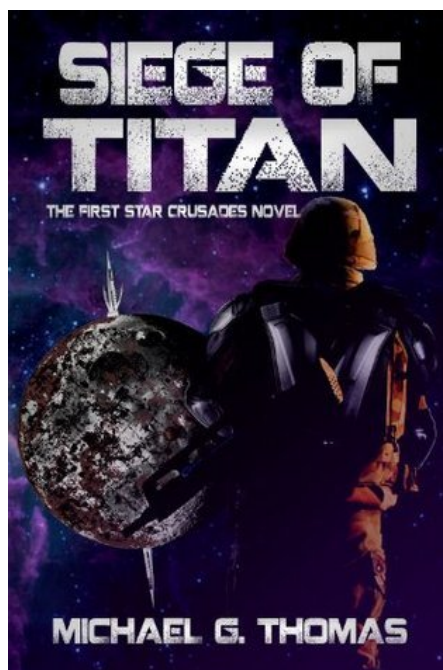




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Siege of Titan is the first book in the epic '*Uprising*' series, part of the growing Star Crusades universe that chronicles humanity's first interstellar confederation that is torn apart by religious strife and extremism.

In the first book of the Star Crusades Uprising series, the bloody struggle is told through the eyes of an illegal pit fighter named Spartan, who is forced to choose between incarceration or military service. Choosing the Confederate Marine Corps over servitude he begins his thirty long weeks of training. Together with his group of marines, they are honed into a force ready to be thrown into the meat grinder on the newest and greatest planet in the Confederacy, Proxima Prime. His term of service will soon become one of violence and carnage, as the entire sector is ripped apart by a brutal and virulent religious movement and its shocking plans.

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From Reader Review Siege of Titan for online ebook

Roddy Williams says

At a time when Humanity has spread out into the galaxy, the Centauran planets are united in an Alliance which is threatened by The Zealots, a fundamentalist group of suicidal maniacs.

Spartan, as his name may suggest, is a wrestler/fighter in a deadly and illegal fight ring. When the games are raided, Spartan, attempting to escape, accidentally kills a policeman and is sentenced to either ten years in prison or ten years in the army, training as a marine to fight the zealots.

It's competently written and maintains the interest but the narrative is a little one-sided. There is no attempt to humanise the zealots or - at this stage - to explain why officers within the Navy would wish to side with them.

Thomas is very good when he is in space. The description of ships and their structure does much to add some verisimilitude. It is presumably no coincidence that Post 9/11 there have been a succession of works which feature religious maniacs, suicide bombers, and a level headed rational crew to sort them out.

Keith Brooks 'Keepers of the Peace' turns the idea on its head to a certain extent, but its genes have their origins in the same pool.

Mojo says

I liked this book. I don't know if it has been re-edited from when most of the other reviews were written but I didn't find the large numbers of typos that I was expecting. There were a few, to be sure, but not all that many.

Over all, I thought the story was well written. The pacing was good. My one major complaint was the way the characters interacted. The Officer/Enlisted interaction was WAY too informal, especially for the Corps. Maybe it's because I'm a veteran and have a certain familiarity with the military culture/mindset but I kept thinking Mr. Thomas needs to do a little more research or find someone to proof read his stories who can identify the worst offenses against military protocol. I also liked that the technology wasn't too 'futuristic'. No anti-gravity, FTL travel or comms, killer lasers, etc..

A good solid entry in the genre. I will give the next one a try and see how it goes.

John Maguire says

Easy holiday reading fodder

A.G. Claymore says

Siege of Titan is the kind of story that I tend to enjoy reading. The idea that we could get out there and colonize other worlds without having to invent 'warp drive' or FTL is one that appeals to me. The story is supported by current technology, right down to the weapon systems. The most advanced weapons in the story are the ship mounted rail guns and they already exist here on Earth.

There has been talk of typos and I noticed a few. Though I have seen the same sort of thing in eBooks from the big publishing houses, it somehow bothered me far less in a three dollar indie novel than it does with a

fifteen dollar eBook from a multi million dollar publishing house.

I felt the story was engaging and some of the ship to ship battle scenes were so skillfully described that I felt as though I were floating in space watching it happen.

I'll be reading the next in the series.

Kodai Okuda says

Michael G. Thomas' Seige of Titan is a novel that meets ALL of the criteria for a great, fun military-SF novel in my opinion.

It deserves the 5 stars I gave it.

This book went beyond my expectations for a military SF novel.

In short, I loved it.

Here's a basic overview (no spoilers):

The story takes place in a future where a Confederacy controls the nearby star systems around Sol. In this interstellar society there is a war between the ordered government of the Confederacy and the mysterious religious order known as Zealots. One man finds himself caught up in this conflict due to a debt to society he incurred after being arrested for partaking in the violent bloodsports of the underworld. Gladitorial games that feed the bloodlust of a decadent future society. Spartan, a walking killing machine, finds himself prisoner of his destiny as he is forced to choose between life in prison and military service. His choice to serve the Confederacy as a space marine leads him down a path he would never have imagined possible.

