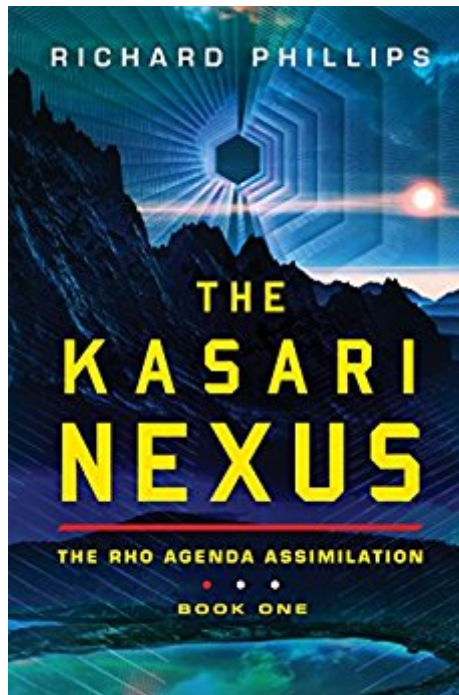




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Synopsis

Jennifer Smythe escapes Earth's invasion by the insidious Kasari race, hijacks an alien starship, and survives the deadly passage through a wormhole. But escape is short-lived. When Jennifer emerges on the new world of Scion, she is confronted by the same deadly enemy. Now the Kasari have sided with the planet's angel-like elite against the warrior underclass, but with the intent of ultimately ruling both. And when Jennifer is captured by the brutish Koranthians, her alien-enhanced abilities make her a crucial asset in battling the Kasari and their winged allies. Back on a divided Earth, Jennifer's brother, Mark, and Jack "The Ripper" Gregory wage their own war against the Kasari. As the global government welcomes the extraterrestrials, Mark, Jack, and their rebel faction seek to use the powerful mind-altering skills gained from the Kasari's sworn enemies to repel the would-be conquerors. But faced with the might of Earth's ruling forces, has the cause already been lost?

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Customer Reviews

The Kasari Nexus by Richard Phillips is a continuation of the Rho Agenda dystopian series. Jennifer Smythe, twin sister of Mark Symthe, Heather McFarland Smythe have different, yet enhanced mental and physical capacities because of headsets they used from a space ship that they discovered in a New Mexican cave . It turns out that the trio aided by Jack Gregory and his wife Janet price and their son who also accidentally became enhanced with special mental powers as a baby, are trying to save Earth from an invasion by the Kasari people from another galaxy. The Kasari initially appear to bring peaceful technology that is helpful for their captives, Then through their own technology they assimilate and enslave the captives for their own military purposes. It is fast paced and I appreciated the fact that the author Richard Phillips has a military background, is also a physicist, worked at the Los Alamos national laboratory and also at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Berkeley so his storyline has more of a ring of possibility than other writers who lack his technical background. I am enthralled with the series and know that space IS the final frontier so books that even have a potential for future reality have my attention. If you like space and it multitude of possibilities this series is for you.

Here we go again! Wow what a story line. If you have to group them I'd say The Kasari Nexus takes up at the end of the first three, The Rho Agenda (The Second Ship, Immune & Wormhole) and that the second three tell the store of Jack "The Ripper" Gregory and how he got to the point we find him and his partner Janet. (The Rho Agenda Inception: Once Dead, Dead Wrong & Dead Shift) at the beginning of thee first three stories. If you, like me, read those as they came out, you may have forgotten some or many points of interest! Worry not as Phillips sneaks in tid bits that jog your memory. And if you have not read the irst 6 stories then those tid bits may be enough to answer your questions, "What the heck is going on?" The story, as in the first 6 takes turn after turn. It is so fully told that I think I know where he's going, but knowing his writting I may well be wrong! What do I think? Well you will have to contact me at carlyle@cox.net! Hee hee!New comers you have a treat coming as you read these three stories. Hold on to your hats and computers here we go again! ! !

I purchased all eight of the books that were already released and pre-ordered the last book on August 2nd. I finished all nine books on August 17th. That is just a little under two days per book. Back in the days before cable tv or the internet, it was not unusual for me to read a book in a day or two. It is very unusual now since I have so much else going on. Add to that the fact that time itself is speeding up with where Gaia is headed.I am sad to see them end. I wish for movies of them but I

think they would have to be animated since real actors would probably age out of their role, there is just so much to cover. I highly recommend all of them. I read them in date order since at the time of purchase, I did not know the author recommended chronological order. Still very enjoyable.

Richard Phillips is a great writer, and his plots are sophisticated and compelling. Some have labeled this series as young adult, but I beg to differ. There are young adults, but the usual junk that attends such books is missing. This is high quality science fiction and I strongly recommend it.

This series, attractively interesting to begin with, has gotten progressively better. Not the most sophisticated or imaginative science fiction/fantasy available (Phillips is no Wolfe and doesn't aspire to be one), but it is enjoyably engaging anyway. I liked this most recent book best of all. It introduces well conceived, new alien cultures, introducing appealing individuals from them, while carrying forward and amplifying the central figures from prior books. The first of these novels has a kind of cardboard character problem, but, as the series progresses, that problem largely disappears. Don't let that deter you from starting with the first of this series, though. You'll miss too much if you don't! Needless to say, I'm hooked. Four and a half stars is about right.

I have enjoyed Phillips's books. This was a good story, but since he is using characters from his previous books there was way too much repetition. I get that there may be readers that have not read his earlier books, but the repetition was just too distracting.

Yes, yes, yes! But you must read the other six books before you read this one. They are all wonderful, action packed reads. Well written, and the characters are fully formed, varied, and you learn to admire, love, and care for each one. These books are exciting science fiction, all of them. I can't wait until the two remaining books are released that complete this series. Soon...Soon...And yes, I pre-ordered both.

As usual, Richard Phillips does not disappoint. The plot in this series keeps growing more complex and interesting, with great character development. The combination of real science and fiction makes the entire Rho series very intriguing by bridging the gulf of readers. This series has a strong draw to all types of readers, ranging from a physics nerd, to the artistic free spirit, keeping all fully engaged during the read due to the blend of complexity, character interaction, thoughtful moments, and making high order physics understandable in plain language. Plot: Twists and some

surprisesMood: The whole rangePace: Sadly, the end of the book comes too fast. Like all the Rho series, I burned through the pages because I "binge read" it.If you have not read the Rho Agenda, please do. This whole series, as well as this installment in my opinion are beyond excellent and keep delivering surprises to keep the reader interested.

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