cade. Omega at least focused on Noah, who I got to know a lot of in Infinity. However, it was a lot harder to get invested in Sera and G/Ava and Dylan.

Overall I really did enjoy my time reading The Infinity Division and would classify it as a solid read. I think Accardo also did a solid job at wrapping up everyone's stories at the end.

Kathleen says

3,5*

D.M. says

I've really enjoyed this series. It's outside the box. This book, Alpha was my favourite. It probably could be read as a standalone but it's best to start at the beginning.

Alpha is Sera and G's story. In an alternate universe Sera is Ava and G is Dylan. Dylan lost his dream girl, his one true love and is desperate to have her back. He is able to travel to other versions of his world but they are all slightly different. His Ava is gone but he rescues Sera in the hope he can make her fall in love with him.

Dylan is delusional and a monster in Sera's eyes. She has already found her true love. A different version of Dylan, G. The problem is nowhere is safe. Dylan is holding her captive but Cora the mother of an evil scientist is wanting her back to experiment on her. Dylan says G's friends are evil and it's hard for her to understand what's going on. The only thing she is clear on is not loving Dylan.

This book is full of twists and turns. One discovery to ruin a family and fix them with different parts. This book is easy to follow it's just hard to explain. One version of yourself may choose differently from another. The variables change. The outcome is unpredictable.

5 stars out of 5. I felt sorry for Dylan even though he has done bad things. The Chase between the main

characters from the series continues. Dylan needs to be stopped but by who and how will the reality turn out.

*I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. I've read the previous books last year.

chrissy says

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Jen ♥Star-Crossed Book Blog♥ says

Alpha was the final book in The Infinity Division Trilogy and it ended with a bang! **I loved watching all the loose ends get tied up and those I've come to care for get their happily ever afters.** But it was a *rough* road get there. Heartache, redemption, sacrifice, lies and love filled the pages and at times everything seemed so unsure in this parallel dimension story. So if you're interested in giving this series a try you definitely have to go back to book one, Infinity. **Yes each book is about a different couple, but the stories and threads are all linked together.** It was so much fun seeing it all come full circle and there's a moment that takes us back to the beginning of this series, awww loved it!! So to finish up this trilogy, here are some of my favorite aspects:

“Dylan, everyone on every earth is breaking at some point or another.” I looked him dead in the eye. “Bad things happen to all of us. Horrible, life-altering things. It’s how we choose to deal with them that defines us.” - Sera

★ Everlasting Love:

“I’m not going to kiss you again.” The statement was crystal clear; it was the delivery that lacked conviction. “I’m poison. Inside and out.”

“Then poison me,” I said. I brushed my lips to his again, this time slightly harder. He stayed absolutely still. I pulled away. “Do it so that I can show you I won’t break. I’m not fragile, G. I’m made of steel. You told me that, remember? I’m a fighter, so let me fight for you.”

I loved the idea that no matter what dimension you were in, there were always the constants in your life. And within those constants was that one true love. I loved Kade and Kori, then Noah and Ash and finally I got to swoon for G and Sera. We've known different versions of them on other dimensions and their true names are Dylan and Ava. But G and Sera faced the biggest hurdles and struggles yet. And as if that wasn't enough, they had Dylan after them, in different ways. But regardless of everything they were put through, their love stood strong and not only fought the test of time but dimensions too.

★ Friendships That Span The Dimensions:

“G, take a deep breath. We’re here to help you.” Kori... She came around to stand in

front of me . Her gaze flickered to something on my right, then back to me. “We’re your friends.”

Someone beyond my field of vision snorted. Had to be Noah. “Friends? Not sure I’d go *that* far,” he said. “But we won’t set you on fire or anything.”

There was an echoing *thwap* —probably from Ash smacking the shit out of him— and a hiss.

I loved how this group of six, could be found in almost every dimension. Their dynamic was a ton of fun and added so much to this series. So it made my heart happy that we seemed to gather the best of all of their selves into this rag tag kinda group. When they were together it definitely wasn't easy, and not everyone was going to end up bffs, but still, it was so entertaining to watch them together. In this book I adored watching what happened between G and Kade. G was another Dylan, so the two of them were brothers in a sense, and I loved some of the moments they had together.

