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When Nick Hall wakes up in a dumpster--bloodied, without a memory, and hearing voices in his head--he knows things are bad. But they're about to get far worse. Because he's being hunted by a team of relentless assassins. Soon Hall discovers that advanced electronics have been implanted in his brain, and he now has two astonishing abilities. He can surf the web using thoughts alone. And he can read minds. But who inserted the implants? And why? And why is someone so desperate to kill him?

As Hall races to find answers, he comes to learn that far more is at stake than just his life. Because his actions can either catapult civilization to new heights--or bring about its total collapse.

Extrapolated from actual research on thought-controlled web surfing, Mind's Eye is a smart, roller-coaster ride of a thriller. One that raises a number of intriguing, and sometimes chilling, possibilities about a future that is just around the corner.

## Mind's Eye Details

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## From Reader Review Mind's Eye for online ebook

### Nichole Liza says

Don't let the ratings and NYT best seller list fool you. Mediocre writing and poor character development.

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### Gary Shelton says

I gave up half way through. The good guys are just too good while the bad guys are too bad. Great story line and the tech was awesome, but really, after killing 3 people the hero is concerned about the morality of using his abilities to win a poker game?

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### Christian says

#### So promising. So disappointing...

Spoiler alert.

The main antagonist is revealed in the end. A jihadist. The book is revealed in the end. A justification of the American way. I tire of the continuous 'we are the world leaders and all is justifiable in the name of anti terror'.

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### Andrea McFetridge says

I've read a few of Doug's books so far, so thought it was time I left a quick review. All his books are made from the same recipe: 1) a fantastical technology that makes you day dream of the possibilities even when you're not reading, 2) a crazy cat & mouse chase with commandos, government officials, and mercenaries, 3) a love story that's sometimes cheesy and coincidental, but I'm always rooting for them anyway, and 4) a twist at the end that you thought you had figured out what was going on, and he proves that you were only partly right.

For me, it's a recipe I can get behind. His books are a fast read. I can usually finish them in a couple nights of skipping tv.

I am also very impressed with the quality of a self-published author. To think that he finishes writing it, and instead of spending months at a publisher getting hacked to pieces by editors....it's available to download as the author wrote it.

And lastly, he's a local author! I live in Sacramento, CA, and it's always fun to read books that are set in places you're familiar with.

All in all, I'm a fan and will continue to look forward to the next book by Doug.

### **Ksenia says**

One of the most trope filled pieces of rubbish I've read in a while, I should have listened to my gut and stopped reading 50 pages in but the premise interested me enough even if I hated the characters so much and then BAM! Xenophobic garbage about Islamic terrorist sleeper cell brother team. I Can't Believe I Read The Whole Thing.

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### **Douglas Richards says**

THIS IS NOT A REVIEW:

Hi. This is just an announcement to those who follow my reviews that I have a new book out (this one :). I just added it manually (I think -- I may be the worst at using Goodreads properly of anyone in history). Anyway, if you've enjoyed any of my other books, I'd like to think you'll enjoy this one as well.

Thanks! Doug

P.S. If anyone knows how to upload a cover image for this book, please let me know. I've tried, but I haven't been able to figure it out. Good thing I'm a writer and not an Internet programmer :)

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### **Gregory Lamb says**

Great Story Concept

This is the third Richards novel I've read and as expected, I enjoyed most of it. The story opens with main character, Nick Hall on the run from those who want him dead. Nick has no recollection of his past other than his name - reminding me of Jason in "Bourne Identity." Nick's unlikely relationship with Megan Emerson harkened back to the Ludlum novels as well. When Nick discovers he was the product of an ESP experiment he comes to realize why there are people that want him dead. The author does a good job with the narrative while exploring the implications of how Nick's brain implants enable telepathic communication, mind reading, and accessing the internet.

A couple of things I didn't like - When discovering the villains are revealed as cliché Muslim extremists, I start to lose interest. I was also a little surprised that this novel received so much high praise because the quality of writing wasn't very polished (too many sentences beginning with the word "And" - I even started counting them before giving up). In spite of the detractors, it was still a thought provoking story.

