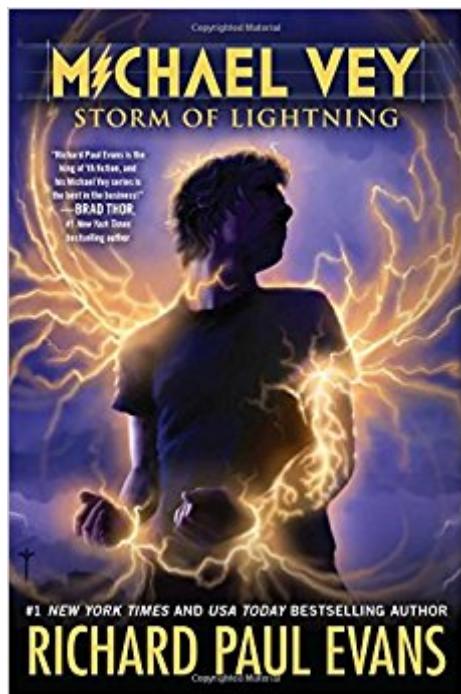


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# Michael Vey 5: Storm Of Lightning



## **Synopsis**

Michael, Taylor, Ostin, and the rest of the Electroclan go on their most dangerous mission yet as the thrilling action continues in this electrifying fifth installment of the New York Times bestselling series! The Electroclan is on the run. The resistance movement has been compromised. The safe house has been destroyed. The voice is in hiding, and they have no idea if their families are alive—or dead. Meanwhile, the Elgen are on the move. They've launched a new assault on the small island nation of Tuvalu. If they are successful, it will be the first domino to fall as part of Hatch's master plan to take over the rest of the world. But cracks are beginning to appear in the ranks of the Elgen elite, and while Hatch still rules with an iron fist, there are signs of dissent. If the Elgen are beginning to turn against each other, can the Electroclan find an opportunity to use this to their advantage? Or is it just a trap to destroy them once and for all? The stakes have never been higher, and Michael and his friends are about to be tested in ways they never imagined.

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Michael Vey 5 Admiral-General Hatch's office Taiwan Starxource plant It was nearly midnight, and Elite Global Guard Welch stood at attention, his back to the door of Admiral-General Hatch's office. "Sir, we've destroyed the terrorists' home base. The resistance's ranch has been annihilated." Hatch nodded but continued reading his book. "What have you done with the prisoners?" "There were no prisoners taken. There were no survivors." Hatch looked up from his book. "No survivors?" "We killed every last one of them. After our barrage of missiles, we dropped napalm. I've reviewed the footage. The compound looked like Dresden after World War II. I can provide the video for you if you wish." Hatch was quiet for a moment. "No, I'll take your word for it." He set down his book, stood, and walked to the side of the room, avoiding eye contact with Welch. "What is the status of the Electroclan? Are they still in Taiwan?" Hatch spoke in a low, threatening voice. Welch stiffened before replying. "They've escaped, sir." "Every one of them?" "Yes, Admiral-General." "With the Chinese girl?" "Yes, sir. We believe they have Jade Dragon." Hatch appeared thoughtful for a moment, then said softly, "You failed me." Welch swallowed. "Yes, sir." Hatch said nothing, just slowly nodded. Welch looked at him quizzically. He had expected Hatch to rage, to explode. Instead Hatch's voice was almost mournful, like a jilted lover. "Is that all you have to report? That you failed?" Welch did his best to remain stoic. "Yes, sir." Hatch stared at the ground for a moment, then said, "Okay. You've given me your report." "Okay?" Welch was as baffled as he was nervous. He wondered if Hatch were drunk. He had never seen him behave so calmly in the face of failure. "What is the word on Schema?" Hatch asked. "Has he been captured yet?" "No, sir. He's vanished." "Vanished?" "Even before you left Switzerland. One of our men had him for

a while, but he disappeared. Hatch's brow furrowed. "Who disappeared? Schema or our man?" Both, sir. Again, Hatch seemed unmoved. "It doesn't matter. Schema is inconsequential." He poured himself a drink from a crystal decanter, then downed a shot and poured another. "Would you care for a drink, EGG Welch?" "Yes, sir. Thank you, sir." Welch said, his confusion growing. He had expected Hatch's fury. Not a drink. Hatch poured another shot glass of the caramel-colored liquor and handed it to Welch. "To old times," he said. "And old friends." Welch repeated. He drank and quickly put the glass down as Hatch slowly sipped his, looking deep in thought.

