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**Description:**

**From Publishers Weekly** Starred Review. With a stellar cast of narrators, this prequel to Card's sci-fi classic *Ender's Game* is a rollicking, rollercoaster ride of an adventure. Set more than 100 years before the events of the *Ender Quintet*, this second part of the trilogy describes the beginning of the Formic war. With a brutal invasion that catches Earth by surprise, the Formics establish a strong foothold in China and proceed to rain death and destruction on the planet. A diverse group of people, including both military personnel and civilians, struggles for survival and endeavors to fight back against the invading hoard. From the very beginning of this audio edition, the almost-nonstop action is delivered perfectly, keeping listeners on the edge of their seats. At the same time, the

narrators manage to bring a large and diverse cast of characters to life with a sharply realized array of distinct voices and accents. The standout performance belongs to Stefan Rudnicki, who offers up a pitch-perfect rendition of Mazer Rackham, a New Zealand special ops officer, as he, along with a young refugee, labors across a war-torn Chinese countryside toward a nail-biting showdown with the invaders. The audiobook ends on a major cliffhanger, leaving listeners chomping at the bit for the next installment. A Tor hardcover. (June) --This text refers to the edition.

**From \*Starred Review\*** The previous novel in what may be a saga closed on a cliff-hanging note, as asteroid colonist Victor Delgado raced for earth, praying to arrive in time to warn of the oncoming Bugger invasion. In this book, earth starts falling off the cliff. Delgado is ahead of the Buggers but not by enough to convince earth's government that the sky is about to fall in. Then the Bugger ships arrive, and the sky is ablaze with burning space stations, ships, and glowing craters where colonies used to be. A peaceful earth has become virtually disarmed, and the Mobile Operational Police, under Mazer Rackham, have to convert themselves from a well-armed constabulary to a force capable of defending and even preserving earth in its first interstellar war. There is nothing sanitary about the fighting, although the pacing and the vivid action scenes will satisfy hard-core military-sf buffs. At the same time, the characters and the ethical foundations under them are at the high level we have come to associate with Card. Laying their own foundations under Card's Ender Wiggin saga, the Formic Wars promise to add to Card's already high reputation and to his collaborator's as well. --Roland Green

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