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| John Hunt Publishing - **Lodestone Books** - announces the new title | | |
| **Next Step, The** Book Two of The Last Stop Series  Michael H. Burnam  It’s been five years since Mickey passed the Europans’ test, saving the Europans and planet Earth. Pam and David are living on Europa in a wondrous habitat where anything seems possible, and have twins with unusual abilities. Earth is transforming into a Utopian paradise thanks to the Sphere, an alien hard drive filled with advanced technology gifted to Earth by the Europans. But Mickey, who chose to remain on Earth, suspects the Europans of having a secret, more sinister agenda. When he severs his connection to the Sphere and begins to investigate, Mickey is captured by the Sphere Cult and put on trial for his life... The second book in the thrilling YA sci-fi series from Michael H. Burnam, The Next Step, asks what happens when Evolution progresses to immortality?  **Author Bio** Dr. Michael H. Burnam, MD is a California based cardiologist, and inventor of one of the world's first heart attack tests. His first novel The Last Stop was published in 2016.  Online: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/people/Michael-Burnam/100009510428067), [Author Website](http://www.michaelburnam.com/)  **Previous Titles** The Last Stop (9781785351174), Lodestone Books, 2016.  **Endorsements** *Praise for The Last Stop (Book 1): Burnam has fashioned a tale in which an alien race sees us as its last hope. They're not looking for some life-saving substance, or to suck our brains out through straws. They need us - and not just anybody, but our young people to... well, why spoil it? See for yourself in this tale of teen life and love in 21st century LA, meeting and saving alien beings desperate to have what we've got.* ***Harold Rabinowitz, Winner, First Runner-Up Citation, Pulitzer Prize***  **Promotional Plans** Publicist employed in the US. Interest from movie house in adapting the series for film. Promotion related to author donation of some proceeds to teen bullying/suicide charities (topics addressed in the series).  **USP** Action-filled, YA sci-fi with overarching optimism, an overdue respite from recent dark YA titles in the market. Some proceeds of the series donated to support teen bullying causes.  **Competing Books** The Giver (New film tie-in ed. 2014) 9780007578498, by Lois Lowry Harper Collins Children's Books, 2014  **Categories** YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF056010) -> Science Fiction (General)(YAF056010) -> Alien Contact(YAF056010) YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF055000) -> Science & Technology(YAF055000) YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF058020) -> Social Themes (General)(YAF058020) -> Bullying(YAF058020) |  | **Publication Date** September 2017  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-575-2 $12.95  |  7.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 312PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-576-9 $6.99  |  3.99  **Library of Congress** 2016945050 |
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