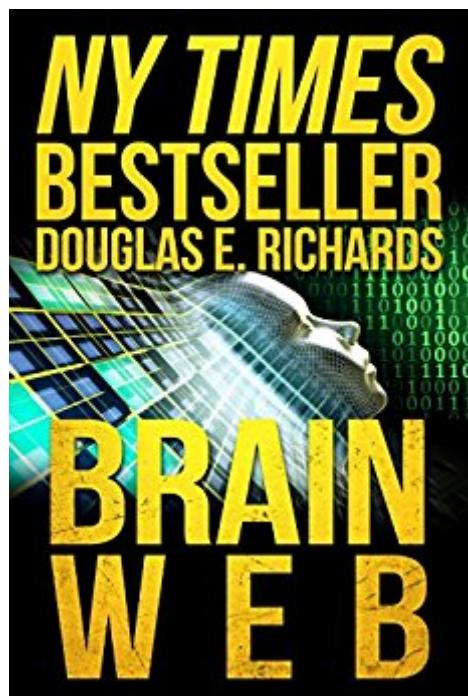


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## BrainWeb (Nick Hall Book 2)



## Synopsis

When the Academy Awards become the target of a brutal terror attack, only one man can stave off massive bloodshed. *MIND&apos;S EYE*, the novel that introduced Nick Hall, was a runaway Kindle bestseller. Now Hall returns in a riveting stand-alone thriller, set in an Internet future that is just around the corner. From the New York Times bestselling author of *WIRED*. Nick Hall, an unwilling recipient of brain implants, can surf the Web with his thoughts and read minds. And while this makes him one of the most formidable men on earth, he is determined to stay off the grid. But when terrorists seize control of the Academy Awards and vow to butcher the world&apos;s most beloved stars, one by one, in front of an international television audience, Hall is forced to reveal his astonishing capabilities. Now, power players around the world will stop at nothing to capture him. And as the secretive group working with Hall begins to unravel, he is sure of only two things: he has been betrayed by someone close to him. And the stakes he is playing for could not be any higher . . .

Based on actual research on thought-controlled Web surfing, *BrainWeb* is a smart thriller that raises a number of intriguing possibilities about a future that is rapidly approaching. Be sure to look for *MindWar* (Nick Hall 3) "Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton." (SF Book.com) "Richards is a tremendous new talent" (Stephen Coonts) "who can keep you turning the pages all night long." (Douglas Preston) *Near Future Science Fiction Thrillers* by Douglas E. Richards *WIRED* (Wired 1) *AMPED* (Wired 2) *MIND&apos;S EYE* (Nick Hall 1) *BRAINWEB* (Nick Hall 2) *MIND WAR* (Nick Hall 3) -- New in 2016 *QUANTUM LENS* -- New in 2016 *SPLIT SECOND* -- New in 2016 *GAME CHANGER* -- New in 2016 *INFINITY BORN* -- New in 2017 *Kids Science Fiction Thrillers* (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike) *TRAPPED* (Prometheus Project 1) *CAPTURED* (Prometheus Project 2) *STRANDED* (Prometheus Project 3) *OUT OF THIS WORLD* -- *THE DEVIL&apos;S SWORD*

