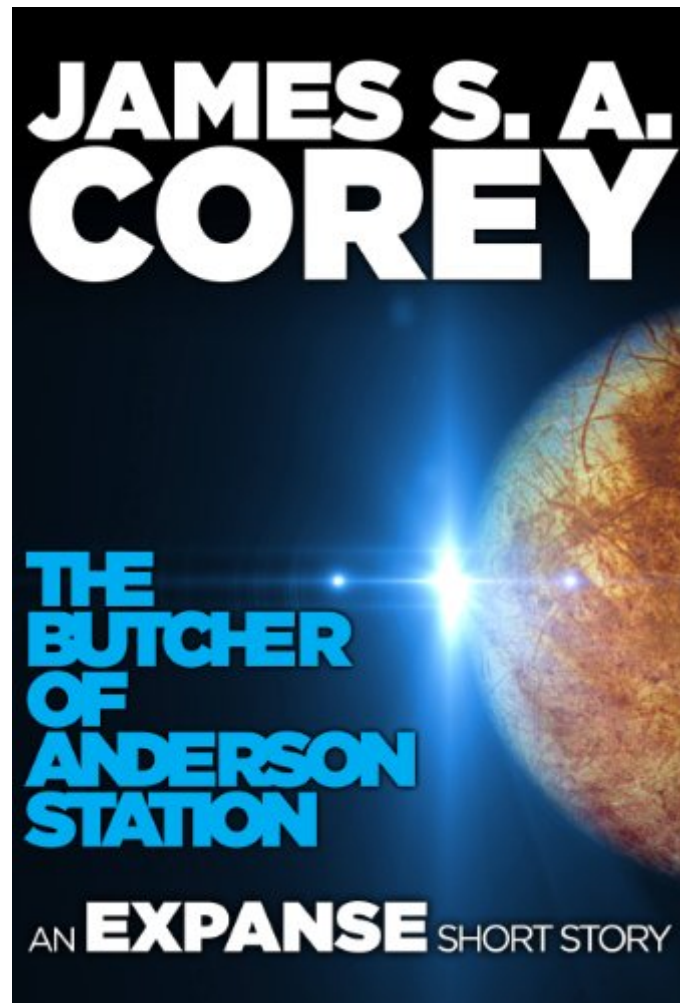


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# The Butcher Of Anderson Station: A Story Of The Expanse



## Synopsis

From New York Times bestselling author James S. A. Corey... A new story set in the world of the Expanse. One day, Colonel Fred Johnson will be hailed as a hero to the system. One day, he will meet a desperate man in possession of a stolen spaceship and a deadly secret and extend a hand of friendship. But long before he became the leader of the Outer Planets Alliance, Fred Johnson had a very different name. The Butcher of Anderson Station. This is his story. Word Count: ~9,000 words

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## Customer Reviews

The focus of this story will be obvious to anyone who read Leviathan Wakes, and I for one was thankful to discover a bit more of his backstory. This was a good little story to tide me over until Caliban's War this spring and it definitely left me wanting more of The Expanse.

"The Butcher of Anderson Station" is the first of the short stories set within The Expanse universe and reveals relevant back story to one of the most interesting supporting characters of the

Leviathan Wakes novel: Fred Lucius Johnson. In the story we experience the events of the Anderson Station incident as seen through Fred's eyes and get some insight as to his political motivations and change of loyalty. The story also reinforces the blood-stained politics that underlie the various planetary governments in The Expanse series. The Kindle book is actually quite short. On my Nexus 5, the book paged out as: the first 3 pages are cover and publisher boilerplate, then 48 pages of actual story content, 3 pages of "if you liked, then try" suggestions, and finally a 16 page sample of Ancillary Justice by Anne Leckie (terrible book, IMHO). I felt like I finished the story in less than 15 minutes and it might merit 1 re-reading. The story itself uses a literary viewpoint that jumps between two past points in time relative to the timeline in Leviathan Wakes. My personal preference when reading is to have a real paper and pages book. It would be nice to have all of The Expanse short stories and novellas collected into a single print book (at a nice cost savings to boot) at some point in the near future. The Butcher of Anderson Station is the budget Kindle item in the short stories/novellas for the Expanse, but I don't think I'll buy any of the others until they drop in price a bit or are collected into a printed volume.

The Butcher of Anderson station is a short story that provides background information that explains how Fred changed from a Marine to the most powerful person in the OPA. Like the others in the series, this is well written and enjoyable.

If you are familiar with the series, THE EXPANSE by James S.A. Corey, then you won't be let down by this quick back story about Fred. If you aren't familiar with Corey's trilogy.....then I highly recommend you get on it and one of the best space operas out there! Reading this will give you a taste of Corey's style and will also give you a vivid recollection when the Butcher of Anderson Station makes his entrance in CALIBAN'S WAR. This is a very quick read and I do recommend it!

."We've Gone Too Far." - "The Expanse" tag line Five EXPANSIVE Stars. Based on the novels of the talented two-man SciFi writing team called "James S.A. Corey" and also based on the Syfy Channel 10-episode production of their novels, this novella is from that universe. Set 200 years in the future, it shows how fractured mankind has become in this reality. The storyline of "The Butcher of Anderson Station" picks up with Colonel Johnson drinking in a bar served by a reluctant bartender. His feelings about 'Belters', those born in the weak gravity of the asteroid belt in the solar system, are about to take a sharp turn as he comes to grips with his past military encounter at Anderson Station, meets an unusual man, and he gets a fateful surprise at the end, as the storylines

jump between two timelines, past and present. Fans of "The Expanse" may enjoy this highly-detailed prequel-like short story which explains specifically and graphically what the TV show jumped over about the Anderson Station encounter in Season 1, Episode 5, at 32 minutes in. Those not familiar with "The Expanse" may be left hanging, wondering what comes next, and go looking for answers in the other books or on TV. Highly Recommended. Five INFORMATIVE Stars. (Orbit Short Fiction publishers. 70 pages. Kindle Text review.)

Although this is short, it was a good read, I just found myself wanting more. We get a bit more background on the mysterious man behind The Butcher of Anderson Station...though I found myself wanting even more. This is a good short story for fans of The Expanse, though there aren't really any surprises, and you could've filled in the blanks yourself.

Want to know the story behind Fred Johnson? Want to know if the wariness that Holden feels around Fred is warranted? This is the story of Colonel Frederick Lucius Johnson of the United Nations Marine Corp, and what really happened both at Anderson Station and in the behind-the-scenes politics of the Earth-Belter relations. Fred Johnson's defining moment.

For those that want the backstory of what happened, this is a good peek. Step inside the mind of the Butcher and see what it took to change a battle hardened marine into an advocate for those he was asked to kill. Short enough to tease.

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