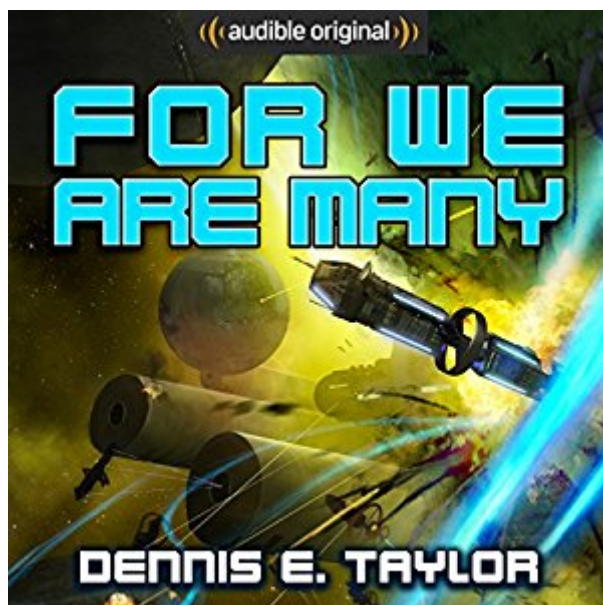


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For We Are Many: Bobiverse, Book 2



Synopsis

The highly anticipated sequel to Audible's Best of 2016 - Science Fiction winner, *We Are Legion* (*We Are Bob*); a book listeners are calling "so much fun", "what science fiction was meant to be", and what would happen if "Andy Weir and Ernest Cline had a lovechild". Bob Johansson didn't believe in an afterlife, so waking up after being killed in a car accident was a shock. To add to the surprise, he is now a sentient computer and the controlling intelligence for a Von Neumann probe. Bob and his copies have been spreading out from Earth for 40 years now, looking for habitable planets. But that's the only part of the plan that's still in one piece. A system-wide war has killed off 99.9 percent of the human race; nuclear winter is slowly making the Earth uninhabitable; a radical group wants to finish the job on the remnants of humanity; the Brazilian space probes are still out there, still trying to blow up the competition; and the Bobs have discovered a spacefaring species that sees all other life as food. Bob left Earth anticipating a life of exploration and blissful solitude. Instead he's become a sky god to a primitive native species, the only hope for getting humanity to a new home, and possibly the only thing that can prevent every living thing in the local sphere from ending up as dinner. Listener favorite Ray Porter returns to narrate Bob - and his many incarnations - in all of their geeky glory.

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Customer Reviews

A good first novel is refreshing, but the second is always a test of whether a writer is good or just lucky. "We Are Many" show that Taylor's Bobiverse is not a fluke, and that he is a writer able to

capture the audiences attention. The plot elements are often a little hard to keep track of as the Bobiverse fragments and expands, but the stories are compelling, unique and have legs. I look forward to more, whether in the Bobiverse or elsewhere.

While the first book introduced us to the technology of a future as a probe and the concept of replication of one's self into new probes with the same memories but new personalities. The 2nd book shows us the minutia of living your life as a replicant, as you simultaneously stop alien invaders, improve yourself, work with various other sentient beings, and try to become a little more "real". This book is genius! It combines theoretical science with science fiction and gives us a strong moral character that I/we can identify with. I agree with 99% of what Bob and his descendants do. So, either this book was written about me, or Dennis E Taylor is one hell of a writer. I suspect the latter. The sheer scope and scale of the things going on and the ability to shift between 1st person voices is astoundingly good. It hurt me to read, "END BOOK TWO". I love this story so much and cannot wait for the next book.

I seriously cannot get enough of the Bobiverse! This series is perfect for us sci-fi nerds. And the icing on the cake? The performance of Ray Porter in the audiobook! In book 2, we have so many Bobs that I've pretty much lost track. But it doesn't matter. Each of them have their own little quirks and I'm enamored with them all. The Bobs are now spread out over 40 light years throughout the universe and have discovered several viable planets for colonization as Earth is no longer habitable. Among other things, they run into a race of others who destroy entire planets for food and resources. Book 3 can't get here soon enough. I need more Bobs!

A really gripping and engaging second novel in the Bobiverse, as the transhuman Bob clones continue to explore the galaxy and encounter new worlds and new problems. The novel is presented as a series of short chapters from different Bobs' perspectives, exposing multiple interacting plot lines spread through different systems. This could potentially be very choppy, but Taylor does a good job of making the various perspectives fit into a unitary whole. By the end, I'm really rooting for the Bobs, both in their role as champions of humanity and for their engaging and subtly varied post-geek personalities.

Just as good as Book 1! Given how book 1 ended I was both happy that I had the chance to read another book, but also very concerned. I have been burned by series books on before. So many

start amazing, but are unable to match the quality in later books. Fortunately this is not the case, I found book two to be almost as good as book 1. I say almost because it is impossible to match book 1 as it was so different than many other sci-fi books I had read. Regardless you will not be disappointed and I look forward to Book 3!

The Bobiverse series has become a favorite of mine. I'm a voracious reader and few books have entertained me quite as much as these have. I've pre-ordered the third book in the series and I can't wait. Part techno, part exploration, part colonization, part hard sci-fi, part comedy.... Something for everyone. The writing and editing is on point. The language flows and no grammar or spelling errors to stumble over. I mean not a single one (that I found anyway). A delight to read. The only fly in the ointment for me is an unnecessary antagonism to God and religion that doesn't add anything to the story and I could have done without.

Mr. Taylor once again entertains us with the continuing saga of the Bobs. He's very helpfully included a genealogical tree to help you remember who is who but even with that help keeping track of who is who can be challenging. The story picks up from the first novel and if you're trying to decide whether or not to start this series I certainly recommend it. The arc is tight, the dialogue fun, and characters interesting. I'm eagerly anticipating the next novel to see how it turns out.

This book was another fun exploration of the universe of Bob. I am not sure if it is the choice of the main character's name, or the quirky personalities of each generation of this character, but I find myself unable to put these books down. Each book does seem ever so shorter and less complete than the last. I am concerned by the introduction of the new "unbeatable" enemy and hope that this story arc does not monopolise the rest of the fun exploration that these books hold. I further hope that the Bobs are not able to suddenly beat the enemy and leave us all disappointed by how 'easy' it was. The book starts to investigate the challenges of replicant - human relationships which pulls a heart string or two. I hope that the future books do not get too distracted by the details of these relationships and lose what attracted me to them in the first place. All in all I really enjoyed this book and it monopolised the first 2 days of my recent holiday. I would suggest it's predecessor and then it to any tech savvy person who enjoys quirky humour and believes that software engineers should run the world. Keep it up!

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