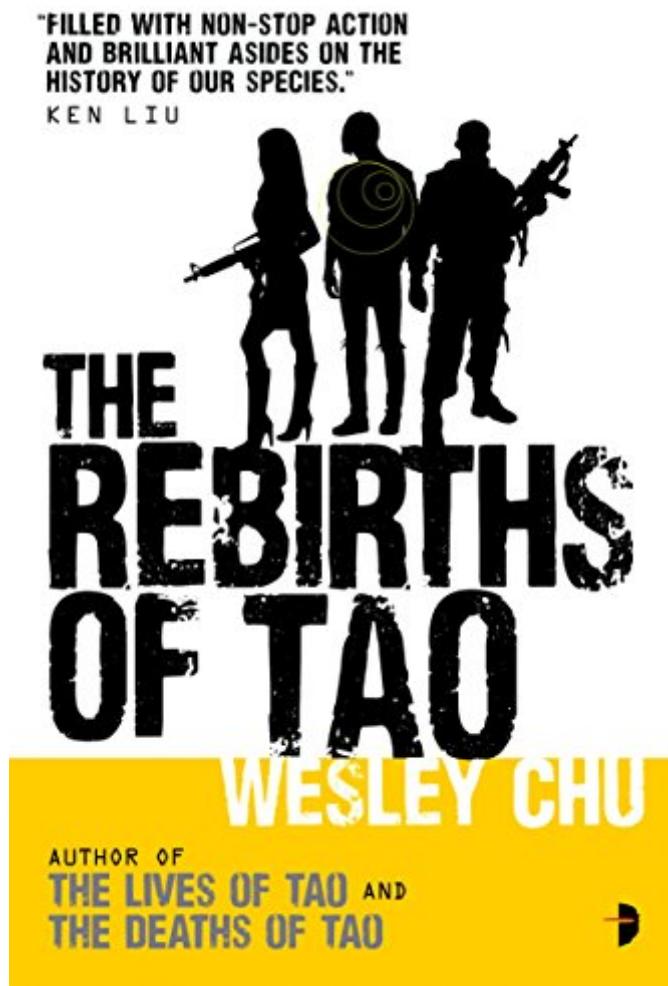


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Synopsis

Several years have passed since the events in The Deaths of Tao. The world is split into pro-Prophus and pro-Genjix factions, and is poised on the edge of a devastating new World War. A Genjix scientist who defects to the other side holds the key to preventing bloodshed on an almost unimaginable scale. With the might of the Gengix in active pursuit, Roen is the only person who can help him save the world, and the Quasing race, too. And you thought you were having a stressful day...

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Customer Reviews

From the first scene in Deaths of Tao, to this book, this well-crafted story has all the ingredients of a successful action movie. Pacing and narrative are also inspired by graphic novels. In this case, this is a good thing. The author has steadily grown throughout and he was pretty darn good to start with. Think Dan Simmons' Carrion Comfort with a dash of True Lies and James Bond and you get the idea. (yeah, I was still totally expecting laser-armed sharks at the end battle, must be the cold fresh water that kept them away). Thankfully while there is a lot of action, it also never gets bogged down in unnecessary details and minutiae. It supports, but does not suffocate, the story telling. The

action is always there, yes, with larger-than-life heroes and villains. But so is humor, a solid plot and pacing. The series never comes off as dumbed down and the plot is always logical to itself. For example, while Enzo pulls off some rather unnecessarily risky moves at the end, it is clear that he does so because he is a egotistic sociopath and his lack of leadership, in the sense of delegating to his underlings, works against him. You know that because a lot a of pages were invested in making you know what makes him tick. Enzo is really more like a genius evil dark knight than a general - he just doesn't get that his job is to direct people rather than enjoying reaping souls in the front lines. Unexpectedly for an action SF book, this is a series that breathes and lives character development. With (roll your eyes), the family dynamics of a teenager growing up with three parents and going through his first crush. But, again, it works. Despite this being billed as the conclusion to the trilogy (now referred to as a 'series' instead), I really expect more Taos to be forthcoming. The ending is well done and doesn't leave you hanging, but is also clearly setting up for a continuation in the story arc. Normally, I tend to get annoyed at series that don't know when to stop. But all three books have been very enjoyable, quite different from each other and with varying character focus so...looking forward to being surprised by book 4.

I cannot get enough of the CHU! Wesley Chu is a superb writer and his books are entertaining and really make you get involved with the story! His books have kept me up late at night because I just can't put them down! Be Careful because you will become so attached to the Characters you will want to invite them over and open up your Guest Room for a long stay! His books are far from predictable and run at an even pace so now down time. Great Read and if I had to say anything bad about the books is that your going to be sad that there is not more books by Wesley Chu!

This is the third book in a series about a computer programmer nerd who gets accidentally inhabited by an alien named Tao. Except it gets more complicated as time goes on, and by The Rebirths of Tao, the alien has left his original nerd host and moved on to his son. Oh, yes: there is also a secret war between the aliens, who have divided into two camps and are using their human hosts to fight a war that, if one side wins, all native life on earth ends. Chu won the Campbell Award for 2015 for best new writer, and it is well deserved. He does know how to tell a good story.

Wes Chu's Tao series has been a delight from the first book to the last. Unfortunately, this last book, while a great yarn, didn't seem conclusive enough to be the final book in a trilogy. That's a minor quibble, and ultimately, the story is great, the characterization well done, with a few twists and turns

to keep things interesting, and a plotline that is paced well. Well lives up to the previous two books.

The Rebirths of Tao is good but the interactions with Cam/Tao didn't feel as natural or funny as the ones with Roen. The book is again a good mix of action and development and is a fun ride which really advanced the story of the Quasing leaving the next chapter in the story open for an interesting twist. As before the story is well written and I can't wait for the next in the series!

Wesley Chu did a great follow up to his original story here in book 3. It's actually, to me, better than book 2 and given the narrative corner he had gotten himself into he did a great job of picking up the most essential threads of the story. Great characters. Good action. Well edited. If you haven't read the first two I recommend reading them in order or you will be disappointed.

I read the first two books when they were released, so I eagerly anticipated this one for a long time. And it definitely delivers more Roen and Tao action. I wouldn't recommend starting with this one if you haven't read the first two - in fact I wasn't even completely clear on some of the details since I read the others a while ago and had forgotten some of the plot (it might have been a good idea for the author to provide a quick synopsis of the first two books at the beginning, or at the very least, the definitions of a few key terms that are repeatedly used with no explanation). Regardless, this didn't disappoint - action-packed and the author finds lots of entertaining and awkward situations to get Roen into (which kind of seems like the point of the whole series). The ending definitely had a nice, conclusive note, although it potentially leaves the door open for more books at some point in the future (although I'm sure that Wesley Chu is ready to get on to other worlds by now). Maybe not as brilliant as the first book (if only because the whole Quasing thing has started to get a big stale), but definitely a good read for fans of the series, and a fitting conclusion.

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