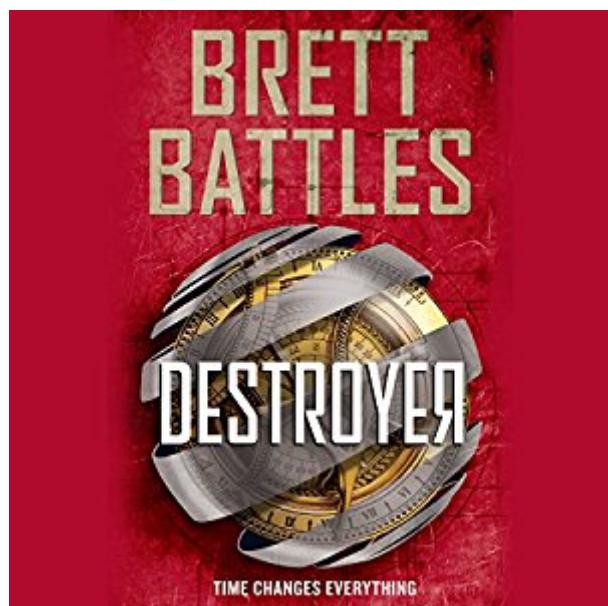


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Synopsis

With the whole of human history altered, Denny Younger may be the last rewinder in existence - and the last person on Earth with a chaser unit capable of time travel. While caring for his ailing sister, Denny must discover a way to recharge his device before he's left with no defense against a past that wants him dead. Before long, Denny notices a mysterious stranger following him - keeping tabs on Denny, his family, and his friends. Is Denny just paranoid? Or maybe he isn't alone in this new reality after all.... When his chaser is stolen and his girlfriend is kidnapped, Denny risks everything to get both of them back. Launched into a high-stakes chase that spans continents and millennia, Denny's responsibility to save our future isn't over yet. It will take all of his cunning to stop a threat capable of steering the fate of the human race into disaster.

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Customer Reviews

Sigh ... Read this in less than a day. Great continuation of the story, except the ending left me with the same feeling after watching The Matrix Reloaded or Hunger Games Mockingjay Part I. If I knew it was going to end this way I would have waited until Book 3 was about to be released. My recommendation - don't read this until the day before Book 3 goes on sale. To the author - get busy and get book 3 written pronto.

First off this book could have given the reader more. It ends abruptly, with you wanting more. It gives the impression that the writer is just writing to set up the next book. I probably would be

happier if I started reading the series after it was completed. But instead I will be waiting months for the next release. The writer could have easily added a couple of hundred pages and finished the story.

I hate to write a bad review of a book by Mr. Battles, who usually is a top notch author, but this one was a Bore and poorly written. It actually went no where, was illogical and a downer. The same thing happens over and over and over ad nauseam, the Hero becomes a bumbling fool and it is just a waste of time to read.

I loved the previous Rewinder book and was eagerly looking forward to this one. However, while there is breathless action, particularly in the second half of the book, the characters have no depth whatsoever. There was also a sexist quality since the main roles of protagonist's sister and girlfriend seem to be to get into danger and apologize for needing rescue. I felt that the author didn't even try to bring these two characters to life or offer any insight whatsoever into the relationship between Denny and his girlfriend, Iffy. Instead, they serve as chessboard pieces to be moved around by the author as needed to advance the plot. The plot would likely be incomprehensible to anyone who hadn't read the previous book since several key points are not explained at all (a bit of recap would be extremely helpful for those new to the series). I also felt the historical sections could have been developed to vividly show the reader what's happening, instead of just telling us. Descriptions mainly focus on what kind of transportation people have--cars, horses, etc. depending on the era. Overall, the book had a very hurried quality, somewhat like being on a bullet train and seeing scenery flash by through the windows too quickly to process much detail of what you're seeing. The most annoying issue is that the story ends abruptly on a cliffhanger, which made me feel that the author is more interested in attempting to set up sales for book 3 of his series than to deliver a satisfying story.

This is not a novel, this is just an installment! It is not a spoiler to say it ends in a classic cliffhanger with all of the story lines left unresolved. I find that insulting from a serious novelist and at major novel prices. It was routine back when it was the rage with comic books....but they cost a dime and came out every month unlike novels which generally only come out once a year and cost considerably more. Understand that I have nothing against serial novels which maintain the same characters from story to story. In fact I prefer them for the added depth of character they afford, at least up to a point. I also like the plot premises of this particular story and the first book ended in a

pretty satisfying way (4-5 stars). The best serial novels can also each stand alone and offer some sense of closure at the end without requiring you to read any prior or subsequent books in order to feel the satisfaction of completing a story well told. To me the use of cliffhangers in a novel is no more than a cheap shot means of gouging unsuspecting readers. My recommendation, as others have also suggested, is to wait until the series has been completed and then "binge" read them from first to last. Otherwise you tend to forget a lot of the particulars between books and given the long time lapses you can never be sure when or even IF the next installment will arrive....authors burn out, die, lose their contracts, whatever. Save your time and your money until you can obtain a complete collection which leads you up to a more satisfying conclusion instead of just another cliffhanger.

Talk about a change of pace!! I've read nearly every other Kindle book by Brett Battles, loved them all... until this. Sci-fi may just not be his genre. I found it kind of a torture to read with predictable "jumps" all the time to different dates and locations. This got tedious and boring really quick for me. The ending was unsatisfying as well after all this reading. I hope Mr. Battles goes back to his mystery/action adventure writing instead.

This isn't the way an enjoyable book ends. It needs a resolution -- a conclusion. If it is going to lead into the next book -- stopping as if at the end of an ordinary chapter -- tell us in advance and we will wait for both. (Or we will wait for all of the rest in the series -- maybe.) If you are an author, I can understand how it can be a real temptation to lock all of your readers into buying your next installment, but it is not smart to alienate them at the same time. It's just not smart. I, for one, will not be reading on in this series. I also agree with many of the other reviewers here that, unlike the first book (Rewinder) in this series, the pace of this one leaves no time for any kind of character development. No chance to really savor what's going on. Destroyer was not an enjoyable read for me.

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