Disclaimer - my review copy was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Jim says**

I like military science fiction but once in a great while I latch on to a slightly different genre like techno thrillers, but only if they are very, very good!

This book is very, very good. I've missed a lot of sleep reading this book. Last night I was up until past 1 am trying to finish it because I just couldn't put it down. I'm a gadget geek so when I read about a PDA telling some guy his next appointment is coming up or that your house is secured for the night, that's gets my interest up. And I didn't know there was a nation-wide 6G wireless system; did you?

Well, maybe this stuff comes a little later down the road but this guy Nick Hall has some pretty interesting experiences to share with his readers. If you woke up in a dumpster one day, you'd know there had to be a pretty interesting experience behind it, right. Nick starts running for his life and he doesn't know why. Someone wants him dead but that's about all he knows, except of course he can now surf the web by just thinking of stuff he's interested in.

Yeah, that sounds pretty neat but how many of you sit around in front of your computers wishing you weren't waisting your time on the internet. Now imagine that you could just think about stuff and you'd be surfing the internet anytime / any where you wanted. Some of us wouldn't ever come back to reality. That's scary. Well, Nick Hall has to face his reality and he's also found out that he has another hidden talent that, you guessed it, will get him killed very quickly by the bad guys and the good guys.

This is a very good book. You should read it but be warned, you will spend a lot of time with staring at your ebook reader when you do. Please have the courage to quit, eat and drink something once in a while. The book will still be there. Or you can wait a few years (?) and may be just think about the book and read it with your mind's eye!!!!

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### **Mercedes says**

Yikes. This book had so much promise in the beginning. Besides a few stupid parts here and there, the book was off to a decent start and held my attention but then as the story continued it just spiraled out of control to become a terrible book. I feel like the author got lost towards the end and struggled with how to tie it up all while badly botching his characters and adding the worst, cheesiest dialogue ever. The concept of the ESP and implants were impressive and intriguing but the author could have done so much more to the carry the story through.

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### **Lyndsy says**

I got the book Brainweb, but when I started reading it, I realized I was missing something... Mind's Eye. Stopped what I was doing and then went back to read this one.

This is an excellent book. A really disturbing look at what may be coming next for humanity for sure. We seem to be using technology to avoid human interaction now, I can't imagine what being able to surf the web in our heads will do to our desire and ability to communicate with each other on a more personal level. I do suppose that's just \*my\* preference for humanity. I guess I have to allow for the idea that more disconnection is the better path.

I liked the characters in this one. Richards gives the main character some depth as the book progresses, which is great I wish he would have given more about some of the other characters as well since it seems that

they'll be appearing in later books and intimately connected to them.

The writing style is enjoyable. Description is woven throughout the book so we gradually learn what the characters look like, what the environments look like, etc. I don't enjoy it when that stuff gets dumped on me all at once (unless it fits the book that is).

Given the advancing pace of technology, the ideas in the book aren't that farfetched. And we already know the despicable things people will do to each other to achieve their goals.

The end was a bit of a surprise, which is sort of annoying since I like to be able to see things coming. I thought about what I might have missed, but couldn't come up with anything. Either it wasn't there or the author was really subtle about the details. Either way, good job.

Definitely recommend this book.

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### **Ken Doggett says**

The premise is good, the characters are good, and for the most part the book is a good read. The writing style is adequate, although there are a few awkward phrases here and there, but not so much as to be distracting, and probably only another author or possibly a lit professor would know. The big problem is too much description, too much wordiness--too often about things not relevant to the story; so the book could use some editing. Another problem is near the end when you run into the old "Let's discuss the whole plot and why I'm doing this before I kill you" scenario from the bad guy. The author tries to disguise it, but it lasts a whole chapter and it's easy to spot. In fact the entire denouement is too wordy, and drags on for such a long time you can see at least a part of what's going to happen before it happens. No surprise when it came. If the author had taken more time, wrapped the story up with action scenes instead of telling it to us through the bad guy, it would have been a far more satisfying read. I skimmed through the last chapter, and you probably will, too. That said, it's a great read for those who like action and adventure, and in spite of the criticisms, I did like the book. It's hard to criticize a NY Times Bestseller, but I hope the author can find his stride and better editing skills as he goes forward in his career, because I definitely plan to read more of his books in the future.

