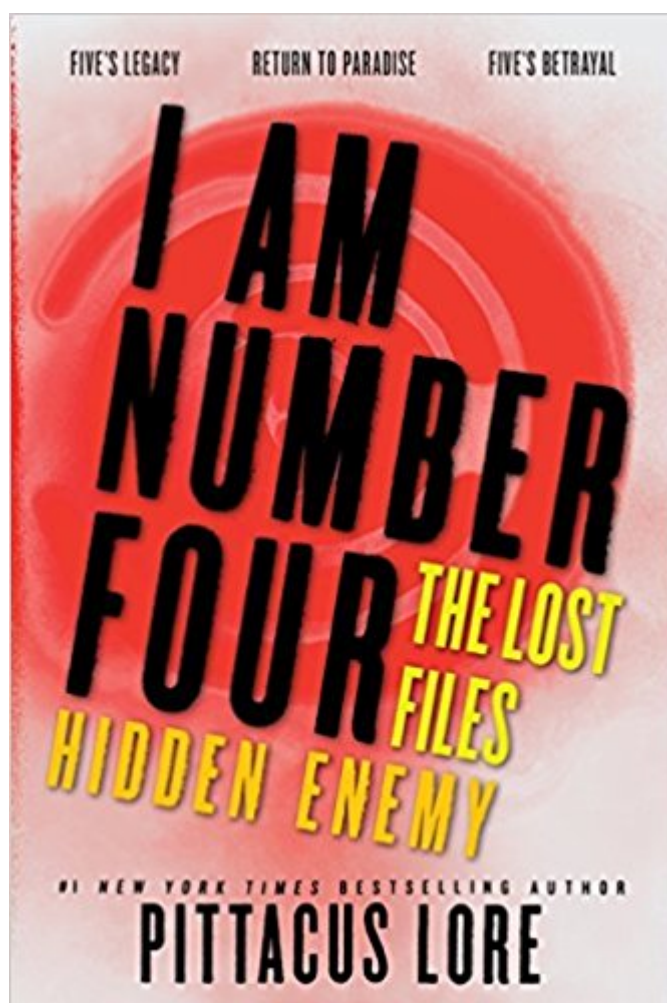


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Synopsis

The perfect companion book to the New York Times bestselling I Am Number Four series! I Am Number Four: The Lost Files: Hidden Enemy is a collection of three action-packed novellas by bestselling author Pittacus Lore! Originally published as the e-novellas Five's Legacy, Return to Paradise, and Five's Betrayal, now, for the first time ever, they are together in one print volume. Five's Legacy tells the story of Five's early years on Earth when he was just a young teen on the run, discovering his abilities and making the wrong kind of friends. Return to Paradise picks up in the aftermath of the Mog attack on Ohio and follows Mark James as he struggles between returning to a normal life and helping John Smith and the others. Five's Betrayal is the exhilarating continuation of Five's story, in which he joins the Mogadorian ranks and must demonstrate his allegiance to them by helping to destroy the other Lorien survivors. You know the truth about the Mogadorians' invasion of Earth and the Garde who will do anything to defeat them—but yet there is still so much to learn. The stories in Hidden Enemy will help you get the answers you seek, but they will not help you stop the coming war. Only the Garde can save our planet.

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Transformers) “There’s genuine suspense—it’s easy to get lost in

the world of the sweet teen from another planet. (Chicago Tribune) "Terrifically propulsive." (ALA Booklist) "Action-packed." (Publishers Weekly) "Riveting." (The Horn Book)

You know we have been betrayed. You must discover why. You must learn the truth. They have put a plan in motion. They have infiltrated your government. They have already turned some of you. They will do whatever it takes to have your planet. The battle lines have been drawn. Whose side are you on?

Ever since the first book, I've been a big fan of the "I Am Number Four" series. Each new installment manages to throw in all sorts of new twists and turns in both the plot and the characters. The story has now gotten so huge that these mini books have now appeared, to either flesh out some of the side characters, and/or explain some more of the backstory of the main plot in more detail that couldn't fit into the main arc. In this last installment in the "lost files" series, we get to see the final battle for Earth from the Mogadorian point of view, as told through three different stories. Part one focuses on Phiri Dun-Ra and her quest for vengeance against the Garde; ending with her transformation into the augmented monster that John fights in "United as One." The second act focuses on Vintaro Ushaba--a vatborn commander who leads the attack on Niagara Falls, and is ultimately taken down by a group of human Garde. The last third then shifts to Rexus Saturnus; Adam's old friend who also begins to question if their "Beloved Leader" is really the invincible pariah everyone makes him out to be. Other than Adam's backstory in a previous "Lost Files" book, this is the only other time the audience gets a real chance to see things from the bad guys' perspective, and what drives them to want to take over the Earth, as well as what happens when a society blindly follows a power hungry leader without question. Out of the three stories, Phiri Dun-Ra's felt the weakest. We see what happened after she pulled Sektarus Ra from the battle in Mexico, though nothing new is really learned. It's just more scenes of her being the despicable person she is. Vintaro Ushaba's tale is much more interesting, as we see what goes through the mind of a "vatborn" soldier, and surprisingly, it turns out the vatborns aren't as mindless drones as they were once thought to be. We then come to the best story out of the three, wherein Rexus Saturnus is swept up in a mutiny against his ship captain--prompting him to reevaluate where his true loyalties lie, and that perhaps Adam had the right idea in rebelling against their leader. It makes the Mogadorians much more realistic, and holds out the small hope that some of them, however few, can possibly be redeemed. While I would've much preferred a continuation or sequel of sorts to the