★ **Action!:**

I screamed at night over the things Cora had done to me, but Dylan was right. The devil was standing at my back.

And he had Dylan’s face. - Sera

There was a ton of action and this book had that go, go, go feeling. But there was also moments where we got to breathe. Thank goodness because we had Cora after Sera and Ash, Dylan was after so much I can't even talk about, G and Cade were trying to save Sera and then there's also the projects we learned about in book 2. Oh my gosh, there was a lot going on. I'm happy I quickly skimmed some of my highlights from book 2, Omega, so that way I knew exactly where I stood before stepping into this book. BUT I never once felt lost or confused. The story and characters were extremely easy to follow and it made Alpha fly by super fast!

★ **That Ending:**

She was the sun in my world, and I was simply a planet caught in her gravitational pull, helpless. Without her light, I would wither and die. - G

If you adore happily ever afters, then you're going love the ending to this series. We got to see what happened and where their lives would lead with so many of our favorites. Did everyone get a HEA? Ummmm no lol. But that was bound to be expected and all I can say is that I'm ecstatic with how many epilogues we got at the back of the book.

“She was that for me,” Dylan said. He grinned, and for the first time since I’d met him, it was a genuine smile. “She was the only one who saw *me* . If you’re really that for him, don’t let go, because without you... Without you, he’ll just become me.”

I had a lot of fun reading this trilogy. It was unlike a lot of other books I have read but it had that chemistry and tension that I always crave when I pick up a book. So **if you adore books that have complicated friendships and love interests, solid characters that stand out and a fun science fiction element then you should give this series a try.** I will definitely be picking up other books by this author!

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book, provided by Entangled Teen. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

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Christy says

I am the queen of stand alone and companion novels and here I am, sad that I have to say goodbye to cast of a characters I've gotten to know over The Infinity Files.

Infinity, Omega, and now Alpha have all focused on different characters, though the same core characters have been through every book. Alpha focuses on G and Sera, who have been held captive and experimented in. Now free, they're on the run from their past while figuring out their future.

This inter-dimensional story charmed the heck out of me, just as Infinity and Omega did. Jus managed to take characters who we have done unspeakable things and give them redemption while holding their accountable.

Of course, this wouldn't be an Entangled novel without a smoking hot romance. Each of the couples is destined to be together, as shown over and over again through the different universes. G and Sera are no different, though they have the extra dynamic of both being plucked from their worlds and needing to start over.

I rarely miss characters once a book is over but I will miss each of the characters in this one. Except Cora, because she really has some karma coming to her!

Amber says

This was just as entertaining as the first two in the trilogy. I really grew to love G and Sera's characters. I did feel like the end was a little disappointing. I just expected a little more. Kind of wanted to see all the main characters together and more about the relationships. But still enjoyed this series as a whole. Fun read and unique world(s).

Jessica {Litnoob} says

This book was the perfect conclusion to the series. In a world, or worlds, that had been mounting tension and pressure the way this exploded into action and adventure and pain was so on point for the Series. G was my favorite dude and that was hard cause cranky Noah had me for the longest. But give me a tortured anti hero and I'm trash for it. Sara was also a gem and I loved how they navigated this fight together. And that ending. Be still my beating heart. Perfection on all counts.

Dee/ bookworm says

#Alpha #NetGalley

publisher synopsis: Sera is the obsession of a killer chasing a ghost. G is a soldier with too much blood on his hands.

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In a whirlwind chase that takes them back to where it all started, Sera, G, and Dylan will have to confront their demons—both physical and mental—and each other, in order to win their freedom.

This book was amazing. Not everything was tied up in a pretty bow, but it made it more real that way. You could really see where G, Sera, and Dylan were coming from, what fueled them. It was neat to see the flashbacks that created the link between G and Sera. I liked how they brought out the best in each other, even if they had flaws. Like I said, a very real perspective in this novel.

I received an advance reader copy in exchange for a fair review.

Stephanie Bain says

i received this book for free in exchange for an honest review

I loved the ending. It did not disappoint. It was fast paced, with characters that were probably the most interesting of the group (im still a noah and ash fan though) but Jus writes good characters that keep the book going at a great pace.

Without spoiling it wraps up the two books before really really well!

Its fun and addicting i love it!
