



# Illuminae

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Genre-busting and mind-bendingly original, **Illuminae** soars and sears its way into the hearts and minds of readers with its blend of lively, vivacious and atypical narration. Readers are invited to navigate through a complex dossier of information that includes interviews, reports, blueprints, surveillance and medical details to weave together the story and its cast of characters.

Following the invasion of her home planet, Kerenza, Kady's life is flung into warp-drive. The pressure mounts further as a deadly virus spreads and mutates necessitating that Kady forms an alliance with ex-boyfriend Ezra to execute her escape. Told with incredible energy and pace, it is testament to the quality of the writing that characters and their motivations are brought into relief and cement themselves firmly without ever being overshadowed by the format of the novel's telling ? in lesser hands this could easily become gizmo and gimmick.

More than a mere story, **Illuminae** is an immersive experience that is guaranteed to leave a lasting impact on the reader. This massively ambitious and refreshing novel is unlikely to be quite like anything encountered before. **Illuminae** instantly impresses as a thoroughly modern, high octane action adventure that is ideal for a generation adept at recording and tracing their lives across an ever-increasing array of social media platforms.

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