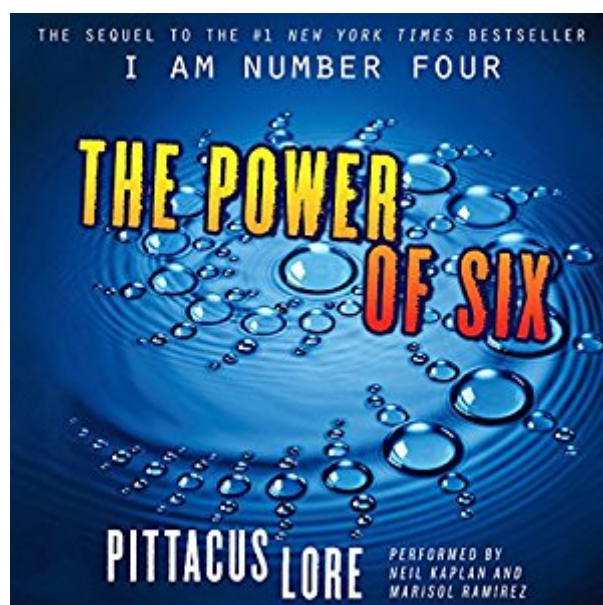


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The Power Of Six



Synopsis

I've seen him on the news. Followed the stories about what happened in Ohio. John Smith, out there, on the run. To the world, he's a mystery. But to me . . . he's one of us. Nine of us came here, but sometimes I wonder if time has changed us - if we all still believe in our mission. How can I know? There are six of us left. We're hiding, blending in, avoiding contact with one another...but our Legacies are developing, and soon we'll be equipped to fight. Is John Number Four, and is his appearance the sign I've been waiting for? And what about Number Five and Six? Could one of them be the raven-haired girl with the stormy eyes from my dreams? The girl with powers that are beyond anything I could ever imagine? The girl who may be strong enough to bring the six of us together? They caught Number One in Malaysia. Number Two in England. And Number Three in Kenya. They tried to catch Number Four in Ohio - and failed. I am Number Seven. One of six still alive. And I'm ready to fight. Also included is a sneak listen to the first chapter of the next book in the series. Enjoy!

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Customer Reviews

John Smith (Number Four) narrowly escaped the death in Paradise, Ohio. Now, on the run with Sam and Number Six, the trio must find the rest of the remaining six of nine alien survivors in order to fight the impending invasion. Meanwhile, Number Seven is hiding out in Spain, but the Magadorians are closing in. And her protector seems to have turned her back on their past and purpose. Picking up right after I am Number Four left off, this sequel revolves mainly around two

characters: John Smith again and Marina (Number Seven). John, Sam, and Six become closer as they travel across America, which leads to an obvious and awkward love triangle. We get to learn more about Six and her tortured past. And we're also introduced to the young and sheltered Marina, who has been hiding out all over Europe, but has been living in Spain in an orphanage a bit too long. With her protector in denial, Marina doesn't know who she can trust now. But she knows she has to leave as soon as possible. I thoroughly enjoyed *I Am Number Four*; and was surprised that this second installment was even more intense and action-packed than the first. Filled with shocking twists and surprises around every corner, the story was riveting. With interesting characters that are easy to care about and a complex and engaging story, this science fiction, action thriller for young adults is pure fun and excitement.

This is a fantastic, action packed, thrilling sequel to *I Am Number 4*. I really liked the way the story played out and was written. It's a fast paced, engaging read told from two different points of view from John, Number Four and Marina, Number Seven. John, Six, Sam and John's faithful companion, Bernie Kosar are on the run and continue to find themselves in the middle of trouble, despite their best efforts to stay hidden. I loved their character chemistry together and even found some their lines together humorous. Paralleling their story is Number Seven, Marina who's in Spain. I liked getting to see two completely different sides to their stories, which not only allows the reader to get to know the characters more, but it makes the story more believable being set in both the US and Spain. I absolutely love Number Six. She continues to be my favorite character in the series, but Marina herself proves to be a pretty strong character. Sam is another favorite of mine and he becomes a lot stronger in this sequel. I adore John and his sarcasm. He brings some of the humor to the storyline. The fabulous twist that's thrown into John and Sarah's relationship is one I did not see coming. It's one that had me going "no way". I'm hoping we get to see the reasoning behind this twist in the next book. Thrown into this exiting storyline is the character's history. I liked being able to understand why they're here. The only thing I had an issue with is the reference to the author's pen name and how it ties back to their history. For some reason it just rubbed me the wrong way that one of their Elders has the same name. Aside from that, I liked how the story played out. There's a lot that happens in *The Power of Six*. There's a lot of action, betrayal, and new characters that come into play that make this book an extremely engaging, fun read. I highly recommend picking this book up.

