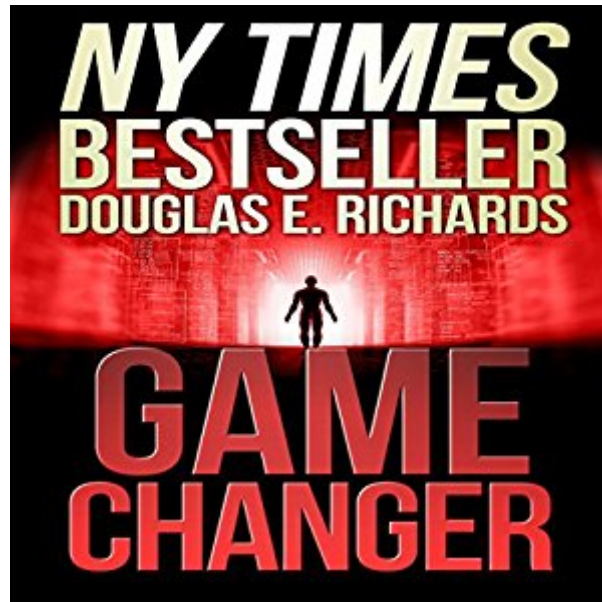




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Game Changer



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The breathtaking new technothriller from the New York Times best-selling author of *Wired*. What if it were possible to upload years of knowledge into your mind in hours? To become an expert in multiple scientific fields, become an MD, or learn several languages - in a single day? The benefit to humanity would be immense. But so would the danger.... Rachel Howard is a brilliant neuroscientist trying to make this capability a reality. But when she crosses paths with Kevin Quinn, a Secret Service agent desperately trying to kill the president, she finds herself at the epicenter of an insidious plot. A plot centered on the ultimate technological game changer. An utterly disruptive scientific breakthrough with the greatest power to transform civilization the world has ever seen. Along with breakneck action and unexpected twists, *Game Changer* explores the fascinating inner world of our minds and takes a stunningly unique look at how science might someday be used to make profound alterations to the human psyche - for better or worse. "Richards is a worthy successor to Michael Crichton." (SFBook.com) "Richards is a tremendous new talent" (Stephen Coonts) who can "keep you turning the pages all night long" (Douglas Preston).

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Customer Reviews

Another great book. Like all of Richards' other books, this one manages to merge sci-fi and thriller, and he does a good job of it. Very well researched and presented in a believable fashion. I think the concepts in this book in particular stand a better chance of actually becoming a reality than some of the topics in other books like *Wired/Amped* and *Split Second*. Those were really good too. Split

Second took an old Sci-Fi staple (Time travel) and put a very unique spin on it. But I digress. There were a couple of twists that took me completely by surprise, and this was a page turner all the way through, but by the last part of the book, it had become a hair raiser as well. As I said, the main concept of the book probably has a good chance of becoming reality in the not too distant future, but the climactic scenario, and how our current leaders would address it hits far too close to home. I highly recommend this book, and any of his other books. I've not been disappointed yet.

Another winner!! I couldn't put the book down...I went from absolutely certain of situation, understood the rationale and was 100% with Quinn and sharing his rage...to WHAT?????What just happened, huh...OMG...how does Richard come up with such wonderful adventures and plots and twists so consistently! This book is sure to rank right up there with Cure, Brain Web and every other one of his books that I had a hard time putting down.not to rush him, but I can't wait for the next group of characters and the next adventure!

This is the third book I have read by this author-- Mind's Eye and The Cure were books I absolutely loved and when I saw this came out-I rushed in to get it!!! If nothing else this book will make you think and possibly make you change your mind about certain topics. I believe I have written that religion has been the root of most of the evil doings in this world-and I still believe that-but what would happen if there was no religion at all--to every positive there is a negative, as this novel points out in a rather poignant way. What if belief in a higher being is an evolutionary adaptation? (I will still be wishing for PEACE ON EARTH anytime it is time for wish for something). Scientists have made great strides and will make many many more soon--some are already in place in all probability-but have not been released to the public. However--is there an antidote if the bad guys get their hands on it, which they surely will. Mind control--it could be the salvation for some--but in the wrong hands--watch out!!!! This is the story (fictitious I hope) of a brilliant scientist that went rogue and was planning something so atrocious it is mind boggling. He was able to implant thoughts in peoples brains-then wipe out their memory of it even happening! There was also an equally if not more brilliant female scientist whose theory it really was-how she ultimately stopped what the other guy was going to do was nothing short of brilliant. Plenty of political intrigue--Hey-we all know politicians will say and do what is expedient at the time!

In this review there are no snapshots of the story. Rather, I'll just offer my general opinion of the book. Once again, Douglas E. Richards has written a captivating thriller including his special brand

of "science fiction" that includes both scientific fact and fiction, with the fiction not far removed from the fact. This follows the pattern of his previous best sellers I've reviewed on , Wired, Amped, Mind's Eye, BrainWeb, Quantum Lens, Split Second, and The Cure. The backstories of unconscious vs. conscious behavior, memory alteration, and matrix learning are truly fascinating and highly thought provoking. Their nefarious applications prove to be frightening game changers indeed, and the possibility of Armageddon builds with every page, as do the frantic efforts to prevent it. So my review of Game Changer is simply that it's a brilliantly composed, action-filled, highly suspenseful, thoroughly enjoyable and flawlessly written thriller you definitely don't want to miss. It's the best modern novel of this genre I've ever read. Martin Fricke, Ph.D. (nuclear physics) San Diego

An interesting premise. If you can upload knowledge, can you trust what you know? How do you know? You saw it with your own eyes, or did you? This is an interesting tale about what we may one day be able to do, upload skills and knowledge. This won't be a purely positive technology. It will just be another tool, subject to use and abuse. A good part of this is a "Who done it?" more than a traditional science fiction novel. What to play a musical instrument? There's an app for that. Want to play your favorite sport like a pro, there's an app for that. I'd like to suggest that the author take another whack at this and think about how would you separate the motivations and personal memories from the skill that you want to market. What dark secrets could be uncovered with this technology? What is it that motivates people to be the best in their field? Could you use an uploaded skill to testify against the skill donor, or would that be prevented by the fifth amendment?

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