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THEIR GOAL IS SIMPLE: TOTAL DOMINATION.

With six arms and jaws that can snap a man in two, the warmongering race of aliens known as the Thule has conquered every planet they've attacked.

And now their invasion of Earth has begun.

Humanity's only hope springs from a mysterious Thule legend about a Betrayer, who they believe will rise up and destroy their people. The American government tried to manufacture their own Betrayer by injecting children with Thule blood but time after time the experiment failed . . . until Colt McAlister.

A decade later, Colt is a 16-year-old cadet at the CHAOS Military Academy where he's training to defend mankind. But he's afraid that the alien blood may be turning him into a Thule—and he's beginning to suspect that fulfilling his role as the Betrayer may cost him everything.

Experience a cosmic battle filled with high-tech gear, gateways to other planets, and ultimate stakes. Not everyone will survive. But heroes will rise up and step into their destiny in this earth-shaking conclusion to the C.H.A.O.S trilogy.

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Brenten Gilbert says

In 2010-2011, aliens seemed to be making a huge impression on the pop culture psyche. In the movies, the studios released Skyline, Cowboys and Aliens, Transformers, I Am Number Four, Battle: Los Angeles, and even Mars Needs Moms. On television, shows like Flashforward, The Event, and Falling Skies constantly reminded us that an alien invasion was all but imminent. Given this media attention, the ground was certainly fertile for an Christian alien book series. And that's exactly what we've got here... but is it any good?

NOTE: This is book 3 of the series.

The "rubber" book, so to speak. Since book one was pretty good and book two was pretty bad, the fate of the entire series rests on book three, where the fate of the world once again rests on Colt McAlister. Colt, who splits his worries between which girl he actually wants to date, whether or not he's turning into an alien, and if he can remember the choreography for his upcoming travelling show. Yeah, he's going to save the world.

Although, as the book opens, it seems he's already failed. He's part of a team searching for survivors and aliens amongst the wreckage of a recent attack that has decimated the suburbs of Washington DC - probably my house, even. It appears that other attacks have also occurred and that these attacks are becoming pretty common. And, since the book description promises that Colt is going to be kidnapped and taken to the alien planet (which doesn't happen until very late in the book), you pretty much know the gist of the story and the waiting (or slogging through the early chapters) gets pretty frustrating.

It's one action sequence after another, with little holding them together aside from the high-level "alien invasion; save the world" theme. In fact, there is a lot of disconnect throughout the book, like the traveling show (though, I could actually see the government thinking this was a good idea) and a record attendance to the opening despite recent attacks and impending threats. And there's this: As the team is deploying to defend a distant attack, they divert to find the main gateway. Someone there mentions wanting tickets to the Redskins and Steelers game a few days away. Really, the world is burning, under ferocious attack, and you're worried about a football game. Let alone, they're still playing football amongst the wreckage?

One bit of enjoyment I got from this book was the trivia game I played regarding the pantheon of pop culture references / hijackings. Here's a taste:

- There are soft spots in the universe allowing intergalactic travel (Fringe).
- A key alien commander taunts Colt about being half alien, goading him to embrace his "destiny" and act on his anger and rage (Star Wars).
- In the middle of a war, the world's best soldier is tapped to perform a traveling show (Captain America)
- Jet packs (Iron Man)
- hoverboards (Back to the Future)

It's pretty crowded. Actually, even the formatting of this ebook was crowded - everything was pushed to the side, leaving a wide left margin. All in all, it makes for a narrative that's incredibly difficult to follow, much less believe, much less care about. Sorry. Bad books: 2, Good books: 1. The series is over.

I will say that the illustrations at the end of each book are fantastic. They are included as "case files" and have the quality of the best comic books have to offer. There was plenty of potential, but in the end, I think

Lewis just tried too hard.

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Stephanie says

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Domination fit well as the conclusion to this series. Its pace felt better to me than the other two, and its ending is satisfying. Sure it would be nice to hear more from CHAOS, but I'm ok with where we left things.

Colt really came into his own here. You really get to see him round out as a character. Even though he is still young, he really starts to decide who he is and what his values are.

Dani was still a little disappointing to me, but she was better in Domination. I would have been happier to see more character progression from her. It almost feels like she was most put to the side and forgotten about after the first book.

