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The Terran Privateer (Duchy Of Terra Book 1)



Synopsis

Earth is conquered. Sol is lost. One ship is tasked to free them. One Captain to save them all. When an alien armada destroys the United Earth Space Force and takes control of the human homeworld, newly reinstated Captain Annette Bond must take her experimental hyperspace cruiser Tornado into exile as Terra's only interstellar privateer. She has inferior technology, crude maps and no concept of her enemy, but the seedy underbelly of galactic society welcomes her so long as she has prizes to sell and money to spend. But when your only allies are pirates and slavers, things are never as they seem—and if you become all that you were sworn to destroy, what are you fighting for?

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Customer Reviews

Where Do I Sign Up for Tornado Crew! ** Possible Spoilers ** I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. When I read the blurb for this book I thought I'd be getting a privateer version of Star Trek. What I got was better! The book opens with the development and showcasing of Terra's most sophisticated space craft and weapons and armour that makes all current models obsolete. We also

get to meet Captain Annette Bond and understand that she is a woman who stands for her people, no matter the cost, and if the cause is just. Earth then gets annexed by the A!Tol but this is not an alien invasion of the horror movies or Independence Day. This is an older race who only stepped in as their enemy and Terra's recently developed tech' mean that Terra has just raised the flag of "look at me" and aren't equipped for the result. (But we don't know that yet.) Annette Bond and her crew are sent out to be Privateers to help free Terra from the A!Tol by stealing tech', weapons and anything that might be useful. Along the way they discover exactly how diverse the universe is, how not alone they are and how underdeveloped they're tech' really is. I must commend the author for the way the aliens are represented here. Firstly, the sheer diversity of shape - there are those that are hexapods, centaur-like, insect-like, crocodile-like and that's not everyone. This was a refreshing change from the stereotypical "alien" story where they're different but all the respective fun bits line up for mutual exploration. I also liked the way the initial contact and dislike, due to events on Terra, with Ki!Tol gradually give way to tentative trust to friendship.

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