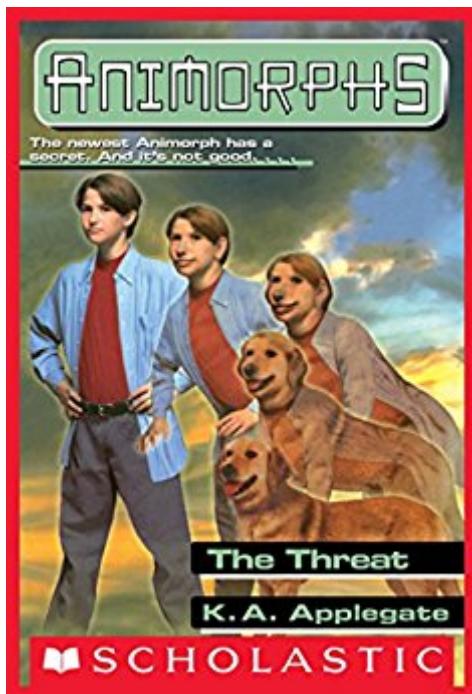


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# The Threat (Animorphs #21)



## Synopsis

There is a new Animorph. And he's arrived just in time, because the Yeerks are preparing their biggest takeover ever. Their ultimate target: the world's most powerful leaders, all gathered together in one place. What better way to get into the minds of humans? Literally. At first, David joins the fight with a vengeance. But there's definitely something wrong. Because he's starting to break the rules, taking risks that could get them all captured. Or killed. The Animorphs don't know what to do. There was a time when the Yeerks were their greatest enemy, but that's about to change...

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## Customer Reviews

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Plot: I liked that the plot was more serious than the last one but this one was definitely messy and I saw the betrayal coming a mile away. Still, it was fun to read and the last few chapters were especially exciting. The scene where they are insects was also frighteningly exciting.  
Setting: There's a new setting that involves a building with the president and other officials that is kinda neat. The hologram thing was a little baffling.  
Characters: Can we just kill David off? Please? Jake has good character development in this

and as much as I want him to kick David off to the side, I really like his conflict about it. Tobias better be okay. That's all I'm going to say. Relationships: You can definitely feel the tension between David and the rest of the team, especially Jake, in this one. Writing/Voice: More serious than the last book, which I usually enjoy a little better. Ending: That cliffhanger is unfair. Overall, pretty good. 3.5 stars.

Second in the "David" trilogy. David proves to be one twisted little sicko. Even though the Animorphs are good guys, they may have to think like bad guys in order to stop David, because after all, they not only have themselves to think about; they are the only force stopping the Yeerks from taking over for good. They can't let this little snot wreck their group. But what can they do without becoming evil themselves? Notable moments and inconsistencies: It's a nice touch that people who got knocked unconscious by a blow to the head didn't stay out long. Normally, the amount of time a person can be unconscious after a head injury is not very long unless it's a very serious injury, and these books are written in such a way that the Animorphs don't irrevocably injure people if they don't have to. So after initially being knocked out and only staying out for a couple minutes, one Controller has to be bitten with poison to stay unconscious. That's refreshing. At one point the Animorphs have a plan that involves three of the guys--Ax, Jake, and David--acquiring and morphing the human-Controllers. They planned to explain to each temporarily abducted world leader that there's an alien invasion going on, and have Ax demorph to show them. Why would they do that when a) there were other ways to prove it with other people's morphs and b) they'd bothered to put Ax in a tuxedo and tie his tie? When David does his lion morph and Jake has to restrain him, Jake realizes a second too late that David has never done the lion morph before and so he stands a very good chance of losing control of it. The problem is that earlier in the book Jake tracked him down while sniffing as a dog, and determined that he changed into a lion to cover some distance. It might have been the first time Jake had been around David while he was a lion, but it wasn't David's first time in lion morph.

I read this book so I had a great experience with product Rachel could be a murder and need to be trapped in a morph by going over the two hours time limit kitten or cat is the only thing fitting for to become by going over the two hours time limits

Now David is saying and doing some really nasty things instead of just being obnoxious. The mission \*is\* more important than Saddler. And I don't see what Jake could do for the boy, so any involvement by him would seem like an empty gesture anyway. It's good to hear about Marco's dad

dating again, though that fact crimps these particular plans. Having trouble sneaking in within the two hour morph limit was nice as a different sort of close call. I was reminded of a moment earlier in the series where they were able to demorph form wolf but had trouble doing so. Cassie as the one who stayed cool was a great point of characterization. I do often differ on the series' military ethics issues. I would have killed the pool Yeerks. The Animorphs did do something similar in #6 The Capture. Yes, the slugs weren't currently dangerous, but leaving them alive would allow them to become dangerous. To say that they'd just be replaced with others (a neutral impact) seemed defeatist. It's interesting how it proved to be a good decision by way of confusing the Controllers. The Yeerks thinking the face Andalites rather than humans has been one of the Animorphs' saving graces. I realized Visser Three had acquired Tony instead of the President before the book said so, so that seemed well set up. Famous people would have trouble sneaking off to a Yeerk pool. I've noticed that about the series in general, but hadn't made the connection here. The Sharing provides a cover story that wouldn't apply here. I missed the Visser Three ego explanation. I wonder how they'll stop the world leader infestation plan while the invasion remains secret. Will people with evidence be dismissed as crazy? (sigh - that again?) David screws up? The second raid being a Visser Three trap was a great twist. David seemed like a good fighter but a loose cannon; that can often be a problem in military organizations. Well, he really showed his true colors afterwards. I know David will be dealt with but am wondering how. Likely dealing with angry Rachel for hurting bird boy. I just know Tobias will survive, but am at least wondering how. Simply wounded? Ellimist ex machina? The immediate ending is another awkward cliffhanger, but overall the themes seem set up well for the conclusion.

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