Oz was lack luster in this one. The changes and trials I was expecting just weren't there. It bothered me quite a bit, but I still like him as a character. I felt like more could have been done with him in this book.

The hardest thing to deal with in this book was the resolution of the major arc. There was an awful lot of buildup and then it just... ends. More time should have been put into that resolution.

All in all I like the book and the series, and I would be very happy if at some point another book was released!

Rating:

♥♥♥♥

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Sara Bennett says

I rather wish that I had been able to reread the second book or at least look at it before starting this one. But I didn't, I just jumped in and started reading. Luckily I remembered a good deal and there was a little bit of reviewing done at the beginning. Although at some points I did get a bit confused or there was something that had happened in a past book and I didn't remember it, it usually wasn't that important and I wasn't completely lost or anything. So someone could pick up this book and just read it without reading the previous books, I wouldn't recommend it though. Reading the first books makes more sense :P

I was expecting a big battle for the ending of this series and in reality the big battle only lasted a page or so. Maybe the author simply wanted to tie it up quickly but the ending felt rushed and crammed while the rest of the book was detailed and well laid out. Not to be negative(I don't know what was going on in his life or

head, but I do know that endings can be hard), but in my opinion this ending really didn't fit in with the rest of the book and wasn't the best, rather cliche and was possibly unrealistic...despite several deaths.

Now that I'm done with that, this book was a good and enjoyable book. Although the whole book wasn't battle and there were only five or so battle scenes I did feel the excitement and thrill of adventure in every page. I adore how there is so much super hero/comic book as a big part of the story line. Well that and the alien thing too. It makes this series unique and very interesting! This is the final book where the bad guy is taken down and the hero triumphs. But before that there is the terror of the enemy's final strike, when it will come and the hurry to get prepared as much as possible before that final battle. Colt is doubting if he'll be able to do much against the Thule attack and what his role will be as the Betrayer...and how many people will be lost before all the pain and attacks stop.

Overall, my only problem with this book was that the ending felt off, I really enjoyed and flew through the rest of this book. The plot was interesting and almost every chapter ended making me want to continue on. I would recommend this book to tweens and teens who enjoy science fiction, aliens and a good adventure with a true hero :)

This book had some wonderful characters that seemed to come off the page and into real life. I really liked the three main characters, they weren't perfect but had some great qualities and morals. They were unique and I really liked them, they were what had stood out the most from when I had read the other two books. There were some other good ones and overall the characters were nicely done :) Content wise:Injuries, deaths, a few fighting and battles, aliens, lies and deception. And a couple brief discussions/thoughts about a girl or dating. 1-3 cheek kisses.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher and the views I've expressed are my own.

Cade Jones says

Domination, the third and final book to the C.H.A.O.S Trilogy, by *Jon S. Lewis*, which I have enjoyed. The main characters, Oz, Danielle, and Colt are an easy to root for trio that are now official agents of C.H.A.O.S. Koenig cannot be confined for long, as he has plans for Earth and his people, but Colt won't let that happen. The Thule are ready to attack and it is up to Colt to lead the charge to prevent the extinction of humanity.

I liked this book for the same reasons that I liked *Invasion*, it was hooking and had lots of action. It however barely skims the surface on trying to be as good as its predecessors (*Invasion* and *Alienation*). Despite the disappointment that I can't relive the glory of the previous books, I was satisfied with the ending. It had a good old 'here we go again' type ending, which I think is enough.

I think anybody who has a thing for sci-fi/suspense/action books would perfectly fit this. It has obvious (but not over the top) advanced technology that would satisfy anybody that likes sci-fi. Every chapter leaves you at the edge of your seat, the quoted review on the top of all the books are no joke. Action is obviously a requirement for anything with the other two genres, which honestly makes the perfect blend.

Harsh says

What started off as an amazing concept ended with a terribly easy and boring ending. How do you kill the biggest goddamn villain in the book by tossing him off a ledge? Even past that, are there no successors to the goddamn clan. It was such a stupid boring ending I felt that reading the series was a waste of time. I was expecting something along the lines of the CHERUB series but all I got was a stupid effortless crap ending.

MGGMMGGM says

Originally posted at The Solitary Bookworm

The C.H.A.O.S Trilogy ends here. The battle against the Thule is finally near and it's up to Sam, Oz and Danielle to end the war and save humanity from extinction! Prepare yourself for the adventure of survival.

