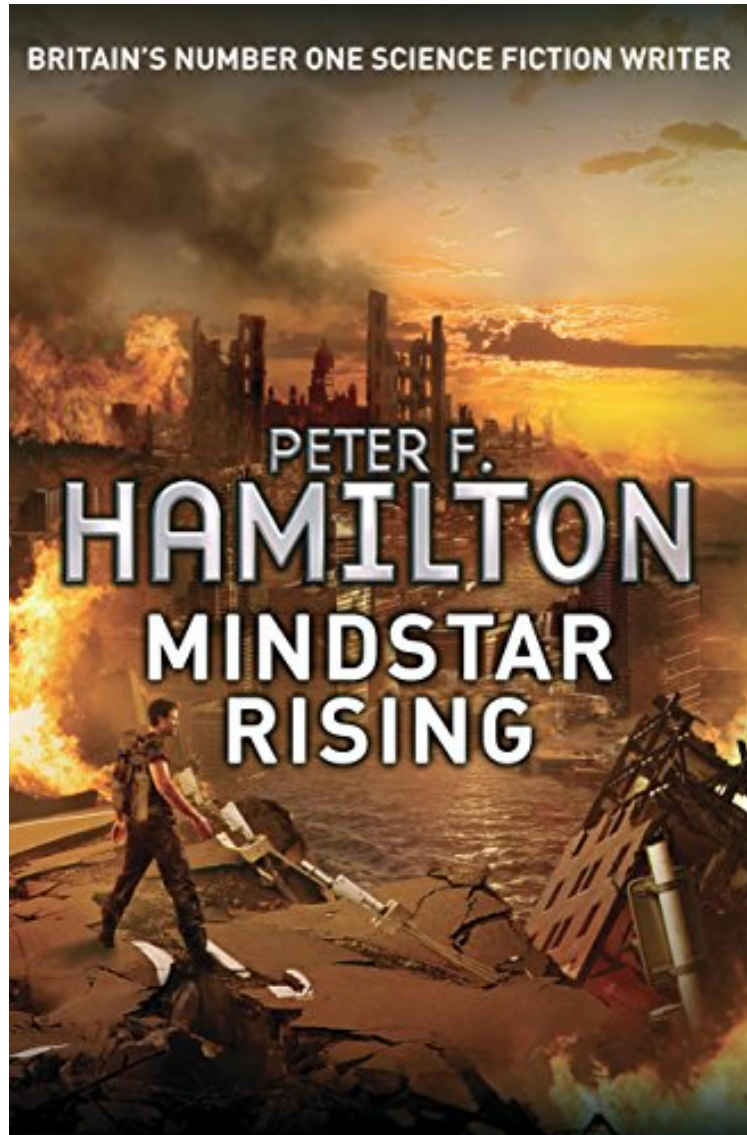


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Von Peter F. Hamilton : Mindstar Rising (Greg Mandel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mindstar Rising (Greg Mandel):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A novel that reads your mindVon AnakinaIn titling this review I have deliberately played with the plot of the book. Mindstar Rising in fact has as its protagonist a former military, Greg Mandel, who was implanted with a special gland that allows him to feel the emotions of other people, and in a sense, to read their minds, even if not literally. Mandel is now

