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A War Of Gifts: An Ender Story



Synopsis

Orson Scott Card offers a Christmas gift to his millions of fans with this short novel set during Ender's first years at the Battle School where it is forbidden to celebrate religious holidays. The children come from many nations, many religions; while they are being trained for war, religious conflict between them is not on the curriculum. But Dink Meeker, one of the older students, doesn't see it that way. He thinks that giving gifts isn't exactly a religious observation, and on Sinterklaas Day he tucks a present into another student's shoe. This small act of rebellion sets off a battle royal between the students and the staff, but some surprising alliances form when Ender comes up against a new student, Zeck Morgan. The War over Santa Claus will force everyone to make a choice.

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Customer Reviews

A Reading Guide for Ender's Game. THE ENDER UNIVERSE Ender's Series: Ender Wiggin: The finest general the world could hope to find or breed. The following Ender's Series titles are listed in order: Ender's Game, Ender In Exile, Speaker for the Dead, Xenocide, Children of the Mind. Ender's Shadow Series: Parallel storylines to Ender's Game from Bean: Ender's right hand, his strategist, and his friend. The following Ender's Shadow Series titles are listed in order: Ender's Shadow, Shadow of the Hegemon, Shadow Puppets, Shadow of the Giant, Shadows in Flight. The First Formic War Series: One hundred years before Ender's Game, the aliens arrived on Earth with

fire and death. These are the stories of the First Formic War. Earth Unaware, Earth Afire. The Authorized Ender Companion: A complete and in-depth encyclopedia of all the persons, places, things, and events in Orson Scott Card's Ender Universe. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Adding to the ever-growing Enderverse, Card provides listeners with an amusing and sincere tale about religious observance just in time for the holidays. Like all Battle School students, Zeck has been torn from his family and religion to train in a school in outer space. Passively resisting his environment, Zeck must find a way to reconcile his beliefs with his actions and learn new things about himself that will challenge the life he knew. With Brick's lighter tone complementing Rudnicki's deep resonating voice, the two make an excellent pair as narrators. Often, their parts are split according to point of view, so that Brick narrates aspects of the story from the vantage point of Zeck and the other students while Rudnicki embodies the adults, especially the militaristic leaders at the Battle School. Mostly, this shifting back and forth is done by sections of the book, and not in characters exchanging dialogue. However, very abruptly at one point in the story, the director decided to have Brick and Rudnicki exchange dialogue. If this were the standard throughout, it may well have worked, but since it happened only once and in mid-discussion between two characters, it feels out of place. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Always waiting for the next in the Ender saga!

I have read this book many times and love the story. It makes for a great pick me up and is a pleasant quick read.

I don't usually go for science fiction but with this series I couldn't put the books down. I ended up ordering the whole series because I really wanted to know what happened to the characters. I have 2 more books to go in the series and I'm hoping to find out what happened to Bean, Petra and their kids by the end of it, but I don't think any of the books are going to cover it!!! This book was shorter and less in depth than the others in the series. Good for a quick read.

I wasn't really sure what to think of this book before I purchased it. I'm a huge fan of all of the Ender's Game books, and actually I'm currently reading Shadow Puppets. Despite being very

non-religious, personally, I found it to be a great story of tradition and beliefs with that childhood touch. It brings back a lot of characters in Battle School, but mainly focuses on Zeck, the child who refuses to participate in Battle School and Ender's power to "heal". Anywho, I'm not much into writing book reports but I can say for a quick read of about 128 pages from my one of my favorite authors, it was absolutely great in my opinion. I also quite enjoyed the signed first edition, with the rough edges on the paper and all =P

A beautiful short story showcasing the character of Ender and revealing more of Dink Meeker. I haven't read other stories in Ender's Universe because I wanted content dealing with only the children of Battle School. This short story is not to be missed by any true fan of the story of Ender Wiggin. I only gave it four stars because of its price for the amount of reading I got out of it. I finished it in about two hours.

if you enjoy reading the Ender story you will enjoy this short story my grandsons liked it also a very short read

This would have been a five star book, except for one thing. I considerate it way over priced for a single short story. I am very impressed by the entire Ender series, have read them all. If you are going to sell them as single short stories they should be cheaper than the price of a full length novel. I do recommend reading it, it's a fine story. Unfortunately it is just overpriced.

My favorite book series off all time. Orson Scott Card will not let you down once again taking to another world so well described and so much fun to read. Great for any age.

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