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They murdered Duke Nolan's family...

They stripped his brain naked...

They should've used a bomb...

A black hole forms at the Pentagon; thousands of airplanes drop from the sky; Earth's core obliterates New Zealand; and a blizzard strikes Vatican City in mid-June. Things are about to get a lot worse when it's all-out war between God, the US military, science, evolution, an alien civilization...and Duke Nolan.

At stake? The extinction of all humankind.

Nineteen year old Duke Nolan is a born loser until one fateful night when he comes face to face with the harshest reality any person could possibly endure. That night Duke is set on a collision course to save Earth from the maniacal plans of a madman—who also happens to be the US secretary of defense. Shoulder-harness yourself to your chair and hold on to your loved ones while Michael Allen Hunt's debut novel about the future of Earth rides the rails of complete annihilation.

Thirty-seven years pass since that fateful night, and Duke keeps it a secret from everyone except his wife and three children. One day, top secret military files mysteriously show up on his home computer, and Duke learns that the US Air Force has built a spacecraft and hidden it below Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Now the nightmares of his past come crashing down on him, and Duke immediately realizes what he must do: sacrifice everything and destroy the OPLAR Spacecraft before it becomes operational—or all humankind will go extinct.

Secretary of Defense Donovan Beasley has siphoned three hundred million dollars from US coffers during the OPLAR Spacecraft's twenty-year construction. Like Duke, Beasley knows what will happen when the OPLAR Spacecraft becomes operational—and has his own reasons for wanting it to happen. Beasley is alerted to Duke's secret and his impending mission, and he orders Duke terminated, triggering an all-out war between the former loser and the most powerful military in the history of the planet.

A genre-bending apocalyptic thriller of epic proportions, Hunt explores the relationship between God, science, evolution, humankind, and alien civilizations—all the while stretching your concept of reality at the speed of light. Probing our world for clues that defy current logic and connecting seemingly unrelated phenomena, *Naked Brain* will have you on the edge of your seat as the strands are woven together in an epic, final confrontation.

## **Naked Brain Details**

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## **From Reader Review Naked Brain for online ebook**

### **Amber says**

I received this book for free as part of the goodreads first reads giveaway. This book was unlike anything I've read before. It has a good mix of elements of science fiction, religion and action. The author has a good way of detailing the action scenes and uses a lot of onomatopoeia examples, my favorite being 'ffunt'. I would recommend this book to teenagers interested in these themes, though not too young because there is a bit of gore and swearing.

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### **Shannon says**

Okay I have sat down with pen and paper and tried to construct a review, but I realized what the problem is this morning. It would be really hard to say why I liked this or that without giving away too much.

I am fascinated with both science and religious belief so that was a plus. I also love action which is another plus. I found the plot to be very original and for that alone I kept reading.

I could complain that the protagonist wasn't developed well but I think that was actually part of the plot. If you read it that will make more sense. If you're still scratching your head about that consider the title. My big negative was that for some reason it didn't hold my attention for long and I was easily distracted.

I have already recommended it and will continue to do so and made give it another read through at a later date.

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### **Chad says**

Just over half way. So far, I don't think I've read a tale that kicks off the end of the world this well. Not since The Stand by Stephen King, anyway.

This is well paced, very tense, challenges your view of what could be real. There have been twists catching me by surprise. That's always worth the effort!

And, finished.

Such a slim novel. But, so much inside. The second half doesn't slow down.

The universe is opened before us. It's Blood Music told on a macro scale. Thus Spake Zarathustra but without condescending or demeaning.

I really like the perspective; the renewed approach to uniting God with his creation and using science as the center of that unification.

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## **Susan says**

Surprise in the mail yesterday: a signed copy of Naked Brain from author Michael Allen Hunt via Goodreads.com First Readers Program, with the inscription which advised that "all truth begins with an open mind."

Somehow being thus prepared, and reading that the plot includes a black hole appearing at the Pentagon, helped me enjoy a book that did not fit the mold of what I expected.

Granted that I may give extra points to a story based in Ohio, but that really is not what makes me like this book. The complex but not convoluted story line involving the secrets of life and relationship of God to man worked for me and I also liked that the seemingly simple small town hero turns out to be very cerebral and many of the author's characters are surprising and multidimensional.

As it turns out the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Assn. who nominated this as book of the year did know something of which they speak. I am not saying that some scenes of conflict, imprisonment and harshness were not unpleasant, but I found Naked Brain to be a well written, meticulously plotted and thought provoking page turner.

Yes this book asks you to suspend disbelief for the duration, but the payoff is worth it; rating a good four stars - and teetering on a fifth simply for the courage to write about spirituality in this genre.

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## **Tasha says**

I received this book free from Goodread's first reads.

The author signed this book for me and included a quote "All truth begins with an open mind." I wholeheartedly agree with this quote. I tried to read this with an open mind or rather a "naked brain." Unfortunately I couldn't read it with no brain at all.

I read a lot of sci-fi, fantasy, and paranormal books and usually have no problem suspending belief, but this book just asks too much. Hunt mixes science and religion which I have no problem with, but he also reinvents all of science in nonsensical detail. He changes Special Relativity, General Relativity, time, thermodynamics, the Standard model, cosmology, geology, and genetics. It made the science junkie in me cringe, but also the explanation did not coincide with itself. It is both externally inconstant (FYI the tilt of the Earth determines neither the geographical nor magnetic poles) and also internally inconsistent (i.e. there is friction in outer space but not at the center of the Earth). I would have been more content with an explanation like "this is how God wants it " or "it's magic. "But if I'm going to take the time and effort to read all this it should at least be logical and sensible. This wasn't my only problem with the book. I also didn't care for the story once it turned into something reminiscent of a bad disaster movie.

