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A Fight to the End...

The Confederation and the Union have fought each other to a standstill. Battered, exhausted fleets eye each other warily across a border that has been a battlefield for three bloody years. Neither side has the strength to attack, and both wait for reinforcements that will allow them to resume the fight.

On the worlds of the Iron Belt, the heavily industrialized sector near the Confederation's Core, massive shipyards operate around the clock, producing the great vessels that can end the war. The Union knows it cannot win the economic struggle with its wealthier, more productive enemy, and Sector Nine, its feared spy agency, is not idle. Their focus is not on the front lines, the ravaged border between the two nations, but far off, beyond the Rim, in the strange, militaristic realm known as the Alliance.

Sector Nine's intrigues are targeted at nothing less than instigating a coup, and bringing to power a regime that favors war against the Confederation, a change in government that will bring the fresh fleets of the Alliance into the war, striking at the Confederation's unguarded flank.

Once again, Captain Tyler Barron and his battleship Dauntless must go back to the Rim, and on to the Alliance itself to somehow thwart the Union's plan...and prevent a two-front war the Confederation cannot win.

Blood on the Stars Series

Book 1: Duel in the Dark

Book 2: Call to Arms

Book 3: Ruins of Empire

Book 4: Echoes of Glory

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Shane says

Three and a half stars. It is nice to see the story arc coming together. This story has a little drama mixed in with some good character development. I still have a hard time with battleship on battleship tactics, it just seems implausible to me that every military would develop the same top heavy doctrine. I don't want to spoil anything, but Andi's amazing feat of tracking down Barron's ship turns out not to be so amazing after all. Good but not great.

Alan Mills says

Powerful space drama...they just keep getting better

In volume four, the action shifts back to the Alliance--where it all began back in volume one. Except this time, the Alliance is at war with itself, and the Confederacy has to decide whether to intervene...even though it has little to offer.

After a slow start setting up all too obvious political background, we begin a roller coaster ride of non-stop action, with constant fighting and tension...while also learning a little more about the Alliance background.

The only bad part: this turns out NOT to be the final volume, and the next volume isn't written yet!

LMW says

Well, the plot thickens. The series opened with the Union trying to get a third party involved, the alliance. They are at it again, this time spending hard money to ferment a coup against the rulers of the Alliance to get the Alliance involved. Some in the Alliance hold out, and now it is a civil war, and the Confederacy sends help, to try and prevent a two front war. Good stuff!

Mike Keller says

Captain Tyler Barron commanding the Dauntless returns to Alliance territory

Captain Barron and the wonderfully familiar crew of the Confederation battleship Dauntless have been ordered back to Alliance space, this time to help fight with them against the Union sponsored coup.

Jay's usual excellently written action and combat sequences are fully realistic. The deep and richly detailed characters drive the storyline. You share their bravery and fear, their love and their disdain. You applaud their bravery and boo their weaknesses. Mostly, you know them. They're your best friends, your worst enemies, an old girlfriend, a neighbor and the bagger at Kroger.

This is a terrific story from the master of interstellar combat writing. You'll enjoy it! I guarantee it!

James J. Seals Jr says

Allan again exceeds expectations with the latest Blood on the stars series. Good character development, a great universe and non stop action lead you through the continuation of Blood on the Stars fourth novel Echos of Glory. Great good guys, Bad guys you will love to hate and the awakening of a closed culture to a different perspective on other societies all mixed to bring you onward in the saga. Waiting anxiously for the next book in the series due in the Fall of 2017.

Frank Bystrzak says

Echoes of more...

I have devoured every book in the Blood on the Stars series and eagerly await the next installments. If you haven't started this adventure, what are you waiting for! Snap up a copy and start reading...but he prepared to have some sleepless nights you won't be able to put it down. But it is time we'll spent. Enjoy.

Mick Bird says

What a ride

Captain and and his crew once again have been asked to place themselves and their ship in the path of danger. Having just completed a major refit and shore leave, they will have to be at their best. Trouble is ahead, civil war has broken out in the Alliance, with the union forcing pulling the strings. The next book will be what I think give us the battle of all battles. Looking forward to it.

Patrick Barnes says

Not excitingI

I was hoping that the writer would hit his stride but it's the same weak storytelling that a lot of this genre 's writers fall back on. Flat characters, with human moments which are then reduced to a comfortable cliché. The story could be lifted from any World War2 movie about the plucky U.S. fighter pilot (preferably Marine, better still featuring John Wayne).

It's a sad universe with mankind having lost thousands of years of art, philosophy, history and culture and being reduced to a struggle between Stalinist styled-French revolution gone wrong empire vs a simplistic plutocratic U.S. style "democracy". All trace of non English or French surnames are even lost.

It's bad enough that it might be fun.

kenneth says

Get ready to fire the primaries again, this one is intense.

Despite the longer lead-in for another arc of the Blood on the Stars series, this book adds well to the legend of Tylor Barron and his crew. For best effect it is recommended you read all the prior Blood on the Stars books first.

Jarryd Kalideen says

Well I've you've read to book #4 then there's not much to spoil, though there are a few gripes I have with this book and story so far.

