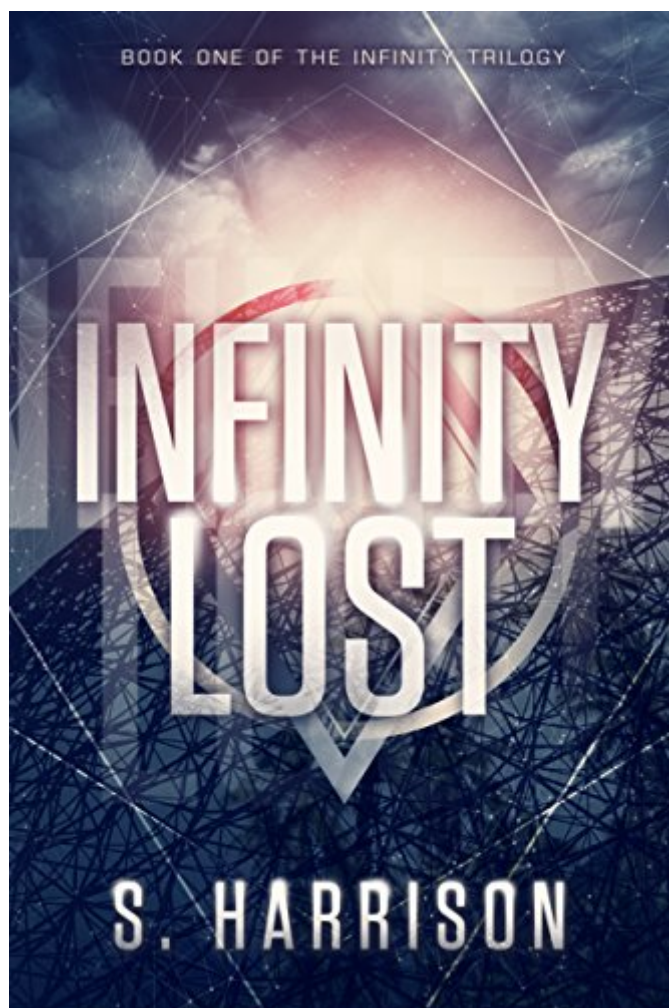


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Synopsis

In the near future, one corporation, Blackstone Technologies, has changed the world: no disasters, no poverty, and life-altering technology. Blackstone has the impunity to destroy or create as it sees fit. Finn • Blackstone is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Blackstone's reclusive CEO but she's never even met him. When disturbing dreams about a past she doesn't remember begin to torment her, Finn knows there's only one person who can provide answers: her father. After Finn and an elite group of peers are invited to Blackstone's top-secret HQ, Finn realizes she may have a chance to confront her father. But when a highly sophisticated company AI morphs into a killing machine, the trip descends into chaos. Trapped inside shape-shifting walls, Finn and her friends are at the mercy of an all-seeing intelligence that will destroy everything to get to her. With no hope of help, Finn's dream-memories may be the only chance of survival. But will she remember in time to save her own life and the lives of those around her?