"We've been together a long time," Hatch said. "So much has changed since the beginning. The world has changed." "We have changed, sir. We have grown powerful." "So we have." After a moment Hatch said, "We've acquired two new ships to replace the Watt: the Edison, a battle cruiser from Russia, and the Franklin, a Mistral-class amphibious assault ship from France. They are already manned and on their way to Tuvalu, as are the Ohm, the Tesla, and the Joule. They left port six days ago. "This evening, the Faraday and the Volta will set sail for Tuvalu. I am flying with EGGs Despain and Bosen to Jakarta to inspect the Edison. Then we will fly to Tuvalu for the opening ceremonies of our Funafuti, Tuvalu, Starsource plant. We already have a force of four hundred guards stationed on the island. "While I am hosting the Tuvaluan dignitaries, the fleet will rendezvous twelve miles from the main island and commence Operation Home Base. If things go as planned—and I expect that they will—we'll overthrow the island and establish our base. We are going to finish what Vey delayed when he blew up the Ampere." "You don't need me to escort you to Jakarta, sir?" Welch asked. "No," Hatch said bluntly. "I have a different assignment for you." Welch nodded. "And how may I serve my admiral-general?" Hatch pressed a button on his desk. "As an example." Four guards stepped into Hatch's office. "Mr. Politis," Hatch said calmly. "EGG Welch is officially relieved of his title and command. Strip him of his weapon and insignias and arrest him." "Yes, sir." Welch paled. "Sir." Two men took Welch by the arms, removed his sidearm, and handcuffed him. Politis took a knife from his utility belt and cut the EGG and Elgen insignias from Welch's shoulder and breast. "Now what, sir?" Politis asked. "Take him to the brig. When we reach the Tuvalu plant, he will be put into the rat bowl." Welch shuddered as the realization of

Hatch's pronouncement spread over him. "Yes, sir," Politis said.  
"My General," Welch said. "Yes," Hatch said. "I am still your general. You took a vow to serve me until your death, which is precisely what I am requiring of you now." "your death. And in fulfilling this duty, your colleagues will understand that I expect my orders to be carried out, and failure is not an option." He nodded at Politis. "Move it," Politis barked, pulling Welch from the room. When everyone was gone, Hatch downed the rest of his drink, then poured another. "To old friends."

The book builds suspense and connects you to the series. The characters gain traction with the plot. There is not enough action. There is not a climax, but a couple of satisfying surprises. The story and intrigue kept me reading. The story is too short. The relationship with Taylor is cute but the bed time is not necessary, especially for hormonal youth readers. Less romance and MORE FIGHTING!!

A great continuation of the Michael Vey saga. The plot development and suspense level are certainly on par with the first four installments. To the reviewer who suggested that there was not much action I would reply that there was enough, and it was a relief that the Electroclan survived a whole book without being very nearly killed or tortured. The reason my rating is only four stars is that I am not wild about "cliffhanger" endings. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who has read the first four books. As a novel it does not stand alone, as it is right in the middle of an epic tale.

This book is slow and boring to read. Lots of traveling and scenery descriptions. The only reason it was written was for the money. They introduced a couple of new characters at the end of the book. Hoping you will buy next years book

Place I work was printing book 6 and I got hooked while doing some of the quality checks on the book. Had to go out and buy the whole series and then wait for this one to be released so I could finally read the whole thing. Highly recommend it, not just for the young, I'm 63 and GREATLY enjoy it.

I have enjoyed every book in this series, with the exception of book two which almost caused me to lose my cookies. I'm still trying to decide if I want to recommend this series to my twelve year old

grandson. Book two is the only cause of my hesitation. Otherwise it's a great series that is right up my grandson's alley. It would rank right up there with the Harry Potter series. Parents and grandparents may want to read this series before making their own decision on whether to encourage their children to read it. I especially enjoyed the fact that Mr. Evans didn't use half of succeeding books to replay previous books. He keeps each book moving with fast action, suspense, and unique plots. There's never the feeling that you've read this plot before. I'm looking forward to book six.

This book and series is an instant favorite at our house. My children read these books non stop and are anxiously awaiting the next book. They are good reads. I am a big fan of anything that gets them to read more.

Michael Vey: Storm of Lightning, in my personal opinion, was one of the weakest books in the series. That is not to say that I did not enjoy the book. It was an awesome addition to the series; however, it felt more like a transition book preparing readers for the climax coming in the next two. Nothing incredibly exciting happened with the Electroclan (there were a few moments of tension and excitement, but it was mostly them traveling and recovering from rescuing Jade Dragon in the last book). The real story development comes from Hatch, his kids, and the Elgen in general. A lot happened in their story that will keep readers on the edge of their seat. Overall, while this book is called "Storm of Lightning", it is actually the calm before the storm. Looking forward to the next book!

Michael Vey series of 7 books is written with the gift to teens as well as adults. The gift is the story written in such a way so the reader learns how to make good choices in life. Teens love to read this story. So if you want to encourage your child to read I recommend this series. I am a senior person and each book that comes out in print has you captivated and you cannot put it down. You want to know more about their character. In the process you receive this gift of knowledge that educates you to make better choices as you go about life. Richard Paul Evans is a good story teller. This is the 5th in print out of 7 books. Enjoy the read. You will be glued to the story until the end of each book.

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