I've followed the trilogy since Invasion and I sang high praises for the books. I enjoyed it not only because it was written well and the story line was super engaging but also because it was a quick read that included well rounded and developed characters. I cannot tell you how good these books are but if I would compare all three, Domination was a bit disappointing and I'll tell you why.

My qualms in Domination is with the ending and some parts of the book that felt a bit off. Fair warning, this is going to spoil your reading experiences so I apologize profusely. One thing that I didn't like was how everything was written in a rushed manner by the middle of the book. Domination doesn't have the full action packed experience that the first two books offered. I felt that there were holes in the story that got kinda lost due to the fact that the story is ending and everything needs to be tied up. By doing so, I believe that Domination was a let down. Another thing, what's with the attempt between the love angle by introducing other girls that somewhat felt undeveloped. It was like, there's a new girl, Sam flirts, Sam blushes, new girl giggles and a few lines were exchanged and then nada. That was just plain weird. Lily's perfect and the minimalist feel in the romance department is just fine. Lastly, the ending. Yes it was frustrating and I was hoping it didn't end that way since this is the last book. It should have ended with a bang if you get what I mean.

Enough about my issues. The good part of the book was that the love I had for the main characters was in total boom in this book. They are not the innocent teens that we read from books 1 and 2 anymore. I felt that the characters reached their full potential in this wrap up and that made me smile knowing that if the series took a spin off, they are not those unaware kids in Invasion. The secondary characters were as amazing as well – we'll get to read old characters and be introduced to new ones. Pierce is definitely the punk you'll love to hate but still a very effective character. Another thing, we'll get to see more of the academy and the inside of what it means to be part of the prestigious agency.

Domination is a book that will be highly appreciated and enjoyed by teens and sci-fi die hard. I may not be both but the reason why I enjoyed this series so much was due to the fact that Lewis knew his material. He knows how to captivate a readers attention by writing good characters, amazing action scenes and he indeed has a very imaginative and creative mind. I think that came off by being a comic writer so he has the talent and the experience. I would have to mention that Domination is not like Alienation that you can read without reading Invasion. For you to really enjoy and not be lost in Domination, either read Invasion AND Alienation or just start with Alienation. If you ask me, read them all since this is indeed a great trilogy.

Overall, a very enjoyable and engaging story that ends the trilogy that I grew to love. Not a big sci-fi fan but Lewis made a fan out of me and I will look forward to his other material in the future. Didn't enjoy as much

as Invasion and Alienation combined but still a good story ender. Read the series, I promise you you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

Beth says

The destructive, world dominating Thule have arrived. Their goal is to invade earth and destroy mankind. Our hope is on Colt McAlister, 16 year cadet at the C.H.A.O.S. Military Academy.

Colt has been genetically altered, his DNA combined with Thule's giving him many of the abilities and characteristics of the Thule. When he isn't battling the Thule he must battle his Thule nature or it might end up controlling him.

I found **Domination** very interesting. The story heads in many different directions...which left lots of open questions for someone like me. I was left wondering many things about Jonas and his enrollment at the academy. I don't know what the planned target audience for this story, but I see it being a draw for the young male teen group.

Domination was a fun adventure into a world where we use our young as a resource against insurmountable odds. Alien injected abilities, puts our hero on equal footing to superior strength, stealth and high tech gadgetry of the Thule nations. For me, **Domination** was a solid 3.5 stars.

This ARC copy of **Domination** was given to me by Thomas Nelson--FICTION in exchange for a honest review. This book is set for publication April 16,2013.

Steven R. McEvoy says

Sometimes I really hesitate to read the final books in series. I often just do not want the store to end, especially if it is a really good series. This final book in the series was good but to be honest I liked the first two better. When I finished book 2, I had more than a year to wait for book three, and when this book finally came out it kept getting bumped down on my reading list.