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Customer Reviews

Three and a half stars. I got this book today as part of the Kindle First program and I've managed to read the entire thing. The fact that I managed to read it in a single day shows just how well this book held my attention. Infinity Blackstone, aka "Finn" is the 17 year old daughter of Richard Blackstone, CEO of Blackstone Industries and the richest, most influential man in the world. And yet Finn has never met her father and knows nothing of him other than what she hears in news reports. But when she turns 17, Finn begins to ask herself more questions about her past. For the first 16 years of her life, she's never had dreams. But starting the night of her 17th birthday, Finn begins having vivid dreams where she recalls memorable events from her childhood. Except that as she relives these events, details of her past that she didn't remember start revealing themselves. Like why did her nanny warn of her father's bad intentions towards her? And how was it possible for her broken arm to heal itself in two days? Is anything that Finn remembers of her past really accurate, or are her dreams revealing the truth? Just who, exactly, is she? With the help of her best friend Bit, Finn goes on a quest to get some answers. They hack their way into Blackstone Technologies, and try to hunt down her father. Will they succeed in finding him? Will Finn ever learn the truth about her past? I couldn't believe it but this book had me riveted from the opening pages. And the suspense keeps building up as the story progresses. Finn is a likeable character and easy to relate to. However, I was very disappointed by the ending. I wasn't shocked by the ending, because the I had a pretty good hunch what was going on. But without giving the ending away, all I'll say is that I was disappointed by it. It didn't like how Finn's character ended. And I didn't like that the book ends on a cliff hanger, leaving a lot of loose strings and unanswered questions. This book is clearly part of a trilogy, so I'm sure all of the loose ends will be tied up in the next two books. But be warned that if you want "closure", you'll have to commit to reading the entire trilogy and paying six buckaroos or so for each of the following books. The science fiction and technology aspects were handled well. The author's explanation for how the technology worked made sense from a scientific standpoint and wasn't overly complicated. However, his descriptions of the technology, surroundings, etc tended to be a bit long and I found myself skimming over page long descriptions, eager to get back to the storyline. The incessant, immature bickering that existed amongst Finn's classmates was also a bit exasperating. The repetitive "You shut up!" "No, you shut up!" that went back and forth between the boys got very old very fast and held up the progression of the story. There was also some moderate violence and mild language in this book. No sex scenes. Overall, I did think this was a good book. It was unique, suspenseful, and held my attention. If it wasn't for the unlikeable ending and all the loose strings, I easily would have given this book four and half stars. But I do think others will enjoy it.

Length: 246 pages. This debut novel is a fast-paced page turner that is very nearly a five star science-fiction gem. Since I abhor reviews that are, essentially, a condensed version of the story, and since I loathe spoilers, I'm going to speak in more general terms so you can make your own purchase decision, yet still enjoy the story as it unfolds. Imagine a world in which Apple (or Microsoft or or Google) has become so wildly successful that every facet of your daily life is perfect and has been provided by that one tech company. The trouble with such a setting is to create a believable conflict, but this author passes this task fairly well. I could suspend my disbelief. I also was surprised that this book was so fast-paced even though it had long chapters. The trend lately, in fiction, is to keep short paragraphs with cliff hangers at the end of each chapter. The writer goes against that trend with panache. Where the story is weak, however, is in character development. As a reader investing my time into a story, I want to love the heroine and despise, even if respectfully, the villain. I also want to experience shock, horror, remorse or fear when I come across a corpse. One other issue, as noted by another reviewer. Infinity Lost ends on a cliffhanger, forcing readers to look for closure by purchasing the next installment. Therefore, although I did find this an engaging, intriguing read that I could zip through in a single sitting, I can rate it only four stars. Good enough to encourage me to read the next installment, but this could have been a great story with only a little more effort. Again, this is an excellent debut novel worth my investment in reading time. Gimme more....

This is a good debut novel by S. Harrison. I was a bit confused in the beginning about the young protagonist, Finn. She seemed to be a rather remarkable young girl. This in itself is not unusual, but there are glimpses of things that should be impossible for her to accomplish. I liked that this was something new, that it did not explain right away what was so unusual about Finn. It gave me things to think about when I had to stop reading and attend to those annoying life responsibilities. What is it that keeps Finn's father in the shadows? Who is Jonah Brogan? Why has he taken such an interest in Finn's development? Those are some of the questions that kept me reading. There's not a lot more I can tell you about this book without spoiling the story for you. The writing definitely kept me turning the pages. I wanted to know what was different about Finn. This is a solid Science Fiction/Fantasy offering that was an easy read. The second book Infinity Rises is scheduled for release in January, 2016. I will be looking forward to some answers about Infinity. I hope the next book is as enjoyable as the first. This is a Kindle First Pick for October. I was given a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

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