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The Lost Starship (Lost Starship Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Ten thousand years ago, a single alien super-ship survived a desperate battle. The vessel's dying crew set the AI on automatic to defend the smashed rubble of their planet. Legend has it the faithful ship continues to patrol the empty battlefield, obeying its last order throughout the lonely centuries. In the here and now, Earth needs a miracle. Out of the Beyond invade the New Men, stronger, faster and smarter than the old. Their superior warships and advanced technology destroy every fleet sent to stop them. Their spies have infiltrated the government and traitors plague Earth's military. Captain Maddox of Star Watch Intelligence wonders if the ancient legend could be true. Would such an old starship be able to face the technology of the New Men? On the run from killers, Maddox searches for a group of talented misfits. He seeks Keith Maker, a drunken ex-strikefighter ace, Doctor Dana Rich the clone thief stuck on a prison planet and Lieutenant Valerie Noonan, the only person to have faced the New Men in battle and survived to tell about it. Maddox has to find a place hidden in the Beyond and bring back a ship no one can enter. If he fails, the New Men will replace the old. If he succeeds, humanity might just have a fighting chance.

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1. What type of book is it: adventure, action, drama, etc? Initially I thought it would be a military sci-fi space opera. It is not. This is a sci-fi space adventure.
2. What is the story about, in general? The story is about the difficulties Agent Maddox and his team face as they search for a legendary ship that might have the technology to give humanity a fighting chance against the unstoppable New Men.
3. What/Who is the target audience? Teenagers and young adults seem to be the target audience. There is something for adults as well, but not much. On top of that, those that like space-adventures might find the book enjoyable.
4. How is the proofreading? It is pretty good. I saw only two errors and I think they were more kindle format problems than actual editing and proofreading mistakes.
5. Is there character development? Yes and no. Romance wise, this volume leaves a lot to be desired. Any romance was abrupt, badly implemented and uninteresting. There was no build up to it. There was no growth. It felt very superfluous. On other character aspects, I am well satisfied. None of the protagonists are automatically perfect. They have serious emotional issues, insecurities, desires, crippling faults and manias. The development of trust between the protagonists follows an impressively realistic timeline of character evolution steps. In short, character development gets its due in this book. It is not perfect (because nothing is), but better than a lot of attempts I've read. Antagonists are incredibly one dimensional and illogical.

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