Things have really peaked in this novel. It is science fiction action at its best. This book still reminds me of much in classic science fiction. A little bit Bester, a little Heinlein, a bit of Herbert. In this volume Earth is under attack and it does not look good. The Thule are randomly opening portals and attacking more frequently and in greater force. Their plan is complete domination of Earth and humanity. But Thule legend has tale about the betrayer, someone who will rise up and destroy their own people. And the American government tried to make it happen by mixing Thule DNA in children. Colt, McAlister grandson of The Phantom Flyer was the only successful case. After the discovered treason in the last book, the revelation to the general population about aliens and the attacks things are not going well. And Colt is now leading a team that has been promoted from being a training squad in the CHASO Military Academy. But Colt not only needs to lead his team in real battles, try and get his best friend Oz reinstated (even though his father was the traitor) now they want him touring with a musical show to boost morale. He is training for a special mission to go through to the Thule world to end the war. That is a lot of weight on a young man's shoulders but Colt seems to be up to the challenge.

This book is a good read, and the series as a whole is fantastic. I feel like the series built and built but then seemed to just get everything resolved a little quick. The characters are great; Colt, his grandfather Murdoch, Oz, the whole team. The writing is very good. And the ending leaves it open for a possible extension, or at least we can hope. I should have got around to reading it earlier, but am thankful I finally picked it up. Good book from a great series, highly recommend the whole trilogy!

Read the review on my blog Book Reviews and More and reviews of other books by Jon S. Lewis. As well as an author profile and interview with Jon.

Kristin (Blood,Sweat and Books) says

Review:

Domination Book 3 in the C.H.A.O.S. trilogy picks up shortly after Alienation ends. The Thule have started coming through and several towns on the Eastern seaboard have been hit heavily. Domination like those before it wastes no time in getting the reader up to speed. Not that I suggest skipping to the third book in the series but if you did, I don't think it would be hard following along.

While I really loved Domination, I was a bit disappointed. The action in the beginning of the book is intense. Thousands have died in the ensuing chaos and the agency has Colt and his friends out in the field to help. Well everyone except OZ that is, he's been kicked out due to his Father's actions. Did not see that coming. Don't worry though OZ still has Colt's back just as any good "brother" should. Which you know is good since Colt's actual brothers are still M.I.A.

However, after the agents return to the academy the book takes a weird turn and then suddenly Colt is being thrust into a musical? Which I get to an extent people need hope and all that. However, to be perfectly blunt this should've been done in Book 2 not you know when the Thule have started slaughtering people en masse and your newly appointed Junior agents only have weeks not months to prepare before the entire Thule army arrives.

While I remained completely glued to the story, I do feel Domination lacked a bit in consistency. I expected some amazingly epic battles and when it finally came down to the climax it lasted barely 2 pages. A huge letdown unfortunately. I also didn't like that the book set up all these extras characters and then just dropped them midway through never to be heard from again. If the characters had died off fine but they were just forgotten and that made me sad. At the very least they could of been shown at the end as the President is speaking to the public. A montage is better than the nothing we get.

My only other real gripe with Domination was it became a bit preachy. Thomas Nelson is a Christian publisher so of course I expect religious references but the first two books did it subtly, whereas in Domination it was much more obvious. I only mention this because it seemed thrown in after the fact. Only one or two places did Colt's sudden spirituality make sense.

Overall, I still really enjoyed Domination. The action, writing and characters are what make this series so good. Would I recommend it? Heck yeah! The C.H.A.O.S. trilogy is a new favorite of mine and I really hope the author considers adding to the series down the road. I need more C.H.A.O.S. in my life!! With that being said, I will be rating Domination by Jon S. Lewis ★★★★.

Lou says

Fine ending though I wanted to read more, but Lilly's words were pretty realistic so I'm kinda satisfied.

Rebecca (Unbound Pages) says

This review also on The Library Canary!

Well... let me start off by saying that I loved the first book in this series, Invasion. It was original, full of action and I loved the characters. I wasn't a fan of the second book, Alienation, due to some holes within each of the characters personalities and relationships so I wasn't very excited to pick up the last one, but I still held out hope that it would bring back the magic that got me so excited about the first one. It didn't. I was annoyed from the start and if this book was any longer I probably wouldn't have finished it.

Let's talk about the first annoying thing that happened. A certain character was kicked out of the CHAOS military academy for a really stupid reason. Then a few weeks later someone pulls some strings and he's back in. I saw absolutely no purpose in kicking him out. It did not add anything of value to the story and was a waste of paper.

