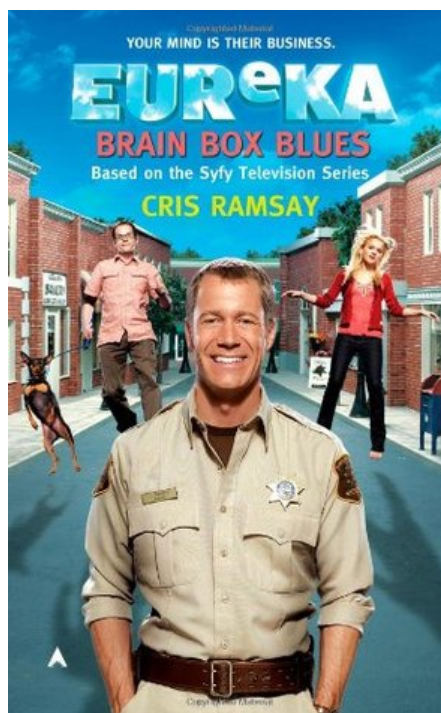




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Even the brightest of Eureka's residents can't read someone else's mind. Then Global Dynamics develops the Brain Box: a device capable of capturing and storing human thoughts. When the Box starts messing with people's minds, Sheriff Jack Carter will have to keep his thoughts to himself if he's going to save the town from going out of their heads.

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From Reader Review Eureka: Brain Box Blues for online ebook

Mike Diaz says

decent way to get a eureka fix but not as good as show

Tatra says

Legalized fanfiction, and has the average quality level. The cover is also freaky and I have no idea what is up with that. Still , the mystery was pretty good even though I could predict what was going to happen. Good for a light read.

Virginia Rand says

Cris Ramsey, you got psychics in my science fiction. I mean, the show could stretch credulity sometimes, but astral projection? No.

I might have been able to forgive that if the characters felt in character or all the background was accurate, but someone should have pointed him towards the wiki, maybe? No continuity people involved?

I wanted to like this book. I really did.

Jessica Hollo says

I read a few reviews of this, and was somewhat leery, but I decides to give it a try anyway, becuase it was Eureka.

The reviews were pretty much correct. The plot itself was interesting, morally gave you a bit to think about. But that is not what Eureka is all about. Its about the play of characters and the banter, which I found lacking.

I am glad, given that the series is ending, that there are books to carry on. But it gets confusing with the changes in the show.

May try to read more anyway.

Sarah Crawford says

The story is based on what happened in an actual episode when people were supposed to put their favorite memory of Eureka into a sphere. In this case, though, the military has a box that can capture all of a person's memories, even if they just recently died. They have the memories from someone and they want Eureka to find a way to make those memories useful. Meanwhile, Fargo, Zoe and others are doing experiments involving remote viewing.

The find out Jo had taken part in a military project involving remote viewing and also trying to influence a person remotely. Meanwhile, an experiment with the brain box goes wrong and Lucas is hurt. Some kind of

electrical surge also goes through Cafe Diem.

Zoe and her boyfriend are having problems. Suddenly Vincent is getting orders wrong and other people start behaving somewhat differently than they normally do. Something goes wrong with Lucas and he passes out

One of the guys working on the project has major ethical and moral issues with being able to obtain the last memories of a person just before they died

The situation gets worse when a certain woman shows up and the military and her order the arrest of the scientist who opposes what the military plans to use the brain box for. Then there's an attempt to kill Carter and others, Mansfield and other military people all around, Lucas dying and Fargo wanting to press a button.

This is a vast improvement over the first book in the series (Substitution Method) and is much more like the original series in pacing and character behavior.

Mike says

I am a HUGE fan of the Syfy series hence this book. It was a fast fun read and nearly as good as watching a new episode.

Carolyn says

A guilty pleasure to tide me over until the next season of Eureka starts!

Matt says

A quick, light read that came as an accompaniment to my birthday present.

Jeanne Boyarsky says

It was too obvious where the memories were, but I was still entertained reading about the Eureka characters and interactions.

Grant Polachek says

I love this TV show. The second book in the Eureka series is great. It starts a little slow, but once moving, the mystery is exciting and fun.

Steve says

This was ok if you're a fan of the show. If not, it is written for a 4th grader and does not do much character development.

Trevor says

I'm a pretty big fan of the Eureka TV show on Syfy so I thought I'd check out Cris Ramsay's tie-in novel Brain Box Blues. The premise was promising, very similar to what one might find in a two-part episode of the TV show.

The story revolves around a device called the Brain Box which can extract the final thoughts/feelings from a corpse. Naturally, the General is involved in the project and forces Global Dynamics to use the Brain Box on a man (presumed to be a spy).

I'll start with the good. Cris Ramsay does a very good job of capturing the voice of Sheriff Carter and all of the rest of the cast. If you read it and then close your eyes you can see everything happening as though it were on your TV. That's a major plus as far as tie-in novels go. The reader wants there to be little difference between the book and the show.

Now for the bad. I knew whodunit by the time the character was introduced. The mystery was very easy to solve and Ramsay repeats clues over and over and over. I felt like there was too much rehash (the kind that would only be helpful if you put the book down for a month and came back to it having forgotten most of what you've read).

All in all I would read this book if you are a big fan of the show and need more Eureka action, but not so much for those who either have not seen or are only a casual watcher of the show. As far as the actual story goes (as a standalone novel) it is okay at best.

Bookophile Rating: 72%

Michael O'Donnell says

Poorly written. Lamé plot. Science that did not gel. A waste of paper, ink and my time. I suppose folk who had followed the series and new some background might something in it....but I doubt it.

Jenette says

I went into this book knowing that it wouldn't be near as good as the show so with low expectations I wasn't disappointed by what it had to offer. In this one things got a little too fringe science with elements of things that felt more like they belonged in a paranormal book than in an (admittedly loose) science fiction one. The mystery surrounding the Brain Box was interesting in an overly involved, got bored somewhere in the

middle, kind of way but it was enjoyable enough as something to lass the time. My biggest issue with this book was characterization. It constantly felt that Ramsay had never actually seen more than five minutes of the show. Characters were brought down to their most basic characteristics and often mixed up. Henry spent most of the book as a medical doctor and that just brought the whole book down. Also my love for Fargo as a character took a bit of a hit with continued references to how he ruins everything with the push of a button. The next of the Eureka books will certainly be moving to the bottom of my to-read pile.

Roxanne says

I think I might have liked this book better if it wasn't billed as a Eureka book. Because it revolved around my beloved Eureka characters, I expected a little more banter and humor. There was little of either. There was, however, several character missteps which took me right out of the story. For instance, Henry taking over in a medical emergency when Allison was standing right there, and we all know Allison has the medical background.

From a science fiction standpoint, the story wasn't bad. It appeared that a lot of research and thought went into the plotline. There were some points that I felt went unanswered, such as if all the residents were affected by paranoia, what made them stop feeling that way?

In all, I thought Brain Box Blues was an okay book, but I wouldn't recommend it to a true fan.
