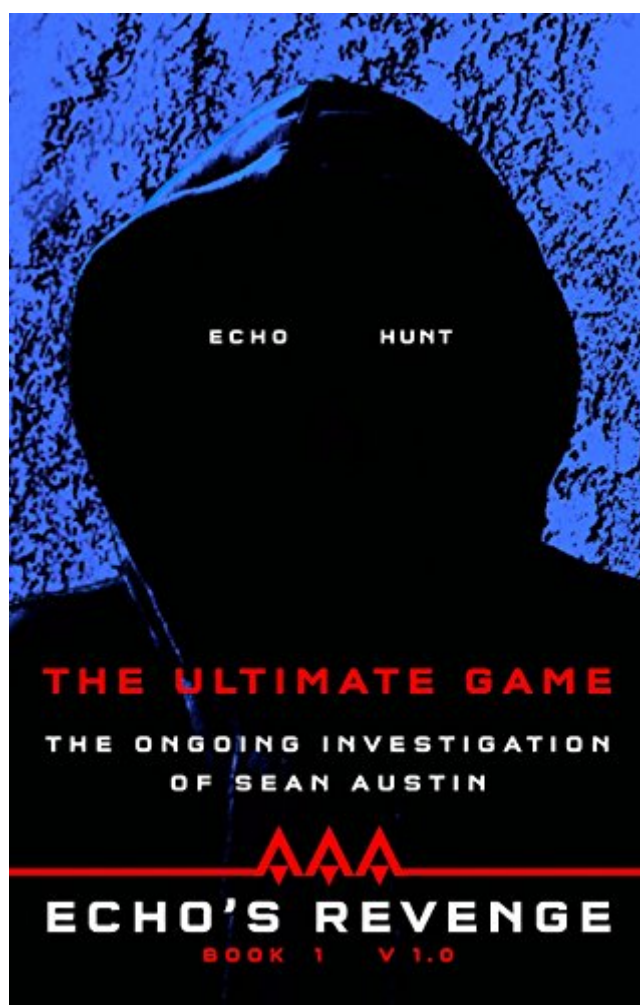




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ECHO'S Revenge: A Young Adult Science Fiction Thriller (ECHO's Revenge Book 1)



Synopsis

Book 1 in the ECHO's Revenge series. Book 2 (ECHO's Revenge: The Other Side) is now available! Winner of the 2012 Parent's Choice Award, recipient of the National Parenting Center's Seal of Approval! The entire gaming community, including top competitor Claire Hamilton, is in awe of fourteen-year-old Reggie King who can take just minutes to destroy the demonic game boss, ECHO-6, in the bestselling video game, ECHO's Revenge. Reggie can't wait to test himself against the game's new and improved monster: ECHO-7. To Reggie, ECHO's Revenge is more than just a game; it's his way to escape the harsh reality at home. But there's a glitch in the new release of ECHO-7. The game developers release a live version of the monster into the real world and now a 35-foot tall extreme predator clad in impenetrable armor with the power to shape-shift and turn invisible is hunting down every elite gamer who ever defeated it in previous versions. One by one, elite ECHO gamers are disappearing. And now, ECHO-7 is after Reggie. Reggie fears that the monster will also go after his younger brother Jeremy who's been steadily racking up plenty of monster-kill points himself. Determined to keep him safe, Reggie hatches a plot to destroy the monster and save fellow gamers. But can he figure out how to use his gaming instincts in the real world? And, can Claire help Reggie understand who he really is, so he can reach the next level? ECHO's Revenge delivers non-stop, adrenaline-pumping action with a hero who is learning that it takes action to bridge the gap between fantasy and the real world and that family loyalty is sometimes the trickiest game of all. A compelling reading for the tween male gamer demographic about a young boy who finds adventure, courage and teamwork away from the computer screen. -- Breitbart Reviews Rave Reviews For The Teen Adventure Book Of The Year! This young adult science fiction and fantasy thriller got rave reviews from critics, parents and male teen readers alike. The author, Hart Getzen, is a father of avid gamers as well as a writer and producer in the motion picture, simulation, and game industries. National Geographic Kids (Young Adult Action Adventure): "I would definitely recommend this book to someone in middle school or older." The Midwest Book Review (Gamer Fiction) "Echo's Revenge is a blend of familial and near-future science fiction that should resonate well with many young readers." Portland Book Review (Teen Books) "Imagine an online villain has come to life with a personal vendetta against you. VOYA Reviews (Teen Adventure) Starts off with a bang, containing no shortage of adventure, suspense, and imagination. Monsters and Critics (Young Adult Science Fiction And Fantasy) A terrifying tale that will appeal to male gamers." American Chronicle (YA Adventure) [Their epic adventure] brings them closer together as brothers and closer to an adult world in which they will have the confidence to survive." San Francisco Children's Fiction Examiner