Oz and Danielle had a semi-relationship going in the first book and by relationship I mean they liked each other. Then in the second book it was like that attraction never existed and they were just friends. Then at the beginning of this book Danielle realizes she loves Oz. Um excuse me? As if that's not annoying enough, they never define the relationship, never kiss, and never act like they're together the entire rest of the book. We are left wondering if Danielle and Oz are going to be together, never finding out how the relationship panned out. And this is the last book so I guess we will be wondering forever.

I felt like Colt developed a lot in the first book and then just stopped. He did work through some issues in this book and accepted who he was, but his character just felt stagnant to me. He's supposed to be the one person that can save them all, but honestly he felt weak to me and I would much rather have seen Oz in his role. Colt is also pining over Lily, the girl he likes that he left behind in Arizona. He really likes her, may even love her and he misses being around her. Then some other random girl kisses him and he kisses her back and even mentions that he liked the feeling of her lips on his and the way it made him feel inside. What about Lily? To make matters worse, after this kiss, the girl is never mentioned again. She served absolutely no purpose in the story. She didn't cause any conflict because Lily never finds out. Colt debates for about five seconds which girl he likes more and settles on Lily. It was so pointless.

There is a new character in this book, Pierce, who is a member of Colt's squad. Well, I think he may have been briefly mentioned in the last book but he didn't play a major role. He's a jerk. He is constantly trying to pick a fight with Colt and is just an all-around bully. I kept thinking that there would be some crazy plot twist with his character because he was such an ass, but it never happened and once again I was disappointed.

The last thing that bothered me was the ending, well sort of the ending. So we are all gearing up for what is sure to be an epic battle between Colt and Koenig, the leader of the Thule who has his heart set on destroying

the world and eliminating the human race. We get to a point where you know the battle is going to take place and I'm actually getting pretty excited and then it was just such a letdown. It was over in about three pages and it just ended so lamely that I literally sat there for a minute and flipped back wondering (hoping) if I had missed something.

Something I liked about this book was that it was very Captain America-esque. If you've seen the movie Captain America, you know that he becomes a symbol of hope for the country during a time of crisis. He goes on tour around the country putting on shows to rally the people's support. The same thing happens in this book only with a character called the Phantom Flyer. Colt becomes a symbol of hope for the people during a time where thousands are dying and no one knows what to do. At first, Colt is hesitant, but then he realizes that the people really need this and he accepts the role and all its glory.

Overall, this book really disappointed me. The characters were underdeveloped and the action scenes just weren't that good. There were a lot of characters and events that happened that I felt served no purpose which made the book difficult to get through. It was so crushingly disappointing because I really did love the first book. I wish I had more nice things to say about it and I really hate writing bad reviews. I will now go read another book to cheer me up! Happy reading all!

Alexis Neal says

Colt McAlister and company continue to battle the forces of evil, personified here (as elsewhere in the trilogy) as shape-shifting aliens with nefarious and deadly plans for planet earth. See, portals keep opening up to allow these six-armed 'Thule' and their ships to cross over to earth from ... whatever crummy planet they currently call home. Wherever the Thule appear, they leave a swath of death and destruction in their wake. Humankind is woefully outgunned, despite the efforts of the super secret C.H.A.O.S. military academy and its crackerjack cadets, of both the human and (friendly) alien variety. Colt and his squad know the odds are against them, but they refuse to give up hope and are determined to put an end to this portal business--and these walking, talking, mind-reading, shape-shifting monsters--once and for all. But Colt is wrestling with an internal demon of his own ...

We pick up pretty much where *Alienation* left off. As we learned previously, Colt McAlister continues to be preternaturally strong, thanks to the Thule DNA that has bonded to his own. As you can imagine, his pseudo-Thule abilities come in pretty handy when fighting the big bugs and may in fact link him to an ancient prophecy predicting the fall of the Thule. Less handy are the rage-aholic fits that seem to overtake him with increasing frequency. It turns out that the same Thule blood that makes him super strong/fast/telepathic also makes him inclined to, erm, overreact in a rather violent fashion. Think *The Incredible Hulk* meets Harry Potter in *The Order of the Phoenix*, but with more forcible removal of alien limbs. I assume this is intended to be some sort of metaphor wherein Thule blood equals testosterone--the same hormone that causes muscle development in adolescent males also results in violent outbursts and anger management issues. Never having been an adolescent male myself, I can't say whether the metaphor works or whether it will resonate with young readers, but I expect that it would. At any rate, it allows Colt to wrestle with his identity, in a nature versus nurture sort of way, which is a theme of near universal application. Can he rise above his biological history, or is he doomed to be like the Thule? There is plenty of food for thought here, as well as food for discussion with young readers on topics of personal responsibility and choice in the face of inherited characteristics or behavior patterns modeled by parents or other authority figures.

