

**NATHAN WANTS TO HELP HIS PEOPLE,
BUT FIRST HE HAS TO FIGURE OUT WHO THEY ARE.**

Nathan never understood what was fun about secrets, probably because he's always had to keep a very big one.

Although he appears to be a typical sixth grader (with parents, homework, and a best friend, Victor), Nathan learned at an early age that his family is from another planet. Now their time on Earth may be coming to an end.

Nathan, his parents, and nine other families are part of an experiment that suddenly seems to be going wrong. Some of the experimenters, including Nathan's crush, Izzy, are disappearing without a word. After his family is called back to the mothership, Nathan begins to question everything he's been taught to believe about who he is and why he's on Earth.

The Experiment is a fast-paced coming-of-age novel—with aliens—that asks universal questions about how we figure out who we want to be, and whether it's ever too late to change.

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