

Reader Information Guide

Endless Sky: Truthsayer

Approximate Reading Grade Level

- **Grade Level: 8th – 10th Grade**
- **Rationale:** The prose is sophisticated, incorporating science-fiction terminology and technical jargon related to LitRPG (Literary Role-Playing Game) elements like "nano-constructors," "neural interfaces," and "EBITDA. The narrative structure balances a bleak dystopian reality with a complex game world, requiring a reader who can track multiple layers of setting and mechanics

Recommended Grade Level for Readers

- **Recommendation: Young Adult (Ages 14+)**
- **Themes and Content:** The story follows a protagonist in his late 20s living in a grim, post-pandemic future⁵⁵⁵⁵. The themes of corporate drone-ery, economic subsistence, and the psychological escape into virtual reality are best suited for older teens and adults who can appreciate the satirical and existential elements of the setting

Trigger Warnings & Sensitive Content

- **Dystopian Poverty and Isolation:** The protagonist lives in a tiny, "funky" apartment, surviving on "synth-meals" and government largesse, which may be depressing for some readers
- **Global Pandemics:** The backstory includes a history of continuous "Global Pandemics" that have permanently altered human society, forcing everyone into strict isolation and hazmat suits
- **Bodily Autonomy and Loss of Control:** Entering the game requires swallowing "gel-tabs" that create "electronic neural interfaces"⁹⁹⁹⁹. Once in the game, the player loses control of their physical body, including "bladder or bowels," for eight-hour stretches
- **Violence:** As a LitRPG, the book includes "space battles" and an "Assassin" character class, involving "hits" on other characters and descriptions of futuristic weaponry like railguns

Racy, Adult, or Spicy Content

- **Synopsis:** The novel is largely focused on sci-fi adventure and world-building.
- **Adult Elements:** There is a brief mention of a "tingling, cooling sensation" during a level-up that the protagonist describes as feeling "sensual" or "almost sexual," though this is a physical reaction to magic/code rather than a romantic encounter. There is no explicit sexual content or "spiciness" in the manuscript provided.

Themes for Parents of Under-18 Readers

- **Escapism vs. Reality:** A central theme is the protagonist's preference for a virtual world where he is a powerful "Truthsayer" over his real life as a "disinterested kid" in a dead-end job
- **Corporate Control:** The "North American Attainment" and companies like "Endless Domains" exercise near-total control over human life, work, and entertainment
- **The Ethics of AI and Sentience:** The book explores a future where "Synthetic Intelligences" have outpaced human utility, leading to laws that reserve mundane jobs for humans just to give them something to do
- **Integrity and "Truth":** The protagonist gains a "Truthsayer" class where his words become reality, forcing him to grapple with the consequences of his statements and the "cheats" he creates within the system