a private detective who finds himself investigating a plot of global reach focused on the young heir to a billionaire. The story is set in a dystopian near future, a future in which global warming has transformed England into an almost deserted place where seas invaded the coasts and changed their morphology, where oil is over, and people live in a world degraded in a mixture of low and high tech, the second especially is the prerogative of the rich. The setting is picturesque, though I cannot stand post-apocalyptic stories, but the plot revolves around something very different and so this aspect hasn't had a negative influence on my judgment. Although we are faced with situations very different from those of the usual books by Hamilton, his style is recognizable in the extreme complexity of the plot, the description of uninhibited erotic situations narrated as something natural, his long scenes that keep you glued to the pages of the book, his sought language that forces you to concentrate to the maximum while reading, the ending that can tear a smile. This is the first novel of Hamilton, the first of a trilogy that I will continue to read soon. In a sense, I appreciated it even more than his space operas, perhaps because imagining a near future gave me more references in the present and made it easier to imagine myself in the story. Hamilton's characters are alive and you just want to know more about them. Also it is a thriller set in the future with shades of transhumanism, in other words a cyberpunk technothriller, but very contemporary, although it was published twenty years ago and some technological aspect is slightly outdated. But it differs from a certain obscurity of other books of this subgenre dated back to ten or more years earlier, making it an accessible read to a wider audience that goes beyond science fiction. Unfortunately, the book has never been translated into my language (Italian) and reading it in English requires a good knowledge of the language, given the richness of the language used by the author and his high register. But it can also be an opportunity to improve your English. Finally, the edition I read, the one published on the twentieth anniversary of the novel (each copy is numbered and signed by the author) also contains a previously unpublished novella in the first part of the book, but chronologically inserted at the end of the trilogy. It is a proper detective story, but set in the future and with an unpredictable and politically incorrect ending, which I would call it *la Hamilton* and which makes it very different from other stories of this genre. Rita Carla Francesca Monticelli, author of *Red Desert - Point of No Return* 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Clearly a 'first' book - not as good as his later works. Von Peter Venetoklis I picked up this trilogy after reading, and loving, *The Reality Dysfunction* and *The Neutronium Alchemist*. *Mindstar Rising* is entertaining and moves along well, but comes nowhere near the scope, grandeur, and excellence of his later works. It is clearly a 'first' novel - it became rather tedious to receive a description of hair and clothing every time a character appeared in a scene. Hamilton does demonstrate, however, his knack for creating a rich and detailed world - one of the elements that makes *The Neutronium Alchemist* such an astounding work. The book is easy reading, and has plenty to keep the reader's interest, but I'd steer towards the latter series if you haven't already read them. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein fantastisches Debt! Von Ein Kunde Dem Englinder Peter F. Hamilton ist mit seinem Erstlingswerk (*Erstverffentlichung* 1992), das auch in deutscher bersetzung vorliegt, ein atemberaubender SF-Roman gelungen. *Mindstar Rising* ist eine Mischung aus traditionellem Thriller und Cyberpunk, und IMHO allenfalls mit den späten Werken ("*Aristoi*", "*Metropolitan*") von Walter Jon Williams zu vergleichen. Denn im Gegensatz zu vielen anderen Autoren setzt Hamilton nicht auf die bloße Wirkung von Versatzstücken (man nehme Empathie, einen Auenseiter und ein bisschen Virtuelle Realität), sondern er legt großen Wert auf die Darstellung seiner Charaktere, die in einer modernen und komplizierten Welt agieren. Greg Mandel, Julia Evans und andere Hauptpersonen werden ausführlich vorgestellt, und da der Roman trotzdem spannend bleibt, beweist, da Hamilton sein Handwerk versteht. So gut geschriebene SF weist den Weg in ein neues Jahrtausend... *Mindstar Rising* aus dem Jahre 1992 ist nur der erste Roman einer Trilogie um Greg Mandel. Die weiteren beiden Bände sind "*A Quantum Murder*" (1994) und "*The Nano Flower*" (1995).

Kurzbeschreibung *Mindstar Rising* is the first in Peter F. Hamilton's hugely popular Greg Mandel series. It's the 21st century and global warming is here to stay, so forget the way your country used to look. And get used to the free market, too - the companies possess all the best hardware, and they're calling the shots now. In a world like this, a man open to any offers can make out just fine. A man like Greg Mandel for instance, who's psi-boostered, wired into the latest sensory equipment, carrying state-of-the-art weaponry - and late of the English Army's Mindstar Battalion. As the cartels battle for control of a revolutionary new power source, and corporate greed outstrips national security, tension is mounting to boiling point - and Greg Mandel is about to face the ultimate test. *Mindstar Rising* is followed by *A Quantum Murder* and *The Nano Flower* to complete the Greg Mandel trilogy. From Publishers Weekly Critically acclaimed in his native England for four novels, all SF, Hamilton makes his stateside debut with the novel that launched his writing career and that begins his Greg Mandel trilogy. Set in a 21st-century England recovering from massive global warming, the story reads like a collaboration between William Gibson and Ian Fleming. Freelance operative Mandel is a veteran of the Mindstar Battalion, whose men received telepathic powers via implanted glands. Now he is the ally of the teenage heiress of a high-tech industrial empire, Julia Evans, in a desperate battle against Kendrick di Girolamo, a ruthless and obsessed financier, and Leopold Armstrong, former leftist dictator of England,

who is trying to regain power. Plenty of action, exotic hardware (particularly computers), urban grunge, double handfuls of eccentric, decadent or criminal characters and enough willing women to raise the eyebrows of the politically correct hallmark this fast-moving tale. SF fans may particularly enjoy, as a change of pace, experiencing a vision of the future that coheres but that takes its clues from British, rather than American, society and history.

Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus sBritish author Hamilton's debut is the first of a cyberthriller trilogy set in a near-future England where global warming has wrought vast changes in the geographic, environmental, political, and economic landscape. Greg Mandel, a veteran of the Mindstar Battalion, now survives happily on various small commissions. His particular advantage is a gland whose secretions give him the psi powers of empathy, truthsense, hunch. Greg's latest job involves the company Event Horizon, owned and operated by dying industrialist Philip Evans and his cyber-enhanced young granddaughter, Julia: Someone is sabotaging its orbital factories in an attempt to bankrupt the company and seize its secret new invention, a room-temperature superconductor. Greg's investigation points toward evil financier Kendric di Girolamo. Soon, Philip dies, after having had his personality stored in a computer; but then a computer virus nearly zaps him for real. And Kendric, or someone, sabotages the superconductor tests. So Greg calls in a psi-powered colleague, Gabriel, who can predict the future. Another virus attack takes Philip and Julia off-line, while Greg and Gabriel strike at Kendric--only to fall into a trap. Turns out that Kendric has acquired a very powerful ally indeed: the communist ex- President, Leopold Armstrong, whose hated minions nearly destroyed the country, and against whom Philip and Greg have been fighting for years. Believable characters and a solid plot set against a carefully worked-out backdrop: an assured, effective debut from a writer to watch. -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.