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Aurora Rising Book

From the internationally bestselling authors of THE ILLUMINAE FILES comes an epic new science fiction adventure.

Aurora Rising Pre Order

The year is 2380, and the graduating cadets of Aurora Academy are being assigned their first missions. Star pupil Tyler Jones is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but his own boneheaded heroism sees him stuck with the dregs nobody else in the Academy would touch!

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Aurora Rising Special Edition

A cocky diplomat with a black belt in sarcasm

A sociopath scientist with a fondness for shooting her bunkmates

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Aurora Rising Tour

A smart-ass techwiz with the galaxy's biggest chip on his shoulder

An alien warrior with anger management issues

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Aurora Rising Review

A tomboy pilot whoâ€™s totally not into him, in case you were wondering

Aurora Rising Cover

And Tyler's squad isn't even his biggest problem—that'd be Aurora Jie-Lin Malley, the girl he's just rescued from interdimensional space. Trapped in cryo-sleep for two centuries, Auri is a girl out of time and out of her depth. But she could be the catalyst that starts a war millions of years in the making, and Tyler's squad of losers, discipline-cases and misfits might just be the last hope for the entire galaxy.

Aurora Rising Arc

They're not the heroes we deserve. They're just the ones we could find. Nobody panic.

So this is our new YA sci-fi action adventure thing. It's kinda like this:

Meets this:

We have the goldenboy of an interstellar military academy:

Who finds himself saddled with a squad of losers, discipline cases and psychos:

And a girl who's been cryogenically frozen for two centuries:

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Some angsty space romance (because everything is angstier in spaaaaaaace):

And an ancient evil (that only our squad of misfits and reprobates can defeat):

So, yeah. It's out in April 2019. We hope you enjoy it.

Squad up, bitches:

FAQ:

Is this book set in the Illumiverse?

Nope. Totally new universe.

Will the book be alt-format like the Illuminae Files?

Nope. We did that already. There's no sense repeating yourself. :)

How many books are in the series?

At least three.

Was this the book formerly known as Andromeda?

Yes. We changed the title because the book was originally set in the Andromeda galaxy. But space is huuuuuge (like really, really big), so we decided to bring it back to our galaxy, the Milky Way. And "the Milky Way Cycle" sounds less like an epic action-adventure in space, and more like a chocolate bar.

Will there be pre-order goodness?

Yes! We're working out details now, but hold onto your receipts. We don't know details about pre-orders outside the US, but please be patient, we'll get word to you ASAP. And thank you for pre-ordering, we love you!

Your MC sounds bi-racial. True/false?

True. Auri is half Irish, half Chinese.

How much gay can we expect in this book?

Real space is rainbow-colored. Ours is no exception. :)

When can we see the cover?

Very soon! And we have loads more (very) exciting news to share on this one, so stay tuned. And thanks for the support. ...more

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(leaning forward so my lips touch the microphone) it's a YIKES! from me

I need NASA to please launch me to these newly discovered habitable planets; if I must deal with this seething disappointment, I don't want to do it on Earth.

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I am genuinely so disappointed I don't know what to do with myself. Anyway, full review to come.
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Thing is, impossible always comes with a price.

I already knew I was going to enjoy this; after all, it's another gorgeous brain-child from Jay and Amie, the authors of one of my all-time favorite series, The Illuminae Files. What I didn't know was how well Aurora Rising would hold its own against their first trilogy, how easily it would set itself apart (despite being another banter-filler, emotional roller coaster in the stars), or how singularly consuming it would be. I constantly alternated between reading this slowly to savor it and devouring massive chunks at a time because I just never wanted it to end, but I couldn't get enough.

Once we walked the dark between the stars, unequaled. What have we become?

While the plot is fantastic, the banter is hilarious, and there are some surefire swoon-worthy moments, what really sells Aurora Rising is the rag-tag bunch of misfits in Squad 312. These characters are easily some of the most lovable, precious beans I've ever read in my entire life. I am endlessly amazed by how well these authors can make their characters feel so real that I want to protect and love them at all costs, forever, and become so attached that I literally miss them when the book ends.