The contents of this book wouldn't have come as much surprise to most, I would think. Considering that The Alliance were basically missing from Book #3, it was plain to see that the Union influence would push them to centre-stage on this one. Lille is playing his shadowy villain part well, with the main Union-Confed war being at a stalemate at the moment. The ending of this book does setup nicely for the third.

Here are my personal gripes:

- A lot of words/reading time is taken up with superfluous, repetitive info, eg. almost every time Fritz or Atara are mentioned the usual few lines are inserted about their skill and reliability. The same with the Confed primary guns which are always mentioned to be temperamental. We're into book #4, all readers would know this off hand already.
- The whole Dauntless vs the world is becoming a bit of a cliché, the battles mostly following a similar path: Dauntless launching fighters but some enemy bombers get through, she takes damage and loses crew. Except the main characters, the crew are just numbers.
- Perhaps this is covered in the next books, but I would like more information about each faction : Why are the Alliance basically the Roman Empire in space, the Confeds are the USA and the Union are a sort of Communist regime. How'd they become like that?

I'm committed to finishing the series, I've come this far. Lets see how it all goes.

Geoff Parker says

Jay Allan is a fantastic writer. His stories are incredibly gripping, incredibly action-packed, and incredibly understated. You feel the emotion from the characters and relate to it, not get told about it. His situations are plausible and realistic given the futuristic settings, and you start to develop a real caring for his characters. I find that even though his books are largely can't put them down drinks from a fire hose, I am always wanting more and always ready to move onto the next one.

I particularly love the Blood on the Staries series with Tyler Barron and the crew of the Dauntless. Echoes of Glory was very satisfying indeed. I'm ready for the next one! And the next, and the next. Too bad I have other books I've committed to read first. But I'll probably start Cauldron anyway and just sneak in reads during lunch breaks! We're just not worthy of your awesomeness, Jay! Thanks for another great book! Highly, highly recommended!

Michael Wood says

Excellent Read, Can Not Wait For Next Chapter

Jay Allan is one of the most prolific and adept Space Opera authors available today. This novel, building on the previous story, once again revolves around the adventures (or misadventures) of loyal Confederation officer Barron, captain of the battleship Dauntless. The Confederation, with its relative social freedom (compared to the other two nations slowly recovering civilization in the wreckage of the Empire) still faces the forces of the dictatorial Union and has an uneasy border with the neo-Roman warrior culture of the Alliance.

In the first book of the series, Barron faced the singular giant Alliance battleship "Invictus", probing and invading the borderland systems of the Confederation. In this book, Barron is sent in a rebuilt, more powerful, "Dauntless" to deal with a rumored civil war in the Alliance. Rumours reach Confederation headquarters of a split between Alliance officers, with the sabotage and lucre of the Union being invested into a treasonous cabal to bribe the Alliance into entering the war between the Union and the Confederation.

Space battle follows space battle, inevitably drawing me into the story, and I was unable to put this book down .

Michael says

Before you pick this one up to read, please note it is book #4 of a series: you need to have read the first three books of the series first or this one won't make much sense to you.

Without having a spoiler, the author picks up right where he left off in the continuing war but from a different aspect with developing characters from the Alliance perspective: the author continues to paint the picture as if you are right there in the middle of things. What I like most about this series is you really feel as if you know the characters, and feel the raw emotion of the costs of war as you lose friends and loved ones. I'm ready for the next book in the series.

The Kindle version of this title is \$2.99 – if you enjoyed the other books in the series, you will certainly receive more than \$2.99 worth of entertainment value out of this one.

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Mike Crate says

The fourth novel in the Blood on the Stars series by Jay Allan brings the Alliance back into the main arc after their spectacular appearance in the first novel. The Union and its covert services continue to influence members of the Alliance who consider it was a mistake not to engage fully against the Confederation. The aim is to stage a coup replacing the more moderate Alliance leader with one who sees nothing but the power and glory of an immediate war regardless of the dwindling benefits of a society facing opponents far stronger than they are. Of course the Union just wants the Alliance to bleed the Confederation and as the Confederation are drawn into a second front the battleship Dauntless under the command of Captain Tyler

Barron brings all its experience back to the rim to do whatever is required to save the Confederation. This latest novel provides much more detail to the inner workings of the Alliance and shows that there are elements within who believe in the tenants that lead to their freedom and growth over the last six decades or so but also acknowledge their society has to change. This is the underlying theme which allows the plot of this novel to progress and stay within bounds of the narrative as created over the previous three novels. There is the usual space based combat between rival battle ships and fleets as well as some rather tense engagements between the Union and Confederation and the Dauntless on her journey to the Rim to face the Alliance. Another strong addition to the series and having caught up with the novels released so far I now have to wait for the fifth novel in the series due a little later in the year. I guess a little patience is required but I really do want to know how this is all going to pan out, pretty good recommendation I suppose:)

Jim Thorne says

A solid 4/5

After deviating to other parts of the universe this book returns to the story arc of book one, much anticipated and appreciated. The alliance and confederation become unlikely and necessary allies. A couple of reviewers noted correctly that the amount of time spent developing depth in so many characters needed a much longer book. I have been applauding the author spending more time in character depth and development so I won't complain too loudly. Finally, as noted by other reviewers there was just too much good luck in resolving plot conflicts. Special kudos for the price, wish other authors would take note...a steal.
