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This book includes the full text of the standalone novels First Contact, Legend Of The Sword, and Dead Soul.

FIRST CONTACT

Led by Commander Owen McLaren, the TNS Aurora is embarked on an extended survey mission, searching for new worlds that could support human life. Drawn to an uncharted star system by the discovery of potentially habitable planets, the crew of the Aurora discovers something entirely unexpected: the planets are already inhabited, but not by humans. Approached by gigantic alien starships, Aurora's crew makes ready for humanity's very first contact with another sentient race.

LEGEND OF THE SWORD

Six months have passed since the destruction of the human colony on Keran by the alien Kreelan Empire. Earth and other human worlds band together to form the Confederation of Humanity to provide a mutual defense against the alien invaders.

Unfortunately, not all human worlds want to join the Confederation. Some, like Saint Petersburg, would rather see it destroyed. With a powerful navy built in secret and armed with nuclear weapons, Saint Petersburg is preparing their own offensive against the Confederation when the Kreelans attack.

DEAD SOUL

Three years after the brutal first contact encounter with the alien Kreelan Empire, the human Confederation is desperate for a victory. With over a dozen worlds under siege by legions of Kreelan warriors, President McKenna orders the Confederation military to deliver a victory to give humanity hope.

Roland Mills, Valentina Sikorsky, Ichiro Sato and his wife Steph, along with the irrepressible General James Sparks are once again at the sharp end of the spear in a mission to take back the colony of Alger's World from the alien invaders before it's too late.

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Boyan Yordanov says

Simply one of the best sci-fi stories I've read or seen so far.

I really like how the characters are presented and how the story is being unveiled and how key moments are presented from several different perspectives.

As much as I enjoy reading about possible future technologies, computers, space ships and stuff like that I've also found the story and the mythology behind the Kreelan empire very interesting and can't wait to read more about it.

I strongly recommend the series to everyone who likes science-fiction and/or fantasy !

Chrystal says

Too much emphasis on military strategy and engagement for my taste. But, the story more than made up for that with the inclusion of great character development and interplay.

The overarching storyline is original and contains plenty of plot points along the way that will keep readers intrigued and coming back for more.

Speaking of which, I plan to read the next in the series, specifically the sub-series trilogy *In Her Name: Redemption*.

Kevin says

Wonderful story & actually individual & unique! Loved it. I've now read the whole series & couldn't wait to find out what happened to all the characters, especially the one alien that follows through the whole series. Wonderful.

Theo says

Fun read.

Enjoyed the story. Interesting take on how alien species view things, yes, this includes humans. Looking forward to the first trilogy and seeing how humanity deals with their threat to survival.

Heather Nelson says

One of the few books I have found recently that I could not wait to finish. On the one hand, I love getting to the end to know what happens; on the other hand, I hate when it's over. Happily, there is another trilogy I can start on right away!

Chris says

I have the, "In her name: omnibus" (which is pretty much one and the same) and i have to say in the essence of sci-fi novels Mr. Hicks hit the mark by creating a universe mixed with danger, friendship, loyalty, and love that covers and expands the last war trilogy. without spoiling the story, it follows Reza gard as a child losing his parents and taken by the very race that plunged his galaxy into turmoil. Forced as a slave with other childeren and placed in the worst conditions no person should be placed in reza is seen as a gifted boy with a destiny on his shoulders and the rest is history.

The direction of the author places Reza from earth to the planet of his captors where is fate is revealed as well the real story of friendship begins; the author gives great visualzations to the minds eye of the planets you will visit as you read this saga that sudden grow into an epic tale of survival among the stars. If there's a novel the put originality to the concept its definately the In Her Name series, dont close your eyes on this tale it will surprise you!

Peter says

A very well crafted and well thought out read.

It's interesting to read a story that tells of events that happen from more than 1 point of view and relatively the same time.

Serge Boivin says

I really wanted to love this trilogy, but I was ultimately disappointed.

I started my immersion into this whole series by actually reading Empire, the first novel of the "In Her Name: Redemption" trilogy. The Redemption trilogy was written first, but I found out after reading Empire that when the author later wrote this prequel "The Last War" trilogy, he suggested that readers start with it. So, I put Redemption aside and started this trilogy instead... That might be part of what caused my disappointment.

I was hoping for a true prequel, but both trilogies have actually very little to do with each other, except for the overall setting and explaining the war's origins. They are 2 very separate sets of stories, with no overlap of any characters, except 1, and have a very different feel. The stories inhabit the same world, but this trilogy felt to me like an interlude before the main story we find in the Redemption trilogy.

For my tastes, it feels a bit like this trilogy suffers from the "Star Wars prequel trilogy syndrome". The author chose to focus this trilogy much more on the military aspects of the storyline, spending a lot of time describing starships, weapons, battle strategies, battles, etc... If that is what you like, and you had not read any books from the Redemption trilogy, then you would probably love this trilogy.