(Young Adult Action Adventure)"We recommend 'Echo's Revenge' to any reader who enjoys gaming, fantasy and a suspenseful story." Book Trends (Teen Books For Boys)"This action packed thriller is jam-packed with adventure and will keep you at the edge of your seat."Â The National Parenting Center (America's Leading Parent Advocacy Organization)"In this new kind of hybrid book that is woven together with a vibrant website. Readers are taken on a wild ride that is aimed specifically at boys who have grown up in this video game generation. The story is driven by chaos which is why it resonated with testers. It is an exciting, tense thrill ride from start to finish."DGtheoriginalMC (Gamer Tech Thriller)

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Customer Reviews

This book is about two main characters named Reggie and Jeremy. They are expert gamers in an online video game called ECHO's Revenge, but they don't know that the next version of ECHO has already been created in the real world. On their journey escaping their dysfunctional household,

they encounter strange occurrences which lead up to what has been stalking them the entire time. ECHO-7 has changed the rules of its existence and is hunting down all of the ECHO's Revenge video gamers. I don't want to say more as I don't want to give anything away, so read it and find out for yourself. However, if I were to compare this book to anything, I would have to say it's a cross between Jurassic Park and Transformers to make a robotic reptilian that is chasing you down and always about to bite your rear. Sean Austin did an excellent job describing the characters and events, putting me right into the action

I will be honest, this story was compelling. I didn't want to stop reading; I wanted to know what happened with the main characters. To that end, the novel is definitely a success. I could see this being made into a teen-targeted movie. Having said that, the book has somewhat clunky prose. Some spelling errors and some awkward phrasing, including some clunky word repetition is all that mars this highly decent story. With some additional editing, this story could easily be 5 stars, and I am definitely going to be reading the sequel(s). I also look forward to hearing about any games that may be developed off this IP.

Where do the worlds of reality and online gaming cross? In ECHO's Revenge, the conflict Reggie and Jeremy experience is so surreal they have difficulty understanding whether they are dreaming or if it's the real world. An indestructible, invisible, 35-foot tall game boss they have been fighting in an online game comes to life to stalk them. If these brothers tell anyone what they have seen, their sanity would be questioned. However these boys are not crazy. The developers of the ECHO's Revenge game series are testing their morality and gaming abilities through the next version of the ECHO series with a real-version game boss. This was a fun and fast read that kept me guessing till the end. To see how far technology has come in such a short time makes the idea of an advance robotic machine very plausible, even scary at the same time. I noticed the author liked to switch perspectives between characters which is quite different from a traditional story and somewhat like a video game, though it didn't slow me down reading. Overall, I would recommend this book to YA readers who enjoy a well-written Science Fiction book about the video game world.

This story follows two brothers who are being stalked like prey in an adventure-survival game by an unknown, stealthy, game boss, ECHO-7. When the boys finally encounter this rogue robotic monster, they instantly note its resemblance to the video game they've been playing for years, ECHO's Revenge, V 6. The boys have no idea what they have gotten themselves into, or why, and

the only way to survive is to beat ECHO at its own game. Let the games begin! As an avid gamer who NEEDS to have the latest game, I believe ECHO's Revenge will receive a warm welcome to the video game genre, similar to other novels like Ready Player One, Assassin's Creed, and the Halo series. It connected with all the elements a tradition video game would have, and was even written in a game-like style, which to me made the book even more enjoyable. I think this book would be great for anyone who just likes a good story filled with action and adventure, but also wants a fun book they can read in just a few days. This is not a literary book, so I did not go in expecting it to be a masterpiece, but the book flows nicely, has an interesting premise, lots of suspense, and the characters are colorful.

Echo's Revenge is a great book for kids to read because it should cause some conversations about gaming. The author does a nice job of equating gaming skills with real life skills--and I'd be interested in running a parent/student book club around this book. The action is fast and furious, and the descriptions of how oppression changes people is quite well portrayed without being totally depressing. Loved the excitement of the players as they bond and work together.

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