I know this sounds all negative, but this book does have some good points.

The theme about the human race having the ability to accidentally end life as we know it if we are not careful is an important one.

The idea of convergent evolution on a galactic scale is fascinating.

The author's writing style is smooth and his detailed descriptions are vivid. When Duke was in the penthouse I really felt it.

The bad guy is really really evil and I love me a good villain.

For those who like this sort of thing there is plenty of action, including an escape from a literal Hell on Earth. I was tickled when I opened to page one chapter 63 and watched the chapters count down...\_

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### **Edward H. Busse, III says**

NO SPOILERS!! I received a free, signed copy of this book from the author, Michael Allen Hunt, as part of a giveaway on Goodreads. It started out very strong and stayed very exciting throughout the entire story. OK - the story was not at all what I expected vis-a-vis the introduction of "God" into the story...this threw me for a loop at first. But Mr. Hunt melded it together with the science, technology and geo-politics and it made for a good read. The "God" part of the story wasn't preachy and there wasn't bible thumping - it was just connecting science, religion, God, human technology, humanity, choices, alien/extraterrestrial technology. The evolutionary piece of the story was riveting as well as the way Mr. Hunt laid out the learning part of the relationship between all the primary characters. He also did an excellent job at connecting the radically different parts of the story in a seamless, transparent way. **BOTTOM LINE:** I really liked the book - it was written well - the characters were compelling - the story was exciting - the premise was extremely thought provoking - Mr. Hunt has a winner here!!

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### **Kelly Knapp says**

This book will require a second reading for me to give a well rounded review. This book and its themes are very complex. It deserves a second more careful reading.

the mix of science, God, and sci-fi is well done.

I won this book through Goodreads First Reads Program!

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### **Eric Mattson says**

I received this book through Goodreads FirstReads

A very engaging read- never a boring chapter, and brings up many ideas about the possibility of God and the origins of Man. A read definitely worth the time.

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### **Ali says**

I recieved this book through a goodreads giveaway.

The Naked Brain was an ok read for me. I didn't feel that the character developement was very good. I have never had a problem with God, science and science fiction being brought together in a book (King does it all

the time) but I didn't get to know Duke Nolan's character well enough to really like or root for him. It was the same for the antagonist of the book, I didn't quite hate him enough.

This is a book that I might have to read again in the future, to see if I learn more the second time!

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### **Danielle Joy says**

I received this book as a first reads book and I am in awe of the author. He did such a wonderful job. I learned so much from reading this book. I think everyone should read it. :)

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### **William says**

I received a signed copy through a Goodreads giveaway.

This is a very ambitious book; actually, too ambitious in my opinion. The author attempts to mix science, geopolitics, alien civilizations, and religion into one epic thriller. Unfortunately, he doesn't quite pull it off.

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### **Darren says**

The Naked Brain is a fast paced, action-packed, science-fiction novel that once you start you will find difficult to put down. The reader is quickly pulled into the story and is then hurtled through the plot twists and turns towards earth's pending destruction and mankind's likely demise.

The premise is an interesting twist on the incongruity between science and religion. Some of the concepts defy science as we know it but that is ultimately the point of science fiction and the author does a refreshingly good job of stretching known realities into inconceivable possibilities; of making fiction out of science.

There is not a lot of in-depth development of characters, yet it not only works with the story but masterfully helps to continually wind up the intensity to the climatic conclusion. You learn enough of the characters along the way to understand them, love some, hate some, and empathize with some, and the author avoids the hundreds of filler pages you often find in books helping you to get to know the characters a little better, yet irrelevantly so.

This book is likely to appeal to a broad section of readers and makes for a fast paced and exciting read. I can easily understand how this was nominated for Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Book of the Year and I anxiously await his next novel.

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### **Andrew says**

I received Naked Brain through a Goodreads giveaway and was thoroughly interested by the general premise. I began reading with an open mind per request of the author and found enough in the novel to keep

me interested throughout.

A major shortcoming of the novel was the poor character development. As we learned more about each character, I found that the information was either irrelevant, made me dislike the character even more, or found the character to be just a stereotypical cardboard cut out. This is more than true with the main character, Duke Nolan. Another weak point of the novel was the too numerous to count, cringe-worthy one liners that are riddled throughout. I found myself rolling my eyes quite a bit and wanting to close the book on more than one occasion because of them.

There were some strong points as well. When Hunt was not trying to be funny or giving us unnecessary details, the story flowed at a good pace making this a quick read while touching on a few deep level concepts. Trying to create a world where science, God, evolution, aliens, and human relationships mesh together in a way that makes sense is a difficult task and Hunt makes a valid attempt.

Overall, Naked Brain had the potential but fell short of the epic that it wanted to be. If the characters were developed better, the irrelevant and unnecessary details were less frequent, and if the major concepts were flushed out more thoroughly in the universe that Hunt creates, then Naked Brain would have been a worthwhile read. As it stands though, this one was just not for me.

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### **Jakenv says**

What a great read for any science fiction fan. Few may find offensive in concept well put yourself into a well written fantasy & enjoy. Author knows how to lead reader along with clear writing. Delighted had opportunity to read.

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