OK, I saw the movie of the first book and really liked it. So I then started reading the series. I didn't

write a review on the first book (I Am Number Four) but would give it 4 stars. Definitely good enough to keep on going though, unlike the movie, there's a lot more of the mopey love stuff going on. But the second book has been a complete disappointment. I realize that I seem to be in the minority but I just don't understand how this book has so many 5 star reviews. This book has alternating viewpoints between John (Four) and Marina (Seven). Marina is at an orphanage in Spain. Her story is interesting and quite good. I enjoyed her parts quite a bit. However, John has to be the most unrelatable frustrating protagonist I've ever had the misfortune to read. In the first book, he falls head-over-heels in love with Sarah. Can't live without her. Now, he's been gone from Sarah for a few days and he's falling for Six. OK, well, fickle guy is fickle. I can accept that I guess. But he also knows that his best, and only, friend Sam likes Six as well. So does he hide his feelings for Six, at least while Sam is around? Nope. At one point (near the end) he has to say goodbye to Six and, while Sam is watching, starts Frenching her. Nice. OK, now I'm gritting my teeth, but fine, I'll accept that he really is falling for Six and can't help himself. He really likes her so, being the protagonist, I'm sure he'll be by her side instantly if she's in trouble? Nope. The second he realizes he's anywhere near Sarah's house he runs off, leaving Six by herself, surrounded by Mogs, fighting to get HIS Chest back. Yes, you read that correctly. She has put her life on the line to get John's Chest back from the Mogs and is fighting them when John decides it's time to run off and hook up with his other girlfriend. Mind you, Sarah is sound asleep at home and doesn't even know John is back in town, John is the #1 Most Wanted Man in the country, Mogs are beating up Six, the FBI and CIA have been pulling out all the stops to get John, but at this exact time he decides to pay a social call on Sarah. What. The. Fudge. Naturally, really bad things happen because of John's stupid decision. He and Sam (you know, his best friend that he has no respect for but keeps dragging along to get in trouble with him) are captured by the government. Six rescues John (again, as she did in book one) just as the Mogs attack the jail that he and Sam are being held in (I'll come back to the Mogs in a minute). The trio escape from the jail. Six informs them that they need to get to Spain to help Seven, who is in some deep doodoo. John, who is deeply remorseful for putting Six and Sam in jeopardy and really wants to find and help his fellow Lorian, of course agrees to help. No wait. Sorry, that was some other book that makes sense. In this particular book, John decides he HAS to get his Chest back. You know, the one he forgot all about so he could text with Sarah while Six was fighting to get it back for him. That Chest. It's being held in a huge Mog lair so naturally he drags Sam along with him, why not, and abandons Six to whatever fate awaits her in Spain. I stopped reading at this point. I really just couldn't continue. After many hours of debate I did decide to finally finish reading solely to see what happens to Marina and Six. Again, that part of the story is pretty good. You won't

be surprised to learn that John does not pay a price for his stupid decision. Sam does. Sam is captured and tortured by the Mogs. Good one John. Finally, three other minor points, none of which on their own are deal breakers for me. One, the Mogs seem to be the Lorien Legacies' equivalent of the Imperial Troopers in Star Wars. No matter how many of them there are, you can be sure they won't be able to stop our fearless heroes. John, Six, Sam and Marina and her friends mow down literally hundreds, if not thousands, of them. This is only a minor quibble on my part. They are the good guys after all and I'm used to reading and watching stuff like that. Also, there are hints that they are in collusion with the US government. If that is the case, why did they need to attack the jail? Just get the feds to hand John and Sam over to them. Two, when John tries to go back into the Mog lair to rescue Sam (at least he tries, I guess) there is a blue force field that he can't get past. Where was that force field when he and Sam first snuck in? It seems a bit too convenient that it wasn't there when they needed to get in and then shows up when the plot needs it to keep Sam in Mog hands. Three, recycling of powers. I haven't mentioned it, but while in the Mog base, John and Sam rescue Number Nine. He has all kinds of cool powers. Once John and he escape the cave, and after John knocks himself out by running into the blue force field (typical), Nine all of a sudden develops the ability to talk to animals. What?! I thought this was one of John's signature abilities. This seemed completely unnecessary. OK, so that's that. I can't read the third book right now. I'm interested in Six and Marina but I just can't read anymore about John. I'll wait and see what others say about the fourth book when it comes out. If John gets better in that, then I'll continue but for now I'm holding off.

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