This is a 'Christian' book, but the Christianity is fairly vague--there is no Gospel presentation or anything, which is probably for the best since that usually results in some *seriously* clunky writing. Really, the religious content boils down to Psalm 46:1, which Colt repeats to himself throughout the story. This is, I think, a pretty tasteful and effective way to include faith in the story. A hero's reliance on the strength and help of God in trouble is fairly organic; it doesn't beat the reader over the head with religion. Yet the underlying lesson--put your hope in God, both in facing outward hardship (evil, shape-shifting aliens) and wrestling with the sin that has an internal origin (your own alien-enhanced outbursts of anger)--is both important and surprisingly profound.

Less appealing is Colt's sudden apparent willingness to (maybe) kick the charming Lily to the curb. Granted, their relationship has never been clearly defined, and they've got a whole long-distance issue going on, but the previous two books spent a lot of time convincing us that Colt is downright smitten with Lily and the feeling is quite mutual. However, in this installment, we find him mooning over no fewer than two other girls at the academy--a girl-next-door type and the resident hottie on campus. Again, this may be a reflection of the author's familiarity with the adolescent male mind and its susceptibility to, um, visual stimulus. Regardless, I didn't love this development, and I thought it cast Colt in a less than admirable light.

In other news, we finally get to spend some quality time in the super-secret academy, where Colt and fellow cadets engage in all sorts of simulations and whatnot. Honestly, I could still have done with more super-secret academy stuff (they spend the last hundred pages off-campus--and even off-planet). A huge factor in the success of the Harry Potter series was its focus on the *school*--a setting universally accessible and familiar to students.

Then again, I will overlook many a shortcoming in a book wherein the protagonist rips the arm off an evil Nazi robot and beats it to death (well, 'death') with its own dismembered limb. That's some good writing, there.

Bottom line: Probably an entertaining and helpful book for young readers; adult readers are likely to be underwhelmed.

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Jeni says

Good ending to the trilogy. Would be better as a longer series rather than a trilogy.

Whitney says

Since this is the final book in the series, this review will consist of my thought for *Domination* and the C.H.A.O.S. series as a whole.

Within week the Thule are set to open a portal to Earth and begin the massacre of the human race. While Cold McAlister deals with the changes the Thule DNA is making to his body, the Thule are appearing in more and more places and bringing destruction and death with them. The race against the clock is on to get the young C.H.A.O.S. agents prepared for battle and to destroy the gateway that the Thule are building before they launch their full scale attack.

Plot

There is little change in the plot from *Alienation* to *Invasion*. The Agents of CHAOS still have the gateway to the Thule's home planet to worry about with the added bonus of the changes Colt McAlister is going through thanks to the Thule DNA inside of him. The prophecy from the first two books doesn't make its presence known that much. Honestly, the plot for *Domination* is just tying up the first two books.

For the series as a whole, this plot has been done before. Alien species wants Earth, there's somebody alone who can defeat the aliens, they defeat them, everybody goes home happy. Even the whole alien DNA thing isn't new. The plot is pretty generic and could have been done better. With a little more pizzazz, the C.H.A.O.S. trilogy could have been a lot better plot-wise.

Writing

The writing in *Domination* is same as the other two books. The writing style doesn't particularly stand out, but it's much better than a lot of YA novels. The problem I have with the writing in *Domination*, as well of the other two books, is the lack of explanation given for certain things. Other than that, the writing is decent and has merit throughout the entire series and through each book.

Characters

The three main characters are the same: Colt, Danielle, and Oz. There more central characters added in that I like, but those three are still the main characters. Danielle seems to have gotten worse in terms of intelligence seeing as how she did things in the beginning of the book that were outright dangerous. I like Danielle, though, because she has her own personality and even though she isn't the strongest, she has skills in other areas and she is a capable fighter (and not a damsel in distress).

Colt has gotten slightly smarter, but I see his character as a bit of a Gary Stu (a male character that is strong without trying, is a special snowflake, and everything comes easy to them). To the end, I didn't like Col's character much. I didn't hate him, but I didn't love him either.

