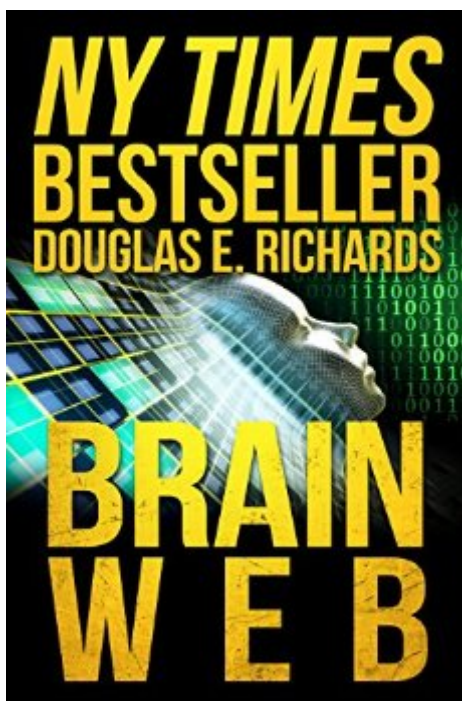


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## BrainWeb (Nick Hall Book 2)



## Synopsis

When the Academy Awards become the target of a brutal terror attack, only one man can stave off massive bloodshed. MIND & S EYE, the novel that introduced Nick Hall, was a runaway Kindle bestseller. Now Hall returns in a riveting stand-alone thriller, set in an Internet future that is just around the corner. From the New York Times bestselling author of WIRED. Nick Hall, an unwilling recipient of brain implants, can surf the Web with his thoughts and read minds. And while this makes him one of the most formidable men on earth, he is determined to stay off the grid. But when terrorists seize control of the Academy Awards and vow to butcher the world's most beloved stars, one by one, in front of an international television audience, Hall is forced to reveal his astonishing capabilities. Now, power players around the world will stop at nothing to capture him. And as the secretive group working with Hall begins to unravel, he is sure of only two things: he has been betrayed by someone close to him. And the stakes he is playing for could not be any higher. . .

Based on actual research on thought-controlled Web surfing, BrainWeb is a smart thriller that raises a number of intriguing possibilities about a future that is rapidly approaching. Be sure to look for Mind War (Nick Hall 3) coming in Oct/Nov, 2016 "Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton." (SF Book.com) "Richards is a tremendous new talent" (Stephen Coonts) "who can keep you turning the pages all night long." (Douglas Preston) Near Future Science Fiction Thrillers by Douglas E. Richards WIRED (Wired 1) AMPED (Wired 2) MIND & S EYE (Nick Hall 1) BRAINWEB (Nick Hall 2) MIND WAR (Nick Hall 3) -- Coming in Oct/Nov, 2016 QUANTUM LENS (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike) SPLIT SECOND (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike) GAME CHANGER Kids Science Fiction Thrillers (9 and up, enjoyed by kids and adults alike) TRAPPED (Prometheus Project 1) CAPTURED (Prometheus Project 2) STRANDED (Prometheus Project 3) OUT OF THIS WORLD THE DEVIL'S SWORD

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## Customer Reviews

BrainWeb begins with the character Nick Hall trying to save the top actors at the Academy Awards from being executed one by one on TV by Islamic Jihadists. He does this by using his special ESP ability to guide a SpecOps assault at the risk of exposing his identity to those trying to capture him to use his ability for their own evil agendas. In particular, Nick and his love Megan are kidnapped by a psychopathic politician who wants Nick to learn secrets about his political rivals. Meanwhile, for other nefarious purposes, a powerful arms trafficker captures Nick's close friend Alex who is the sole source of microcomputer brain implants that can access the internet. Then Nick's confidant, black ops leader General Girdler, who's trying to help Nick, Megan and Alex, is blamed for their abductions. A flurry of action follows, with Nick leading the way. But I won't spoil the book for you by telling you more, except to say that the many adventures in BrainWeb are brilliantly created by the author. I've given 5 stars to all the N.Y. Times best-seller techno-thrillers written by Douglass E. Richards. One might call his novels "extended-science" fiction. They involve credible, yet undemonstrated as of 2015, phenomenology in fields including neurobiology, DNA research, microcomputer brain implants, psychopathy, and ESP. But none of this is at all tedious nor requires any knowledge of the field. This almost-believable technology is then embedded in gripping tales with deep backstories. Further, Richard's books are flawlessly written, composed with outstanding word pictures, and, except for one early sequel, are all fully stand-alone reads.

How many other authors will take the time to send you a Facebook message telling you about their new book? While Richards has many fans, I've appreciated the fact that he takes the time to stay connected with his readers and he loves getting feedback. As to the book itself, Richards delivers everything I expected: thrilling twists, loads of action, and deep philosophical thought on technologies and issues that aren't too far away. As with his other books, I read BRAIN WEB in a

single sitting. Richards captures your attention and holds it--only letting you go at the conclusion, which is quite satisfying. He's set the stage for a third book, though BRAIN WEB stands on its own. I would highly recommend MIND'S EYE (the "sequel"), but you will enjoy this book even if you haven't read it. Get it now!

Nick Hall is back and taking the story to a new highlight. For me, Douglas Richards is evolving into a more advanced author. The start of the BrainWeb is quite horrific but too realistic to ignore. Combining action and technology was always a strong point of Douglas but this time the main characters are deepening as well. Clearly it is a work of fiction but based on quite real inventions and facts. It provides an interesting view on a potential future and related privacy concerns. But above a great adventure, I highly recommend it. And don't worry if this is the first book you read of Richards, it works fine without the previous books. However, don't be surprised if you get hooked on all the books :-)

If you expect to sleep... save this for the weekend! As with his other books, Douglas Richards delivers as promised with Brain Web. With issues applicable to today, research that hits the mark, and never the easy way out, you won't be disappointed. Enough twists and turns for a true roller coaster ride and while truly touching on the violence of our times not so steeped in "blood and guts" that it becomes a gore-fest, yet never belittles that human lives are lost in these times in which we live. Once again praise for female characters who do not take a mere back-seat as window dressing for the tough guys, and tough-guys who are not just muscle and brawn but compassionate and intelligent. Thanks again for getting this out on an e-format for those of us who are outside the USA ... you have a growing fan base around the planet!

As usual, Mr. Richards hits the mark again. I'll admit that during the first 1/3 of this book, I was a bit apprehensive. Had Mr. Richards taken a turn to the dark side? The diabolic scenarios he depicted had me wondering. I slogged onward, hoping to not be infected with the dreary future he outlined. I soon learned that this was just the roller coaster climbing slowly up the first ascent. When it finally reached the pinnacle, it was all about hanging onto your seat and enjoying the ride. The twists and turns and rapidly changing paradigms will leave you breathless. At the end, he neatly ties up all the loose ends, and doesn't leave us hanging. He also was honest enough with us to include at the end a section on which topics in the book were based on facts, and which were pure fiction.

He knocked it out of the ballpark, with an amazing sequel. This book grabs you in the first few pages and keeps you hooked all the way. Just a few things from the book to give you some idea of what to expect: mind reading, double crosses, celebrities, amazing technology, and an author that really understands our complex world and weaves a brilliant tale.

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