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Earth's Star Force marines invade an alien world!

In the second book of the Star Force series, Kyle Riggs has another bad year. The Nano ships have a new mission-one that sentences their pilots to death. Meanwhile, the governments of Earth want to steal Star Force's Nano technology for their own. Worst of all, Earth has made a promise to the Macros, and the machines are coming to collect.

EXTINCTION is the story of Earth's entry into an interstellar war between living creatures and machines. To buy the peace, we've signed up with the machines.... EXTINCTION is an 112,000 word science fiction novel.

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Cora says

Seriously.... The girlfriend gets on my nerves...STFU. Why is he the only person that gets to have a girlfriend? Ugh... I keep wishing she would die. Also, why is he the only person smart enough to do anything? Couldn't finish. Sad:(liked the first one.

BJ Haun says

It's a shame, really. The first book of the series, Swarm, was a promising start. Unfortunately, this book quickly devolves into a "one man surrounded by incompetents against the world, and by the way he is with a woman 10 years younger than he is" thing. I just couldn't make the leap that somehow the main character Kyle Riggs, who in the first book admitted the closest he got to combat experience was working as a computer tech for the Army in Desert Storm, suddenly turns into a tactical mastermind that puts combat veterans and generals to shame, while at the same time inflating his ego to something that makes him pretty much unlikable. The premise of the book is interesting, but the way the author took the characters just killed it for me. Had less than 20% of the book left to read before I just couldn't read another word.

Marianne Søliland says

This is the second book in the StarForce series, and I have to say - the story is picking up! It feels like the author kind of "has settled" more with his writing, and the story picks up both speed and action. Caught myself laughing out loud several times. The story is still written in "first person" form. This makes an interesting twist to the story. "I" is a cool guy :-)) I gave book 1, Swarm, a 3+. This is definately a 4! Give me book three, Revenge!!

Mark Panetta says

I thought the first book had an interesting premise. This one builds on it but is was a predictable. Character does not seem very realistic. A mild mannered college professor becomes a military mastermind after encountering alien technology with a commanding knowledge of military tactics physics and diplomacy outsmarting the worlds incompetent leaders and evil alien overlords. The characters are light weight but the book is a fast read for the beach or plane ride. You know the outcome when you start, and there is not a lot of suspense. I am hoping for more in the next in the series. The premise for book is interesting I want the characters fleshed out more.

Kat Hooper says

Originally posted at FanLit.

Extinction is the second novel in B.V. Larson's STAR FORCE series about professor Kyle Riggs who was picked up by an alien spaceship and now captains a fleet of ships that are protecting earth from other aliens. I called the first book, Swarm, "a silly, but exciting, male wish-fulfillment fantasy." I wouldn't have moved on to book two, but the audiobook publisher sent it to me for a review, so here we are.

Extinction takes place soon after the events of Swarm. Kyle has made a deal with the bad aliens. He promised that if they'd leave the Earth alone, he'd supply them with trained troops to help them fight their other battles around the universe. He needs to get those troops ready before the aliens come to collect. He also needs to figure out how to make more spaceships because the aliens have kidnapped a bunch of them, along with their captains, so they can use them to fight elsewhere. Meanwhile, Kyle is also dealing with the U.S. government who wants to get its hands on the technology that Star Force is using.

I read about 1/3 of Extinction before giving up... Read More:

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Alex says

I feel Riggs perhaps he is a little more like his Aussie fleet admiral than he'd like to admit, and that is the better part of the audiobook. The general incompetency of the military is unbelievable, that he, as a former professor is the only one capable to do anything at all is very strange. Not to mention how incredibly annoying his girlfriend is, it only diverts attention from what could've been a decent book.

And there is something to say about his cockiness which is amplified disgustingly, its an annoying sort of arrogance he uses to assume things he would have no possible way to know, or even possibly grasp. Ex: (view spoiler) I feel the plot armor on this guy is so thick it doesn't really matter what he does, he can make educated guesses or just do anything, its always the right choice. This series is like watching untrained monkeys play with computers, but for some unexplained reason, the monkeys are able to utilize the computer the right way, despite having no idea what it is, what it does, or how to use it.

Again, I like the technology, but I have no idea why I grabbed another of these audiobooks.

Roy says

Good, but certainly not great.

This novel manages to do something I don't see a lot in these sorts of pulpy explosion-centric stories. I wouldn't have thought a computer scientist would make a good action hero, but it works. Maybe that's my own biases, but that's OK. When the main character is problem solving, it actually kind of makes sense. It's not just think think think magic.

Unfortunately most of the novel is spent in the weakest aspect of the writing: a long combat campaign. It was pretty vanilla. It's fun, just not creative.

Some reviewers complain about how shallow the main character's girlfriend is. They're not wrong, but remember context: everyone else is shallow too. None of the characters has a personality that needs more than a paragraph to capture.

I'll keep reading the series. I read the first book so now I'm duty-bound to read the rest. And it's a guilty indulgence. Popcorn for dinner.

Saugat Roy says

I find Kyle Riggs irritating

The main character Kyle Riggs, to be inefficient and irritating. For a man who is supposed to be well read and a professor in computer programming, he makes mistakes which I find irritating. To me it reduces the value of this tale. Hence my 3 stars. I will still read the rest of the series just not as fast.

Pharminator says

I rarely am too harsh on books. I try to give everything a fare shake. I tried to do this with Larson's other book and I felt it was as good as a cheap sci-fi movie. If I had to compare, I would say that the first book in this series was like Transformers 1. Not a great movie, but serviceable enough to make you read the sequel. Like the second Michael Bay Transformers movie, this book was terrible. The "wish fulfillment" style of writing that was in the first book was even more present here in this one. If anyone on my friend's list sees me reading the third in the series, feel free to send me a nasty note slapping me to my senses. Blech. As one of my coworkers said, "Life is too short to read bad books."

Dan says

OK, but not as good as the first book.

David Galloway says

This is the second book in the Star Force series, right behind Swarm.

I like that the author is skilled at keeping the tempo of the narrative flowing. It is definitely a page-turner that I at least didn't want to put down until it was complete.

Again, the style is military sci-fi; slightly chauvinistic and full of plans coming together at the last minute. If you like Heinlein's work, you'll probably enjoy this.

allan graham says

Hooked

This is my second series by Larson and enjoying every minute of it, lots more late night reading ahead. I like the fact the main character is not some hung ho warrior, he is human like us and makes mistakes for all the right reasons but beats himself for getting people killed

Doc says

Another excellent representative of the new generation of self-published books that are primarily available as ebooks. In this case, I listened to the Audible Frontiers version of this (and the first book). The technical depth and science are fantastic. The characters are solid, although at times they seem a little bit stereotyped or caricaturish. But the plots are well formed, the detail is rich and compelling, and the concepts are well developed.

Vincent Wood says

Book two of the Star Force series and I have to say I am not overly impressed with it so far. It is an entertaining enough series so far and I do like some of what the author has done with the direction the plot has taken. However, the book just does not leave me in awe. The characters are for the most part one dimensional and most seem to exist as soundboards so the the main character can implement his ideas.

The human species in the book seems to be filled idiots with only one capable and intelligent human among them. This is just balderdash as we all know there are two capable and intelligent humans in the world, you the reader of course and myself. Although I admit I have some suspicions about you the reader though...

I would not consider the book complete garbage though. the book is enjoyable enough that I still will likely read the next in the series sooner or later, likely sooner rather than later. However, I have trouble recommending the series to anybody.

Metodi Markov says

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