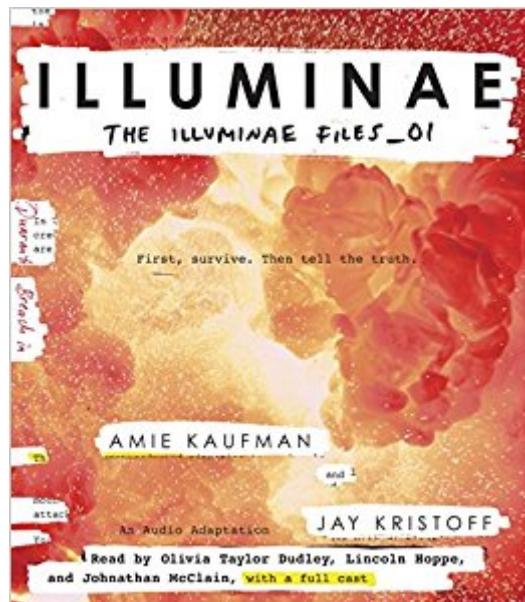


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## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

Ready for the shortest review ever? ILLUMINAE is absolutely out of this world. That about covers it, but here's a longer version: ILLUMINAE is the sort of book I've wanted to read for a long time. First, the format: It's composed entirely of interviews, emails, IM convos, recovered video footage, conversations with Artificial Intelligence, and other neat stuff like ship schematics and casualty lists. I geek out over that type of stuff, because it makes me feel like I'm the book's world. I know the non-traditional format might be off-putting for some readers, but the authors did an amazing job. That kind of format can go wrong, but here, it was \*perfect.\* The emails and IMs and other content really worked to develop the characters. I knew Kady and Ezra within pages, and everyone else, too. Rarely do I tear up when bad stuff happens, especially to minor characters, but here I did, because I \*knew\* these guys and I was rooting for them. Second, the story: After the Kerenza colony is attacked by BeiTech, Kady and Ezra and the other thousands of survivors are in a deadly race for their lives. They have to outrun the Lincoln, a ship bent on their destruction so there aren't any living witnesses of the atrocities at Kerenza. But they also have to survive the fleet's AI, which has gone a little crazy. Oh, and if that wasn't enough, there's a new plague no one has seen before. Third: the experience: reading ILLUMINAE really is an experience. Don't let the length put you off. Yes, it's over 600 pages, but it goes by quickly. I was actually trying to drag it out because I \*loved\* the experience of reading this book. There's dark humor, references to classic sci-fi, great characters, moral dilemmas to puzzle over, and tons more.

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REVIEW: Illuminae is a book full of firsts for me. I haven't read anything

written by Jay Kristoff yet and even though I have Amie Kaufman's books, the Starbound series, I haven't had the chance to read them. So it's the first book I read from these authors. Also, I haven't read anything like this: full of files and mysterious notes that end up compiling the whole story. I have to confess that I was absolutely terrified to start reading this book as well as excited because I haven't read a similar book before and I was worry I might end up hating the design in which was written the book. However, this was not the case. The files are all hacked files such as private conversations, security footage, etc., all classified, and they tell the story without making it tiresome or annoying. It was quite the opposite. You just keep reading more and more and end up "absorbing" all the details and when you notice what has happened you're ending the book and you're screaming a: "No, no, no. This can't be happening. I was just on the first page a few minutes ago!" So, yes, the story is that good. It is true that due to the format in which Illuminae is presented, the characters feel a bit distant to the reader, because you are not constantly "inside their heads". However, the story progresses and keeps going just like the synopsis promise us. There's romance, too! Kay and Ezra broke up but they know they have feelings for each other that cannot banish in a day and, more important, they know that the story is not finished. I just love it when characters are in love and they just can't help it.

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