

We Are the Ants

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Henry Denton is a teen trying to handle his stressful life. His boyfriend committed suicide and his family is struggling to stay afloat of it all. What's worse is that Henry's alien abductions have made him a target of bullies all around. But soon enough, the aliens offer Henry a choice: push a giant red button to save the planet or let the world end with his pain in 144 days. Henry, being a man of science, decides to figure out if the world and the people within it are worth saving. Henry sets off on a dark journey trying to find beauty and meaning in his chaotic world.

Hutchinson's book is full of incredibly relatable and real characters, all with their own struggles. The story itself is thought provoking with its philosophic language. Hutchinson provides an insight into navigating different kinds of relationships. Henry meets and interacts with many different people, some of whom help him see the world in a better light, others not so much. With Henry's incredible journey, Hutchinson throws out a lifeline to readers who also struggle to find their place in the world. Readers will feel for Henry in his heartbreaking and heartwarming moments. I certainly appreciated Henry's words of wisdom and life lessons.

On the other hand, Hutchinson's story was a little too angsty and slow for my taste. Readers will also have to watch out for the many mature themes in *We Are the Ants*. Sex, violence, suicide, drugs/alcohol, and bad language all make a showing within this book. For these reasons, I would suggest this book to anyone 14 years or older. *We Are the Ants* would make a great gift for all the sci-fi fans and teens out there.

Recommended Titles:

At the Edge of the Universe By Shaun David Hutchinson

Violent Ends by Shaun David Hutchinson

The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley by Shaun David Hutchinson

The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza by Shaun David Hutchinson