My critique:

The action is well defined and detailed.

The technology is scientific enough to be believable, but not so scientific as to be boring.

Seige of Titan is what military science fiction is supposed to look like.

Action packed with massive spacecraft, intricate battles, a sinister secret on an alien world, and characters that are well developed and likeable.

A great read.

Ron says

Failed the hundred page test.

Straight forward space opera, but neither the story nor the storytelling engage the reader.

Illogical situation and military response makes no sense. That irregular forces can do these things to regulars isn't to be denied, but there are other responses.

Not for me.

Murray says

Fairly entertaining military sci-fi. Plenty of action and enough 'real' science to keep me interested.

Let down by proofreading errors, but compelling enough to make me want to continue the series.

Jason says

Fun read. Starts with gladiator combat of the future in bloodsport matches, and then moves quickly to the main character being enrolled in the Marines. Got to love that.

Quick pace, and just a fun read if you like military sci fi. Lots of setup for the next book as well. Looks to be a fun series.

Jayde Scott says

Let me just say, Sci-Fi is not my usual genre so I downloaded the sample chapters with trepidation after I noticed the book pop up on my recommendations page. It's not that I don't like the genre but more the fact that most sci-fi books I try border a bit too much on the unrealistic. But not this one.

The first few pages of a Siege of Titan sucked me right in and I was hooked so I bought the whole thing. What makes this book stand out from the crowd is the author's amazing imagination that doesn't cross the line between believable and fantastical. The writing conveyed a sense of reality and urgency, and kept me on the edge of my seat. I found the main character, Spartan, engaging and interesting. What I also enjoyed was the excellent world building. The Confederate Marine Corps were so well described at times I felt like I was watching a movie running before my eyes. I'm going to pick up the next book in the series to see how Spartan's story progresses.

If you're looking for fast paced action non-stop, look no further because you've found it. A really good book I can only recommend.

Robin Powell says

Slightly cliché but none the less very entertaining story that's really let down by what I can only assume is a lack of proofreading. There are absolutely terrible sentences and turns of phrase littered throughout that I am convinced would have been re-written had anyone proofed it.

Greg says

I thought this a pretty good book. Fast, easy reading, well formatted and pretty action packed.

I would have liked more depth during the "basic" part of the story, but all in all, a pretty good "good guy in a bad situation, forced to choose between prison or the military (think space marines), survives, thrives, and kills lots of bad guys against the odds" story.

I also liked that there wasn't just the single point of view, that we got views from other characters, some connected to the main protagonist, some not.

It wasn't heavy military like you'd get in a Weber or Ringo book, but more than good enough.

Also I appreciated that the space travel was treated well, no magic, no "inertia compensator's" allowing travel across solar systems in hours, etc. The way space travel was handled felt reasonable and itself added to the story (the tense waiting as the travel happen, the impact of how distances mattered and the decisions that can force, etc).

The next two books in the series have already been added to me wishlist... :)

Stghaney says

I can understand why people would not like this book. I gave it for stars for several reasons. The first is the bad editing. There are typos and messed up sentences through out this book. They cause a reader to loose the flow. Character development was lacking. Characters are kinda flat.

Having said that, the story is exciting and like others who have reviewed this book the end has a great twist. Its a little predictable but exciting just the same. The military lingo is kept to a minimum and the action scenes are well thought out. The protagonist (Spartan) is not a god and he does get hurt. A definite plus in my book. Cant have a war hero walking through fire and not getting burned. The story has a large scope feel and we get to see the battle from several different points of view.

For a selfish pleasure book its good. It definitely made me want to read the next one.

Nathan says

I am not sure that I am going to ever trust blind recommendations from Amazon again. I was looking for a new series to take with me while traveling and the description looked promising. I was disappointed, especially for a series that has three books already.

It is not a bad book, but its not a very good one either. The author is skilled at keeping the action moving but lacks high end writing skill. This small press book is poorly edited, especially in the last third of the book and some author coaching from a good editor could have helped with some things. I had to dial the combat realism filter down to about zero and not think too hard about science and economics. But, the read met the price of admission since its in a genre I enjoy. Don't look at it too hard though.

Susan says

Siege of Titan is the first book in the Star Crusades Uprising series. This could be read as a standalone. But it is clear from the end of the book that the story continues in the next book. There is a lot of violence...this is a war in space afterall. The storyline is average for a book like this but is worth reading. I plan on reading on continuing to read the series to see what happens next.

Brett says

The plot is fine and the characters are interesting. The biggest problem with this book and the entire series is that there is clearly no editor or beta readers. The repetitive use of words or the use of a word no longer in modern use is highly jarring as a reader. It breaks the flow and takes the focus off of the story. Anyways, interesting book but could use a thorough editing.
