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### Editorial Review

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*\*Starred Review\** It makes a kind of sense, if you think about it. Some of humanity's greatest people and some of its most historically important have been hosts to an ancient alien species, the Quasing, whose two warring factions, the Prophus and the Genjix, have influenced the course of human history since, well, since before there was human history. Now, in this follow-up to *The Lives of Tao* (2013), the Prophus and the Genjix are close to finding a way to extricate themselves from their symbiotic relationship with humanity and finally, after countless millennia, leave Earth and get back to their homeworld. Unfortunately, it's possible that the aliens' freedom might only be achieved with the annihilation of mankind. Does Roen Tan, the hapless IT worker who's become a soldier in the war between the Prophus and the Genjix, have what it takes to make sure that doesn't happen? At times treading close to outright comedy, this is a fast-paced sf adventure that is, if you look at it from the right angle, more accurately a political thriller posing as an sf adventure. Fans of the first novel will have a great time, and newcomers should have no trouble picking up the plot's various threads as the story moves along. Great stuff. --David Pitt

### Review

"For *The Lives of Tao*: A totally original sci-fi thriller that will have you hooked from page one with both riveting action and a sly wit. This is a story of human history, the hidden powers that have shaped it, and one man's transformation from complete nobody to a key fighter in the war for humanity's future." - Ramez Naam, author of *Nexus*

"Filled with non-stop action and brilliant asides on the history of our species, the book is sure to thrill and amuse." - Ken Liu, Nebula Award-winning author of *The Paper Menagerie*

"Just your usual 'I've got an immensely wise alien in my head who wants me to become an international man of mystery' story. Which is to say, Page-turning homage to other classic SF like Hal Clement's *Needle*. Recommended." - Steven Gould, author of the *Jumpers* series

"In Wesley Chu's debut novel you meet an unlikely hero in the form of Roen, an out-of-shape, self-loathing, under-achieving computer geek. He is soon transformed into a confident, lean, mean fighting machine under the guidance and influence of the ancient alien Tao, who has inhabited his body and is now working hard to get Roen in shape for an important mission - nothing less than to take on the Genjix and save the planet from an evil plot of destruction. This book is high-octane spy vs spy action with a sly sense of humor. Pure pleasure from beginning to end. Highly recommended!" - Ann Vandermeer, Hugo winning editor of *Weird Tales* and British Fantasy Award winning publisher of *Buzzcity Press*

### About the Author

Wesley Chu's best friend is Michael Jordan, assuming that best friend status is earned by a shared television commercial. If not, then his best friend is his dog Eva who he can often be seen riding like a trusty steed through the windy streets of Chicago.

Unfortunately, Chu's goals of using Hanes underwear commercials to launch a lucrative career following in Marky Mark's footsteps came to naught. Despite phenomenal hair and manicured eyebrows, his inability to turn left led his destiny down another road. Instead of creating new realities with his skills as a thespian, Chu would dazzle audiences with his pen. Well, it's a computer really, but the whole technology thing really

sucks for metaphors. He had spirit fingers maybe?

In 2015, Wesley Chu was shortlisted for the John W. Campbell Best New Writer Award. Chu's debut novel from Angry Robot Books, *The Lives of Tao*, earned him a Young Adult Library Services Association Alex Award and a Science Fiction Goodreads Choice Award Finalist slot. His next series, *Time Salvager*, published by Tor Books, is scheduled for release July 7th, 2015.

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#### **Deanna Christianson:**

The knowledge that you get from *The Deaths of Tao (Lives of Tao Book 2)* is the more deep you excavating the information that hide within the words the more you get interested in reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to understand but *The Deaths of Tao (Lives of Tao Book 2)* giving you thrill feeling of reading. The author conveys their point in certain way that can be understood by simply anyone who read the item because the author of this reserve is well-known enough. This particular book also makes your own personal vocabulary increase well. That makes it easy to understand then can go together with you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We propose you for having this kind of *The Deaths of Tao (Lives of Tao Book 2)* instantly.

#### **Cheryl Phelps:**

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