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War is forever

The people on Earth no longer remember how the human race was nearly obliterated centuries earlier during the terror visited upon them by the merciless Xul. But the Star Marines, thirty thousand light years from home, know all too well the horror that still lives.

In the year 2886, in the midst of the intergalactic war that has been raging nonstop for nearly a decade, the unthinkable has occurred. Intelligence has located the gargantuan hidden homeworld of humankind's dedicated foe, the brutal, unstoppable Xul. The time has come for the courageous men and women of the 1st Marine Interstellar Expeditionary Force to strike the killing blow. But misguided politics on an Earth that no longer supports their mission could prove the Marine's greatest enemy—as they plunge bravely into the maelstrom of conflict . . . and into the heart of a million-year-old mystery.

Galactic Corps Details

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Don says

Wasn't too bad as I'm generally a sucker for military sci-fi.

Though there was one thing I did not like about this author's writing style: he tends to repeat situation details a fair bit as if trying to stress those points viewing the reader as not too intelligent to pick up on it 30 pages or so earlier, or else he tries to get his so many words per manuscript to appease his contract to the publisher. Either way, I found it quite tacky.

BobA707 says

Summary: Hard core military SF space opera special. Totally over the top and immensely enjoyable, albeit very unsubtle. The battle set-ups and descriptions are quite amazing and the balance of power intriguing.

Plotline: A good plot, simple at some levels but with astonishing breadth

Premise: I like this universe, though some of the 'physics' needs to be glossed over to make it all work and consistently believable.

Writing: Simple, direct, the reader is transported right into the action.

Ending: Oh yes, you need to read this on. OTT

Pace: Never a dull moment

Michael says

This is the second book in the Inheritance Trilogy by Ian Douglas. In this one the Earth Government is determined to try and make peace with the Xul. The Marines take a task force with a government ship to the galactic center where it has been determined the Xul have their ships most concentrated. Upon arrival the Xul attack and destroy the government's peace ship and it is up to the Marines to try to destroy the Xul once and for all. This book is a great read and a great example of Military Science Fiction. I recommend it to all fans of Military Science Fiction and fans of Ian Douglas.

Andreas says

The second book of the trilogy picks up the story about a decade after Star Strike. Once again, there is an annoying politician. The Marines now attempt a blow at the very heartland of the Xul, in the radiation saturated galactic core.

While the first half follows the usual formula, the second half, with operations in the core, is truly excellent. Very exciting and with many elements from “sense of wonder” stories like Ringworld and Rendevous with Rama. These are areas that military Scifi doesn’t usually touch upon but could and should more often. A very strong middle book and another page turner.

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Steven Allen says

I have read almost all of this author's work that I can get from Paperback Swap. I have noticed a trend that the more recent books have more and greater sexual details. There is no graphic descriptions (if you seek that you need to read elsewhere) but there are mentions of *menage de quatros*, group sex, swinging and other sexual activities. Not sure if the author feels that is the way society is travelling or hopes it progresses that way.

Call me an old romantic fool but I was hopping that Tabitha would have returned to the General Alexander at the end of the book. It was nice that most of the couples remained together. I would have liked to know how Major Tera Lee fared, but I suppose it is hard to close all of the story lines. I am reading the last book in this series *Semper Human* so perhaps I will learn how some of the other characters fared later in life.

Nathan says

This set of books (all three trilogies by Douglas) is great mil-fic, and good old-fashioned, hard sci-fi.

It just seems like the characters are getting lost someplace. Everyone is pretty similar in outlook and almost "Mary Sue"-like in their loyalty, bravery, and skill or they're chariactures of stereotypes (especially for the majority of the politicians).

It also seems to suffer from "escalation complex" in much the same way that Weber's "Honor Harrington" books do. FORTUNATELY, it's not missile math, but truly neat and interesting ways of killing things.

Flaws aside, as an example of hard mil-fic and hard sci-fi, it's about as good as they come. If you like either, you can do far worse than starting with "Semper Mars" and going forward with this group of books.

Howard says

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Locked Out says

No, just no, almost like the first book of the series but worse. Needless to say, I never made it to the end of the book because of even more disjointed twists popping up. For example, in one scene someone is baked by

radiation for like 6 hours and then they come out completely fine later on, really? Likewise some characters happily dismembe themselves because any limb can be re-grown. This is a book not for everyone or maybe not even for anyone. I dunno, but for the majority of us, spend your time elsewhere!

Tampines House says

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elidemelnibone says

Quelques années seulement après Galactic Corps, mais les technologies - combat, communications, voyages dans l'espace continuent à évoluer. L'univers décrit est de plus en plus éloigné dans tous les sens. Mon esprit a du mal à se représenter les dimensions des champs de bataille (le plus loin possible de la terre) où les Marines affrontent les Xul, l'ennemi avec lequel on ne peut pas discuter. Il y a une sorte de poésie dans les descriptions, en v.o., je ne comprends pas tout mais qu'importe : centre de la galaxie, trous noirs, berceaux d'étoiles, propulsion d'Alcubierre, sphère de Dyson, références mythologiques et jusqu'à faire bouger une étoile. J'aime la démesure du combat et le courage de ces Marines (pas de vie hors servir). La menace des Xuls est elle enfin éloignée ? Je vais attaquer le dernier (?) tome de cette saga. De la military SF pure et dure.

Edwin Downward says

A hard hitting military sci-fi. A great read for those who like getting into the gritty details of action and tech.

Robert Giambo says

very good for the genre - one of several related trilogies by the author

Maciej Janiec says

There is some potentially interesting idea lurking behind all the bloated fighting.

Brian says

Perfect in every way. Written so well it floats off the page and fills your mind with grand images.
