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James Patterson : Max - Maximum Ride Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Max - Maximum Ride Novel:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A MAXIMUM RIDE IN ADVENTUREBy M.A. De NeveThe idea of kids with superpowers should be terrifying. Its not, or at least not in this series. This novel manages to have comic book imagery without being a graphic novel. Imagine six-year old Angel with her beautiful wings and gills flying gracefully or swimming in the ocean. Imagine the fashion conscious Nudge. I keep getting beautiful images of these children at times like when they have a water balloon fight. The author manages to weave in lessons abut the dangers facing planet Earth and how important it is to save it and ourselves. The message is subtle and the book stays enjoyable. It has been too long since I read the last book in the series, so it took me a minute to catch up with the bird kids and their dog, Total. The kids now have gills so they can survive under water as well as in the sky and Total now has wings. Cool. But they keep developing new powers to cope with each danger. Is that playing fair with readers who expect characters to cope with what they already have - even if what they have are super powers. Maybe the kids already have too many super powers. Its hard to keep track of them all. I even have to take notes on the characters. Iggy is blind; Gasman is handy with bombs. Fang is Maxs love interest, and Angel is evolving faster than the others. Total the dog has a crush on a pure bred Akita. I loved the part where the U.S. Navy tried to teach the kids basic training. After what these kids have been through in the novels so far, there isnt much more about survival that they can learn. Tough survival instructors got a lesson from a six year old. The flock always seem more than up to whatever dangers that face them.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Plot a Bit Over the Top...still action

packedBy Kanaka ReviewFirst I'd like to quickly review the previous book "The Final Warning" since I read the paperback rather than the kindle version. I only add this review since it ties into my review of "Max".The previous installment started adding confusing elements into the plot that seemed like overkill. There are still messages of saving the earth but the villains keep changing with varying objectives with seemingly one common denominator which is to continuously try and kill the flock. Yet the reasons for targeting them isn't completely understandable at this point, especially after going public and having public support. Also the Uber villain in the last book was just a bit too much to swallow."Max" continues to be action packed but is a bit confusing as well, starting with the title. The preview for the next book at the end of "The Final Warning" called it "Waterworks" (or something like that) so naturally I start searching for that title. An hour later of Google searching lets me know that was the working title and it was actually "Max" that was the next book.This book continues to add more and more to a plot that's already popping at the seams. Suddenly we are underwater and dealing with yet another villain along with a kidnapping, mutant aquatic animals and an Atlantis like underwater city. On top of all that, the flock start developing new abilities without any great explanation other than they must be evolving on their own beyond what they were programmed, but the hows and whys are hazy if not completely absent. Then the biggest reason for the 3 star rating is the extremely confusing and unrealistic (yes I know this is all fantasy but still...) rescue of Dr Martinez from the underwater city dome. Somehow the mutant aquatic animal's snot bubbles prevent Dr Martinez from being drowned and/or crushed after the dome cracks open, the whole sequence is sort of glossed over using humorous cracks about the snot but it made very little sense and could have been thought out more.Yet I still give the last two books 3 stars because the reader cannot help but be invested in the characters after reading the very first book. So crazy plots, villains changes, extreme locale changes, and going from Erasers to Flyboys to M-Geeks. Whatever the story throws at Max and her flock, you cannot help but read on to make sure they get through it all intact. Although these last two books were not as strong as the first three, you can always count on action packed sequences throughout the story therefore it is never, ever boring! Hopefully the next books start tidying up the plot more and we are able to see (at least somewhat) the bigger picture which ties all the craziness together.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Maximum Ride at it's Greatest!!!!By DTWith the disappointment of The Final Warning this book brought the series back on track. I hope the rest of the book in the series continue to be as epic as Max. I was hesitant about buying the next book because Final Warning was a huge bore! But I read some reviews and most people seemed to think that this book was really good so I decided to get it.I finished this book in about 3 days and I read on the fast side. But I easily could have finished it in one sitting because Maximum Ride is so addicting sometimes you can't stop and before you know it you finished reading a 300 page book! Max isn't too long or too short! It's long enough to contain a great story but not so long that your tired of reading it!There was plenty of humor in this book! With Max and her sarcasm and Gazy Iggy with their bombs and explosives!!!! Very funny you might end up laughing out loud in the middle of reading this!It was action packed adventure all the way through! (Tiny Spoilers! BEWARE!) In the last book the plot was super boring and repetitive (ex. Max and the flock get kidnapped by a demented scientist, then they escape) but this plot was super awesome. First of all, it all took place in the ocean which I thought was really cool. new characters were introduced, villains and good guys.the climax was different and interesting. Max's mom got kidnapped by Mr.Chu and Max along with some other navy people get on a submarine and go searching for her under the ocean. Max saves her mom and the story ends with a major cliffhanger involving Brigid and Mr. ChuFor romance lovers you won't be disappointed either! :D