ending to "United As One", this final chapter in the "Lost Files" series is an interesting little peek into the minds of the villains--something that the main series, arguably, could've used more of. Now that the series is over, I'm glad to have taken these little side trips with some of the side characters that needed more "screen time" as it were, and will strongly recommend this book series as a whole to anyone who wants a great sci-fi/suspense/adventure tale.

The 15th evolution of the Lost Files was split into 3 parts. This was an interesting set of stories in that it focused entirely on the Mogadorians. Unlike past stories, this did not focus on a Mogadorian that wanted to switch sides, this was about 3 different Mogadorians, 2 of which have nothing but hate for the Loric and Humans and a third which is somewhat unsure. The first story follows Phiri Dun-Ra, immediately after the events of the Fate of Ten, in which Setrakus Ra has been struck down. This is a really interesting read as it follows the Mogadorian Trueborn and what she does during this epic battle at Mexico, up onto the ramp of the Anubis, when Ra is hit with the debris, and then, after. I am not going to give any spoilers, but needless to say, this is a must read for any fan of the series as it gives some real insight about what is coming and the lead up to United as One. It also gives some insight into the brutal life of the Mogadorians, the sheer one-mindedness of their culture, and the ultimate devotion to Setrakus Ra, their beloved leader. The second story is of a similar nature, following Vintaro Ushaba, a vatborn soldier in the city of Chicago. Vintaro is one of the better performing soldiers, and has been tasked with collecting Human "Gifts" with Garde like abilities. He accepts this mission with a fanatical zeal that can only be found in one so devoted to a cause. Both the 1st and 2nd parts of this book show a ridiculously scary side to the Mogadorian way, completely brainwashed, psychopathic devotion to "Beloved Leader" with no regard to the fact that Setrakus Ra made up the "Great Book" and everything about himself, and they just happily follow blindly along with it, doing anything and everything he says, including dying. It does show that there is no hope for a peaceful resolution with the Mogs, they do not understand this concept, only utter domination or destruction. They are only happy when violating, killing or destroying. So the first 2 parts are a happy couple of reads! The third part however is somewhat different, taking us back to Rexus Saturnus (I really want to know how they generate the names of these guys and is there one of those things to generate your own Mog name "Last 3 letters of your Pets Name, plus the planet corresponding to the number of your year of birth" ()), the Trueborn that helped Adam escape the base at Plum Island in the Lost Files #6 The Forgotten Ones. Rexus has moved to a warship after his dealings with Adam, no longer able to be

planetside. This story is again running during the time frame after the Fate of Ten, and just before United as One, so not only do we get to catch up on Rex, see some of the unrest at the rumours of Setrakus Ra being wounded amongst the rank and file of the Mogs, but it brings us up to speed for the start of United as One. During this story, Rex is battling with his own inner demons as well, should he have joined Adam? Is the Mog way the right way? Rex is an unusual Mog, smarter than most, raised on Earth, he can see that the method of destruction of all is not a sound way to exist. He is also doubtful of "Beloved Leaders" mantra as he sees that he might be fallible, after all, he wrote everything they are obeying, why is he so right? How did he get hurt if he is so powerful? It makes for a very interesting read in the face of the first two stories of such blatant, unwavering fanaticism. Overall, this is a really well written set of stories, and although it is a bit full on in parts, if you can look past the brutality and the over the top devotes, then this is actually a fascinating read, especially the third part. And if you are a fan, then it's worth it for the overall story update regardless.

"The Guard" is a useless addition to The Lost Files and Lorien Legacies as a whole. In "The Fugitive," we were introduced to the Guard, AKA Lexa, one of three who had escaped Lorien during its destruction. I particularly liked the backstory provided in "The Navigator," which I feel is a more worthwhile addition to the series than this story is. I say that because we really get no new information, especially if you've read all of the Lost Files. A lot of the book is just a retelling of "Return to Paradise" and "The Fugitive" in her POV, with no real plot. Should you read this if you haven't read those two stories? I'd say no. In those stories we get subtle hints on how the Guard came to be, and to me, the mystery makes her character. The only thing I sort of liked was the continuation of "The Fugitive" and the plot relating to the lost spaceship that was a focus in "The Navigator". But other than that, I'd say avoid it because this is obviously a blatant cash grab that serves no purpose to the main story.

As the title says this bridges together missing bits that we were waiting for. I loved it, a lot of information and puzzle pieces being put in their place. Some of it was predicted but given enough time and information most can predict almost anything. The only real complaint that I have is the same complaint I always have with the lost files, length they aren't long enough. Ok there's my very short review and mini rant all of you have a good day.

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