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### **Chris Chive says**

**WOW!**

I'm amazed what a glorious steaming pile of horses\*\*t a novel can become, after such a promising and interesting outset.

Initially, I was intrigued by the technological environment depicted in this story and the mostly fact-based scientific approach to science fiction that the author took.

Even though the characters are very flat and not in the least nuanced (to the point of being almost satiric clichés of 60's super villains and heroes), the story being foreseeable at best and the dialogues cheesy as a *Full-House* marathon on loop, I was still compelled by the core concepts of this novel.

I've come to think of it as *The Six Million Dollar Man meets Nicholas Sparks* and tried to dismiss the clunky, mechanical dialogue and lame story-progression as the work of a newbie author. (I have just learned that Mr.

Richards is in fact not.)

However, after having read the last 100-or-so pages and suffering through the cringe-worthy (again, **at best**) speeches of Colonel “*Oh my god, I have to kill this civilian to save humanity and in turn become a martyr, so I'm technically still a good guy... and I don't understand women unlike our perfect, altruistic HERO, because I'm in the military*” and Mr. “*Evil-Supergenius, I'm gonna reveal all my secrets while you can work out a plan to free yourself of my torture [INSERT EVIL LAUGH ] / I just want to rule the world by obliterating all these western infidels... Allahu Akba!!!*”, I just can't take it anymore.

Just **WOW** !

What kind of **f\*\*\*\*ed up, xenophobic bull\*\*\*\*t** this is!

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### **Mosselyn says**

I liked the premise of this book and the author had some interesting ideas about the implications of ESP and wired internet that were worth exploring. However, the writing was awful.

The characters felt like paper dolls, the dialog was stilted and contrived, and there was far too much telling you what happened rather than showing - long, prosy passages describing things that happened off stage, long philosophical rambles, a long villain's reveal that was further bogged down by the main character's own long reveal of his own cleverness. Telegraphed plot twists.

I won't be back for another.

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### **Robert says**

I found this book easy to put down. So easy that I almost didn't finish it. The writing is often clunky and ham-fisted and the characters are cliched and as shallow as cardboard cutouts in a movie theater lobby. The cartoonish villains are ridiculous.

On the good side, Richards strings together a few creative ideas and throws in a few curveballs. It's also a fast read that is well suited to lounging by the pool, or heavy multitasking.

But it's all for naught, as he has the characters repeatedly explain the plot in exhausting detail. I felt like I was trapped in a Powerpoint presentation - here's what I'm going to tell you about, now I'm telling you about it and finally I'm going to summarize it all for you.

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### **David says**

As if I had never read it before, my Kindle Fire indicates it is new to me. Maybe a different view four years later.

I chose this book along with "Quantum Lens" by the same author. In the meantime I also read "Murder on

the Isle of Capri". If you watch current TV series such as the Blacklist, Madam Secretary, Bones, the Librarians, and Scorpion, these three books fit the same genre. All three books are quick reads, excellent writing.

What if you could browse the Internet simply by bringing to mind whatever you wished? What if you could use the same technology, and like ESP, see and hear every thought from everyone within six miles, and filter it at will? Imagine who among your close friends, and intimate relationships would want to kill you because you knew their dark secrets. And, they in turn could use the same technology.

This story covers several aspects of the old cliches of military intelligence wanting your capabilities, and wanting to kill you. Unfortunately, if you already have bought into the early 2015 media propaganda ("be afraid"), you might target every follower of Islam as an extremist, and every corporate purveyor of the latest scientific advance as not acting in your best interests, based on this story. Thankfully, the lead female character is not a cliché, and plays a stronger role than the woman in "Quantum Lens".

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