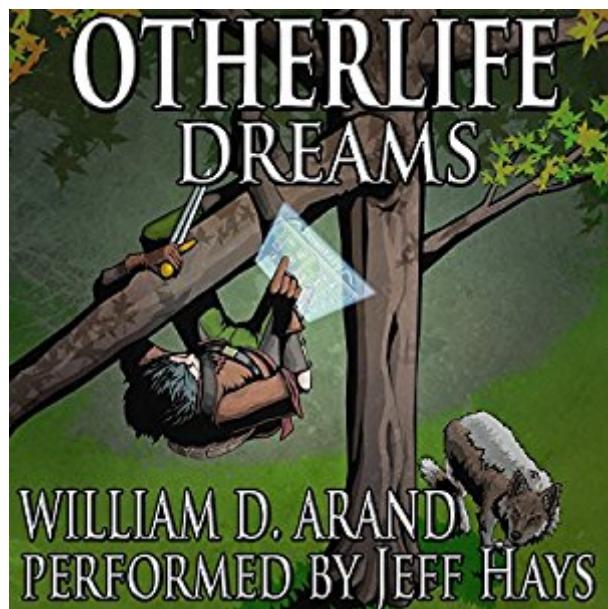


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# Otherlife Dreams: The Selfless Hero Trilogy



## Synopsis

Runner has a problem. He and 499,000 men and women are trapped in a game. He also just happens to be the only person from IT who could log everyone out safely. And he doesn't remember his password. He, like everyone else in this nightmare, had his memory scrambled or lost in the process of being loaded into the game. A single garbled message is his only clue to how to save everyone. The problem is that whoever loaded them into the game loaded their minds completely. If they die, their brains get wiped. Now it's time for Runner to flex his skills as a power gaming min maxer and see what he can do. Because every time he levels, he might gain the memory of the password. Time to go hardcore.

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## Customer Reviews

a pretty good entry into the LITRPG genre. First the good, Overall I enjoyed the story and the characters. while the main character is flawed and makes some really oddball comments thru-out the book I have come to accept that some or perhaps many of his excentric actions/dialog may be due to his mind being scrambled/missing large chunks of memories in this first book. I like all of his traveling companions and his primary actions/decisions when it comes to his companions. The story/adventure was pretty good and thefantasy setting was decent although not too thoroughly fleshed out in this first book. there had better be more to coming soon to explain some many of the questions still left at the end of the book.a few spoilers ahead Now the bad things in my opinion. there seem to be several flaws in the general mechanics of the virtual reality/game mechanics and I

am not talking about the glitches in the system in the story but the actual premise behind the mechanics. For one thing just like most games there are basic attributes = Strength, dexterity, agility, constitution, intelligence, wisdom, and finally charisma. now for example one would think constitution would be tied to health, hit point or stamina but instead apparently each and every character starts with 100 hit points and 100 stamina regardless of any stat. Also Mana to power magic apparently also starts at 100 regardless of any of the primary stats. so right there you have two or three of your most important details not tied to any of your core attributes.

I'm so glad we are finally getting LitRPG that we don't have to wait for a translation. While this did have a few grammatical errors (particularly using "than" when it should have been "then") it is far less than many other self-published works and didn't interrupt the story enough for me to deduct a star. The writing is well paced, and interesting, and managed to keep me guessing. One negative aspect of this book is that like most other LitRPG books, the character tends to stumble into amazingly fortunate circumstances. However, it is not nearly as pronounced as with the Russian writers and I could live with it. One aspect I liked was that the main character wonders and speculates about the world around him, both in game and out. Too often in this genre, the main character accepts events that really stretch my suspension of disbelief. Unfortunately, Runner doesn't do it enough. If something strange happens, he might look in his log, he might not. I'm willing to give the author the benefit of the doubt that he is withholding answers to build suspense. Speaking of which, there were a large number of questions left at the end of the book that I really hope are addressed in the future. This is a mark of a great book that I'm still thinking about these a week after I read the book! Here are a few:\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*\*\*\*Who put everyone into the game and why? Why are they missing memories and why would it be set up that they get more memories as they level up? Was this some sort of compromise made to get this to work or the actions of a sadistic admin? Why was Runner's character creation screwed up? Was it just him? Why did he spawn in the middle of nowhere? Was he the only one?

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