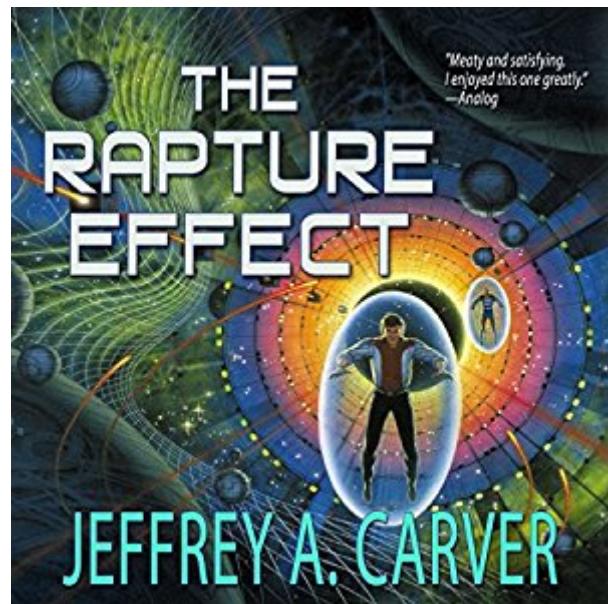


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# The Rapture Effect



## Synopsis

War between the stars. It was started by an AI, and few humans even knew there was a war at all. But now people are dying, not just robots and aliens-and the AI wants it to stop. But a war is easier to start than to stop, and the computer can't alter its course without outside help. When the Gnostic Control System searches for conspirators, it chooses its friends carefully. Pali: a public relations director, who broods far too much on her unfulfilled ambitions. Ramo: a flamboyant senso-dancer and sculptor, who prefers a musical jamjam to serious conversation. Sage: an awkward systems designer, for whom the AI rapture-field is realer than life. And three of the alien Ell: Harybdartt, who would rather die with dignity than betray his people; Lingrhetta, who tries to unravel the meaning of human dance and music, pain and love; and Moramaharta, the binder, who must persuade his fellow decision-makers to risk everything for the sake of a fragile bridge of understanding across the stars. A thought-provoking novel of the not-too-distant future, from the Nebula-nominated author of *Eternity's End* and *The Chaos Chronicles*.

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A little too much AI and description of the landscape and workings of a global computer with a heavy dose mind-melding. Very creatively described, but every few pages I was just ready to move on.

Humans, Aliens, AI in a fast paced novel. Some interesting technology at the dawn of interstellar

space flight.

Interesting concept. A little too "overwritten" in some scenes involving machine/human interaction. But, overall a good read.

A very well written science fiction novel with an interesting future, and a good job of world building. I enjoyed it all the way through.

This is the best sci-fi I've read in the last several month: a nice, humane variation on the tired old "space war" trope, and characters, both human and alien, developed well enough to bring tears at the end.

Well-crafted, excellent read. A unique approach to the concept of First Contact, artificial intelligence and human failings, this book presents a satisfying and thought-provoking work. I recommend it.

I really liked this book. The characters are terrific and believable. I hope the author takes us back to this universe again.

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