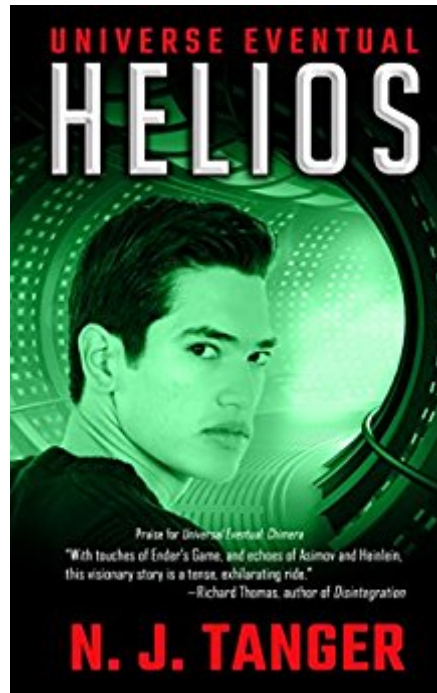




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Helios (Universe Eventual Book 2)



Synopsis

The people of Stephen's Point have put years into rebuilding the Chimera, their last hope for a return to Earth. As preparations continue, the ancient ship sleeps, bound by her strict protocols. Theo Puck finds himself drawn to the mysterious girl from the rim, Selena Samuelson, convinced that she holds the secret to waking the Chimera. Meghan Ziczek watches as Theo and Selena grow closer, but the fulfillment of her own dreams of leadership give rise to a growing respect for the outsider. Marcus too wants the Chimera woken. But unlike Meghan, his leadership has nothing to do with saving Stephen's Point—his hatred for Selena nearly equal to the desire to control Theo. Will his dark impulses overwhelm them all? When an exchange ship suddenly bursts through from Fractal Space, celebration erupts. Contact with Earth has been reestablished, the colony is saved from the brink of starvation—or are they? Instead of much-needed food and supplies, the exchange ship is full of nothing but the dead. A gruesome and horrifying delivery. With Earth's fate called into question, Stephen's Point descends into chaos. Tasked with fulfillment of the rebuild and return Mandate, Chief Moorland will stop at nothing in her quest to wake the Chimera and prepare the ship's young crew. But can anything prepare them for what they might face at Earth? In the explosive new chapter to the Universe Eventual series, *Helios* will leave you breathless.

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Customer Reviews

I'm loving the Universe Eventual world, and Helios just blew the doors off this evolving saga. The characters that we met in Chimera leap off the page as they coax the dormant space cruiser Chimera back to life. But as they enter deep space on their journey toward the burning world, old tensions rise and then explode. The descriptions of fractal space rocked me like the spiciest of Jimi Hendrix jams, whereas (spoiler alert) some of the battles faced by our heroes got freaky medieval. What they find at the end of their ride shook me to the core, and now I'm just kinda pissed that book 3 ain't out yet. Hurry up and publish that book N.J. Tanger!

I am a self-admitted book worm, and I have been the majority of my life. Here lately, I gravitate towards suspenseful books. Although not always my first choice (because of my age), I do also read YA novels. The majority of the YA novels that I read are very science fiction leaning. Because of this, I was very excited to get a chance to review the first book in this series. I had absolutely no issue with paying for the second book! Here are my thoughts on this book: Pros: All of my favorite characters are back, especially my absolute favorite character, Theo. This book was very well written. It surprises me to know that it was written by three separate authors, because everything flows so well together. I love that all of the characters are really well developed. That helped me become invested in all of the main characters, even though I don't always like that actions that they take (Marcus, ahem). Cons: None really. I didn't too much care for the way it ended, but as I have also read the next book in the series, my main gripe with this one is a moot point. All in all, this book was very well written, and I flew threw it in one day. I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys YA, but also like books with suspense.

I thought this was a very exciting follow up to Chimera. For fans of sci-fi, this book (and series) should be on your "books to read" list. The pacing of the plots is spot on. Starts off a slowly, reintroducing characters and past events, and then jumps right into, rarely leaving a dull moment. The last 100 pages will leave you racing through to see how it will resolve. The characters are

relatable, realistic, dynamic, and very complex. Even the most evil characters have clear and understandable motives, and leaves you wondering if they really are a villain. The setting and items within that setting are believable yet still fantastic and very imaginative, and the book does a very good job of sucking you into the world. In all, the book clocks in at around 330 pages and is a fantastic read for sci-fi fans. Highly recommended book and series.

Following Chimera, this second book in the series follows most of the same characters and has a similar set of features including the rites of passage. That said, we shouldn't expect this to be just an update on book one as some of the characters gain significant depth, and some just die. In Marcus you have a complete psychopath, comfortable at manipulating others to get to his goals, and killing them if they threaten him. Of all the characters Selena's and Theo's develops the most, though in very different ways. Being only the second book in a series don't be looking for 'happily ever after' but do expect gripping hard sci-fi. Helios (Universe Eventual) (Volume 2)

After reading the first book of the Universe Eventual series, I felt the urge to get to know the Chimera herself better. Although I didn't get that itch satisfied as much as I would have liked to, it was very interesting to get to see things from Marcus' perspective and see what makes him tick. Megan is still my favorite character and you feel the tension of these teens having the weight of the survival of their colony put on their shoulders. Not something they'd particularly choose or ask for, but something driven by necessity. They may not make the right decisions all the time and things may get out of control, but that just makes the situation seem more real.

4.5 Stars A pretty awesome sequel! If you loved Chimera, then you will enjoy book 2. Helios includes well-developed characters, exciting action and nail-biting suspense, and some great space drama. The characters are dynamic; some you can't decide if you love or hate while others just surprise you. The fight scenes are intense and the setting is very detailed. The writing is fantastic; it flows like honey. Seriously, I couldn't put the novel down once I started reading. The ending was a shocker, even a bit jarring (don't worry, no spoilers here). I look forward to the next book, Ceres (but honestly, I hope there's more installments beyond that). Overall, a fun YA Sci-fi read for teens and adults. Net Galley Feedback

I don't typically read sci-fi. This series has so far been quite the ride! I've finished Chimera and Helios, and it just keeps getting better. The first book builds the Universe Eventual world for you and

gets you attached to the characters. The second is an intense page turner. I HAVE to read the next one immediately! I'm left on the edge of me seat! All along, I've felt this series would make an excellent TV show. I would totally watch it.

I received the first book free in trade for a review, and had to continue reading. If you like good science fiction you should enjoy this series. It is a well crafted story with complex characters that take appropriate actions. The storyline is compelling, and the authors spend just the right amount of time on details without getting slogged down in minutia. I have very much enjoyed the first two books and look forward to reading the third.

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