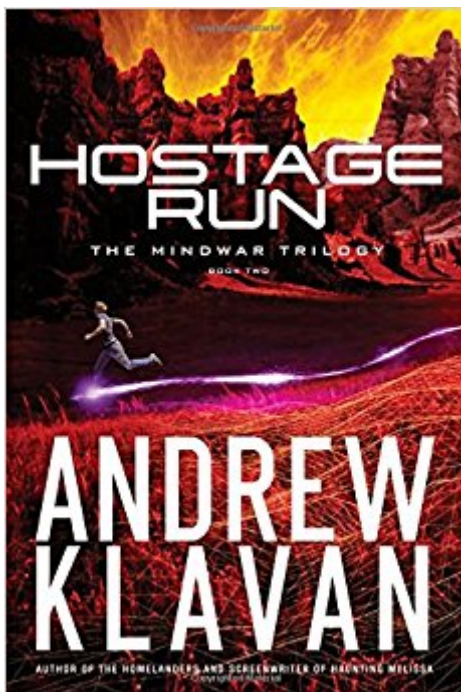


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# Hostage Run (The MindWar Trilogy)



## Synopsis

RICK DIAL IS FACED WITH AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE: SAVE THE LIFE OF HIS BEST FRIEND MOLLY . . . OR SAVE THE FREE WORLD. Rick Dial's career as a superstar quarterback ended when a car accident left him unable to walk. But his uncanny gaming ability caught the attention of a secret government organization trying to stop a high-tech terrorist attack on America. He's been to the fantastical cyber world called the MindWar Realm . . . and returned to Real Life victorious. But the stakes have just gone up. Another attack is imminent, and Rick is the only one who can stop it. How can he, though, when terrorists have kidnapped his best friend Molly and are threatening to kill her if Rick returns to the Realm? As Molly uses every resource of mind and body to outwit her brutal captors, Rick races against time inside a nightmare video game where a fate worse than death may be waiting for him. Hundreds of miles apart, both will have to test the power of their faith and the strength of their spirits. They're being forced to a moment of sacrifice . . . one that could cost them everything.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up "Rick Dial continues his quest to bring down the secret government organization behind the Mindwar Realm and save his family, his Realm friends, and now his ex-girlfriend Molly, who has been taken hostage by Miss Ferris and her secret agent lackeys. With the potential to be an action-packed page-turner, this second installment of the "Mindwar" trilogy (Thomas Nelson)

unfortunately falls short of expectations. Uneven writing filled with unnecessarily detailed descriptions and wordy exposition makes this volume a laborious read. The poorly conceived Virtual Reality world, which was introduced in the previous volume, reveals a lack of knowledge of video games and advanced technology. While the addition of a female protagonist, Molly, brings a new element to the story, there is little appeal to her character. Finally, the continued use of a variety of foreigners as the baddies, including Islamist and Russian terrorists, creates an unrealistic and negative global viewpoint. VERDICT A compelling premise is not enough to save this lackluster sequel.â”Eden Grey, Kenton County Public Library, KY --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Andrew Klavan is an award-winning writer, screenwriter, and media commentator. An internationally bestselling novelist and two-time Edgar Award-winner, Klavan is also a contributing editor to City Journal, the magazine of the Manhattan Institute, and the host of a popular political podcast on DailyWire.com. His essays and op-eds on politics, religion, movies, and literature have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the LA Times, and elsewhere. He lives in Southern California.

I am, as most of my friends know, not easily impressed by today's 'Christian' fiction. However, Klavan is a master at weaving realistic Christian faith into his YA novels. He accomplishes this by letting the action and the characters and the conflict be the primary means of both entertainment and illustration of truth. Even though the whole story is a futuristic fantasy of Virtual and Real life, so many important and true ideas are addressed: love, sacrifice, growing into adult faith, prayer, meaning in suffering, hard choices, sorting out conflicting duties, trust. The list could continue, but it is all so effortless. Because it is all happening to the characters and not the intrusion of narrator (author) voice, I can imagine any teen regardless of religious or irreligious background enjoying the story. I highly recommend this book and the first one in the series to anyone who enjoys good entertainment. You might not get all the gaming references but it won't matter one bit. You will still love the story. I can't wait to see who Mariel is in the last book.

The trilogy is a worthy successor to Klavan's previous young people's fiction - the plot lines and characters develop and grow, surprises lurk around every corner, and though this is a cliché the books really are page turners; from the young disillusioned mind's first entry into an ugly mind, to the somewhat Potter-esque finish, a very fine work. I hope to see more from Klavan and to see

these fine works rendered in visual media.

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By Andrew Klavan  
Rick Dial's first foray into the MindWar Realm was a victory against Kurador. But the war is not over and he is determined to somehow, someway get Mariel and Favian out of the Realm and back to Real Life (RL). But Kurador is determined to keep Rick from entering the Realm ever again. And he'll do anything to convince Rick to stay out. And his plan of attack - kidnap Molly Jameson. What's a guy to do when a massive attack is about to happen and his best friend is being used as leverage against him? This is a choice that Rick now faces. He alone can stop Kurador. And he is the only chance Mariel and Favian have of surviving the Realm. But Molly may lose her life if he so much as breathes in the direction of the Realm. Hostage Run is an exciting sequel to MindWar. The Dial family is together in the secured compound they now called home, reunited after being torn apart by a lie, a lie that did not protect them. Rick is suffering from his forays into the Realm. And he is keeping these side-effects secret so that he won't be prevented from entering the Realm and rescuing his friends. In Hostage Run the lines between the Realm and Real Life are about to become even more blurred as Kurador takes his war to a new level. And this new level is about to make the Realm even more dangerous than it was before. Are you ready to enter a world that is about to change everything you thought you knew?

Klavan's second book in the Mindwar trilogy is even better than the first! Surprisingly to me, however, was that I enjoyed Molly's story more than Rick's. She really seem to be the star of the show, and that's a good thing! But I thoroughly enjoyed the second in the trilogy, and Andrew, dude, WHAT A CLIFFHANGER!

Another excellent book by Andrew Klavan! I thought Hostage Run, book 2 in the trilogy, was better than book 1!

I am an avid reader. I have just discovered Andrew Klavan and he is brilliant. His books for young adults (I would definitely NOT be considered a "young" adult) are amazing.

Andrew Klavan is my favorite author, and every time I read another one of his books, I remember why that is!! This novel is quite possibly his best novel to date!! If you liked the first novel in this trilogy, you will LOVE this one!! I LOVE the first book, so it's with great pleasure that I say that this

one was even better!! this story is so epic and so complex, yet so easy to immerse into and get excited about :) I LOVE how Klavan has begun to bring Molly's character to the forefront in this book, and has, in the process, developed a wonderful character. And Rick's own character development is excellent!! Klavan's books have always inspired and encouraged me, and this trilogy is no exception!! well done, Andrew Klavan!! Keep up the good work!!!!!!!

Gives cyber-fantasy a good name, effectively extending the complex premises of Part One while no doubt setting us up for a wham-bam resolution in Part Three.

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