

Ender's Shadow
By: Orson Scott Card

Rating:  4 out of 5 Eagles

Bean is a child without a name, who struggled to survive on the streets of Rotterdam. But Bean is not just any child; he is a genius, smarter and cleverer than any adult could ever dream of being. He is discovered by Battle School recruiters, and sent to a Battle School in space where they are training the world's best and brightest to fight in the third intergalactic war against aliens called Buggers. In Battle School, Bean meets Ender, the best of the best, and they soon become close friends, allies, and a force to be reckoned with in the battle to save humanity. From the horrors of the street to the horrors of intergalactic war, Bean perseveres, but his life will never be the same.

Ender's Shadow is the parallel novel to the phenomenal Ender's Game. This is the story of Battle School life told from Bean's point of view, as opposed to Ender's. It is just as thrilling and intense, and it will be impossible to put down. Written in a similar style to Ender's Game, Ender's Shadow is written in third person, but you are inside Bean's head, and you come to know him just as deeply and personally as you came to know Ender. With a fresh perspective on Battle School, and its own unique plot twists and storyline in addition to the one from Ender's Game, this novel will be sure to bring you in and never let go. I would recommend it for anyone, science fiction fan or not, and it is an absolute must-read for anyone who enjoyed Ender's Game.

Ender's Shadow is technically the fifth book in the Ender series, but it begins the parallel section of the series. Following Ender's Shadow is Shadow of the Hegemon, Shadow Puppets, and Shadow of the Giant. The Ender portion of the series begins with Ender's Game and is followed by Speaker for the Dead, Xenocide, and Children of the Mind.