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## **Customer Reviews**

BrainWeb begins with the character Nick Hall trying to save the top actors at the Academy Awards from being executed one by one on TV by Islamic Jihadists. He does this by using his special ESP ability to guide a SpecOps assault at the risk of exposing his identity to those trying to capture him to use his ability for their own evil agendas. In particular, Nick and his love Megan are kidnapped by a psychopathic politician who wants Nick to learn secrets about his political rivals. Meanwhile, for other nefarious purposes, a powerful arms trafficker captures Nick's close friend Alex who is the sole source of microcomputer brain implants that can access the internet. Then Nick's confidant, black ops leader General Girdler, who's trying to help Nick, Megan and Alex, is blamed for their abductions. A flurry of action follows, with Nick leading the way. But I won't spoil the book for you by telling you more, except to say that the many adventures in BrainWeb are brilliantly created by the author. I've given 5 stars to all the N.Y. Times best-seller techno-thrillers written by Douglass E. Richards. One might call his novels "extended-science" fiction. They involve credible, yet undemonstrated as of 2015, phenomenology in fields including neurobiology, DNA research, microcomputer brain implants, psychopathy, and ESP. But none of this is at all tedious nor requires any knowledge of the field. This almost-believable technology is then embedded in gripping tales with deep backstories. Further, Richard's books are flawlessly written, composed with outstanding word pictures, and, except for one early sequel, are all fully stand-alone reads.

He knocked it out of the ballpark, with an amazing sequel. This book grabs you in the first few pages and keeps you hooked all the way. Just a few things from the book to give you some idea of what to expect: mind reading, double crosses, celebrities, amazing technology, and an author that really

understands our complex world and weaves a brilliant tale.

This is an excellent second installment in the Nick Hall series. The only problem with this series is its improbable assumptions concerning telepathy. Once you set these absurdities aside, these are excellent stories with powerfully driven characters, a strong plot, and many twists and turns to delight the reader and keep him or her guessing. One of this author's strong points is his ability to create realistic villains. In my opinion, it is more difficult for a writer to come up with true to life villains as opposed to heroes. After all, we are all heroes in our own minds, are we not? But it takes real imagination to create a realistic villain. Mr. Richards does this effortlessly and repeatedly. This villains are some of his best characters. Further, he manages to put most of his characters somewhere in the middle as neither Saints nor Devils. I did not think that this second installment in this series would be better than the first, but I think that it probably is. Check it out and judge for yourself. RJB.

Brain Web continues Douglas E Richards' "Nick Hall" sci-fi spy thriller series. We follow the hero's journey of a man who has been rendered accidentally telepathic in addition to being hard wired into the Internet by wireless implants in his brain. Most of the writing flows well and is structurally sound. I found some of the plot twists to be a bit on the artificial side, even in a novel which requires readers to suspend disbelief (as all sci fi generally does). And we don't see much development in either of the two female supporting characters. Still, regardless of a few reservations, it's a good and entertaining read.

I've been reading books by Douglas E Richards since I was lucky enough to stumble upon "Wired" sometime last year in my search for an author that came close to an all time favourite of mine, Michael Crichton. After many an hour becoming engrossed in his absolutely endearing characters, their struggles, shortcomings and triumphs throughout the action packed fictional worlds that sometimes seem all too real, I was elated to see that Nick Hall and his cohorts were back for their second adventure in "Brain Web". Needless to say, I was not let down! "Brain Web" begins in what I would describe as the single most action packed sequence of events I have ever read in the first chapters of a speculative/techno/adventure fiction novel. Not only that, but the writing, in both content and flow, as always with Richards work, will have you hooked in no time at all! Fortunately though, it doesn't stop after the opening credits! Throughout its entirety, Nick, Megan, Alex, Heather and their military friends in Girdler and Campbell, will take you on such an awesome ride through a

world of "Black Ops", mind reading, telepathically and technologically enhanced thrills (and evil psychopaths hell bent on domination, destruction or both!) that I guarantee you will not want to put the book down!Also, as usual, there are so many twists and turns that you are sure to be engaged in your own game of "Cluedo" right up until the very end!Richards continually manages to include enough hard science in his novels, that the extra mile he takes the reader will always leave you wondering "is there a possibility that someone in the real world has these abilities or can do this?" ...or at the very least, you'll be turning your computer off and unplugging it from the power supply nightly!If you haven't yet read a book by Douglas E Richards, I suggest you do so, as you really don't know what you are missing!If you've already read the prequel to "Brain Web", you surely will not be disappointed with the second of the Nick Hall series. I can only now look forward to a third!

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