



**Title:** Empath[y]

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**Description:**

In *Empath[y]*, Adam Fawer stirs his unique mix of strong characters, scientific theory stretched to imaginative limits, and a ticking-clock plot to make a mind-bending thriller spanning eighteen years and culminating in a battle for a million souls at the stroke of midnight in Times Square on New Year's Eve. A secret laboratory conducting mind-control experiments abandoned by the CIA needs subjects called "empaths" with a form of synesthesia -- a condition in which, for instance, sounds have tastes or colors have smells -- that is so highly developed those who possess it can virtually read another's mind. Ultimately, the laboratory finds six empaths -- and one of them will use this power to gain control of thousands of followers in an attempt to kill God.