However, if like me, you read Empire first, and were expecting something along the same vein, that focused

on the characters, their development and conflicts, this might leave you wanting.

Star Wars felt the same. Lucas chose to focus the prequels on too much political intrigue and details within the empire, losing the fun of the originals. His choice, but not to my liking. But at least, they were a prequel that led directly into the originals. Not this one.

When I finished this trilogy, I went back to books 2 and 3 of the Redemption trilogy so I could pick up where I had left off. I didn't feel that the "Last War" trilogy added much to my understanding and enjoyment of it, and that is unfortunate.

Tufty McTavish says

For a book series I discovered completely cold by browsing the Kindle charts and noticing the first of the trilogy was freely available and figuring it was at least worth a punt, I was pleasantly surprised by this. When the central meat of the story finally gets going the action is pretty good. And it's the battles that this is really all about.

Each of the stories starts with a slow setup and then it kicks the fighting up and it's non-stop until the wrap-up at the end. I like the action portions which are mostly just two sides facing off against each other, with the odd bit of technology here and there. Fortunately there's a ground and space aspect to the fighting so the stories flit back and forth; some parts focus more on the space battles than on the ground.

I was never too wild about the alien side of the story - too much honour and sameness - but as a straight-forward action story in a SciFi setting I was quite content overall.

Spencer Goodall says

I read a lot of sci-fi, this was a fantastic read.

The Last War is three books "In Her Name: First Contact", "Legend of the Sword", and "Dead Soul".

The human race is under attack by an honourable war obsessed alien civilization, the "Kreelans". The Kreelans believe that there is nothing greater than the honour of fighting for their race in equal combat, the author has a way of making this series as much about the Kreelans and their survival as it is about humans and their survival.

If you like military setting space opera's I highly recommend this series.

Ruthanne Taylor says

Superb

Loved this book & the entire series. Did not want it to end. Excellent plotting, wonderful, believable characters, interesting locales. Just all around great reading if you like can't put it down, seat of your pants excitement & a story that keeps you on edge.

Allan says

This is in fact a trilogy of three separate novels, written as a prequel to the author's first trilogy, *In her Name: Redemption*, and it covers humanity's first contact with the alien Kreelan Empire and the beginning of the war with them.

Initially a suggestion from a work colleague, this has been a thoroughly enjoyable read, ride, whatever you want to call it. The main characters are well fleshed out, even likable to the point of caring what happens to them, but the real prize is how Hicks shows us things from alien's point of view as well. We get some understanding of how they think, their way of life and almost come to care about some of them as well.

The first book, "In Her Name: First Contact", deals with our first, disasterous meeting with the empire and the beginning of the war.

The second novel, "In Her Name: Legend of the Sword", is set six months on. Humanity has formed a confederation to defend our worlds but some don't believe the threat is real, don't want to join and are actively planing their own offensive...against Earth. Legend of the Sword is also the title of the Kreelan warrior priestess Tesh-Dar, whom we've already met in book one, and this too is her story.

The third tale, "In Her Name: Dead Soul" is set three years after first contact and around a mission to take back the colony of Alger's World from the alien invaders before the Kreelans have exterminated the human population. It also introduces us to Ku'ar-Marekh, a Kreelan warrior priestess feared even among her own kind.

All in all, this trilogy is a thumping good read and I'd be surprised if any fan of science-fiction didn't enjoy it. Sure, the logistics of how an alien race like the Kreelans could have developed for so long given their breeding limitations don't really add up but, viable or not, they make a fearsome enemy. On to the next trilogy I go and I hope it's at least as good as this one.

Laurie says

I do not normally read sci-fi, especially military sci-fi but this was a fantastic read. This is actually three books "In Her Name: First Contact", "Legend of the Sword", and "Dead Soul". This trilogy is a prequel to the first book "In Her Name: Empire", which I read a while ago. The human race is under attack by an alien civilization, the "Kreelans". I was surprised by how much I cared about the Kreelans even though they were the "enemy". The author has a way of making this series as much about the Kreelans and their survival as it is about the human race surviving. I even shed a tear or two when a favorite character, on either side of the conflict, died. I highly recommend this series and am looking forward to reading the continuing story of Reza in "Confederation".

Bob Caroti says

A prequel to the other 'In Her Name' trilogy ... this series instantly transported me back into that world in an often scary but fantastic way. These six books weave such a world and are a great read if you are into any sort of science fiction/fantasy. Outstanding!

BobA707 says

Summary: Really excellent set of books. Military SF with elements of fantasy thrown in, but it all works. Loads of action, idiocy, heroism, everything. The aliens are really alien. And the writing puts the reader right in with the action

Plotline: Large scope, well thought out, simple in some ways with many surprises

Premise: Brilliant but spooky in places

Writing: Good characterization, compelling reading

Ending: Oh yes. We lose the battle, but the war continues

Pace: Never a dull moment!