I was born with the taste of blood in my mouth. I was born with my hands in fists. I was born for war. The chapters alternate between their perspectives, and there are quite a few of them, but each of their voices are so particular to that character that I felt like I could've easily recognized whose eyes I was looking through, even without the chapter headers informing me. That alone is a nearly impossible feat for writers to manage, but it works so well here. We have:

• Tyler Jones, Alpha: Iconic golden boy image; he doesn't drink, doesn't swear, treats people fairly, does what's *right* whenever possible, and manages to be totally lovable despite his absolute Lawful Good alignment.

• Scarlett Jones, Face: Tyler's twin, absolute queen, can be sweet as pie but would probably skin you alive if you harmed a single hair on her brother's head. We stan.

• Catherine *Cat* Brannock, Ace: Pilot extraordinaire, hot-headed, tattoos everywhere, definitely not in love with Tyler, recipient of mixed feelings from readers and characters alike.

• Finian de Karren de Seel, Gearhead: Betraskan (alien) force who lives for sarcasm, rude jokes, and hotties of any and all genders. He's disabled and lives inside a mechanical exosuit, and I would probably do just about anything to keep this little jerk safe. (Side note: as a queer reviewer who has invisible disabilities, I personally gave Finian's diverse rep an A+ score and thought it was brilliantly and thoughtfully written.)

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• Kaliis Kal™ Gilwraeth, Tank: Syldrathi, AKA hot/tall/muscular/scary space elf, and also did I mention MY SWEET BABY. Mostly violent and generally misunderstood, a quietly angsty little soul. Jay and Amie, so help me if you do ANYTHING to hurt him... ; ; ;

« Zila Madran, Brain: Small, adorable, owner of oddly specific earrings, and a raging beastie who shoots first and asks questions never. Zila is! | strangely and incredibly endearing.

• Aurora Jie-Lin O™ Malley: Last but not least, the title character, Aurora. Lost in cryo-sleep for 200 years, she™s understandably baffled, terrified, and a little bit furious. Oh, and she does freaky, scary, violent things with her mind. It™s dope.

• Who am I to deny gravity? When you shine brighter than any constellation in the sky? Seriously, I could spend another twenty pages gushing about this book. I™m already dying to reread it (and have the audiobook pre-ordered for exactly that purpose!), and can™t wait for the second book. Reading Jay and Amie™s work always means signing up for equal parts laughter and heartbreak, and a healthy dose of literally counting the days until the next installment, and it™s worth every damn second.

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Aurora Rising Characters

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This first of three books has countless POVs and a big squad of characters that was very well-balanced. Yes, there is room for more backstory, for more character development, but there are also two more books, so there's that. I really want to know more about Zila, and I kind of wish Ty was more fleshed out, cause for know he's nothing more than a cute but mediocre head boy. But I love Scar and Fin and I'm excited to see what other secrets Auri is holding. While we're talking characters, now's the time to be pety af. Beware of spoilers! I liked Cat at first, but her very annoying backstory with Ty got on my nerves real quick. I kind of anticipated her role in the finale and I'm not sorry to say that I'm glad about the way the book ended.

I also wish there was a little more originality. Although it didn't bother me much while I was reading, there are many similarities to other Sci-Fi and fantasy worlds. Stars Wars for once, Annihilation, and to my great disappointment Throne of Glass. Suffice it to say that I'm very much done with the concepts of mates/life-lovers. Instead of focusing on pairing up the characters without considering that queer parings are indeed possible, the authors should focus on giving us the LGBT+ content we deserve. Yes THAT SCENE had my hyperventilating but how dare they torture me like that and then trap these characters in heterosexual relationships?

Overall, this was a fast-paced, entertaining, funny space adventure that I devoured in no time. Can't wait for the sequel.

Big thanks to PRH International for providing me with a review copy in exchange for an honest review!

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Jay Kristoff, Amie Kaufman, I give you permission to shatter my heart all over again. ...more