Oz was absent for a part of the book but came back much to my enjoyment. Like I had stated previously in other reviews, I'd have liked Oz as the protagonist more. He was a strong character who worked for everything he had and never gave up his sense of humor.

I never really got attached to any of the characters, but I also never felt detached. I was somewhere in the middle where I cared somewhat about these characters, but I was never particularly invested in them.

Things I Didn't Like

Besides the prophecy, the main thing in this book and the series as a whole I didn't like was the lack of explanations. There was no explanation for why Colt was the only human to survive the Thule DNA, what it did to him, why the changes only happened at the beginning of the first book even though he'd been injected

ten years before the story started, and why certain things were done in the last quarter of *Domination*. Jon S. Lewis's lack of explanation really stood out near the end of the book where new things were introduced but never explained.

Another problem I had was with the romance between Lily and Colt. It was so dull and awkward. Their romance also seemed like it was too strong despite circumstances. The fact that Colt had strong attractions to two other females that he never acted on (though he clearly wanted to) just makes their romance seem that much more fake. The Colt/Lily romance is another YA cliche where people only have one soul mate or whatever. I just didn't feel as invested in them as I did if Colt would have gotten together with Miranda or Stacy.

The ending was also so corny and anticlimactic that I could have gagged. Where the ending should have been a bang, it was only a fizz.

Diversity

The diversity in *Domination* is about the same as in *Alienation*. The only real diversity comes in the form of people of color (POC). There is one disabled character who has an eyepatch, but he isn't very prominent. There is, once again, no LGBTQIAP+ characters to speak of whatsoever. As a whole series, diversity is extremely lacking. With all three books combined the only diverse characters are non-white characters. There were so many sexualities and genders that could have been explored (seeing as this is a sci-fi book) that weren't, which is disappointing. When you have a book that deals with aliens and advanced technology, there's no reason for there to be such a lack of diversity.

Overall

In the end, I didn't like *Domination* as much as its prequels. Honestly, it was the ending that forced me to give this book two stars instead of the three *Invasion* and *Alienation* received. The lack of explanations, the corny ending, and the anticlimactic fight between Colt and Koenig made me really dislike this book. I feel like I was cheated out of something that could have been decent, but was subpar instead.

As for the C.H.A.O.S series as a whole, I will admit that I liked it, but didn't love it. There are alien invasion stories that are done much better than Jon S. Lewis did. It wasn't a *terrible* series, but I won't ever reread this series again. There could, and should have, been a lot more exploration of aliens species, explanations behind why Colt is the only human infused with Thule DNA and lived, explanations how and why the Thule DNA was affecting him, and so on and so forth. Basically, the C.H.A.O.S. series had the potential to be a lot better than it was, and I felt it could have reached its true potential with more explanation and effort.

This series was an okay ride, but not fun or too enjoyable by any means.

Julie Witt says

My Opinion: I've enjoyed this series so far and had high expectations for the conclusion, *Domination*, and boy was I right! This book had some really bad ass action scenes - the descriptions were so intense you really did feel like you were there!

At the beginning of the book you can tell that the Thule have continued their invasion of the Earth as the

setting is dark and desolate. You jump right into the action as Colt and Danielle are out on patrol and encounter one of the Thule. Since Colt was injected when he was only 6 years old with Thule blood in an effort to create "super soldiers" who would be better equipped to fight the aliens, he is faster and stronger than his fellow cadets but he worries that along with the good comes the bad - he fears he is turning into a Thule himself.

I really, really enjoyed this book. It was a very fast read, as were the other two books in this series. The almost nonstop action keeps you glued to the pages, and most of the characters are very likable. The ones who aren't were purposely written that way so that is in no way a complaint. The ending was everything you would hope for and leaves you breathless. Colt changes from a scared boy at the beginning of the book to a young man who finally accepts himself for who he is and works with what he has.

As a last point, my teenage son, who isn't much of a reader, actually read this whole series and loved it as much as I did. It not only got him reading, which is always good, but it gave us something to talk about and discuss.

In summary, in case you can't tell by now, I loved this book and highly recommend it for YA lovers of sci-fi, action, romance and suspense. I give it a very enthusiastic 5 stars :D

I received a copy of this book free of charge through NetGalley in exchange for my honest opinion.
