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Supreme Commander Dolza had amassed the largest fleet of Zentraedi warships the Universe had ever seen . . . and all their weapons were aimed at Earth!

Force of Arms Details

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Timothy Boyd says

Great SiFi series. Giant battlesuits battling outer space monsters, what more can you ask for. Very recommended

Mzungo says

Great series of books for kids that enjoy or are interested in science fiction. I read these books in middle school (I'm now in my 30s) and loved each one. The stories are fun, engaging and relatively fast paced. I'd be tempted to reread them now just for old time's sake if I didn't have so many new books on my to-read list.

I knocked it down a peg because, in retrospect, there are some aspects that are a bit too cheesy. I'm sure when my kids are old enough, they'll get thier own copies.

Mel says

Max and Miriya getting married, the big war to end all wars, the destruction of Earth (again), and reconstruction blues. Possibly the best of the robotech novels.

David Nichols says

In this fifth volume of the ROBOTECH novel series, Lisa Hayes tries to arrange a diplomatic resolution of the Human-Zentraedi conflict, General Dolza bombards the Earth to forestall the Zentraedi's contamination by Human culture, and Admiral Gloval and Exedore persuade Minmei to use her music as a weapon against the Zentraedi. Oh, and billions of people die.

But who cares? What the fans want to know is, how do all the love stories from earlier episodes play out? Does Rick Hunter finally figure out that Minmei only sees him as a friend? (He does!) Does Rick finally hook up with Lisa? (Not yet, but there are a couple of promising rescue scenes.) Does Mirya hook up with her nemesis Max Sterling? (She does! And they "meet cute," too, during a duel to the death!) Does Lynn Kyle master the art of flinging whiskey bottles at Minmei? (Not yet!) Do Breetai and Exedore finally admit their true feelings for one another? (Not so much! You'll have to go to the fan fiction for that.)

Incidentally, in revisiting this novel a quarter-century after I first read it, I finally appreciated the irony in the title. The Zentraedi muster a massive fleet and bomb humanity's cities into glass, the Humans deploy their doomsday weapon, yet in the end the climactic battle between Humans and Zentraedi came down not to "force of arms" but a bubble-gum pop song. Readers who wish to draw parallels between this story and the rise of Japanese "soft power" in the 1980s are free to do so.

batya7 says

This book is in the space opera genre. I do not think it has weathered time well since it was written. The characters are flat. although females have positions of leadership, vase they did not seem as well developed as the males. Perhaps because I did not read books 1 through 4 I missed some of the back story. Perhaps. But still I think this book app merely "eh". I finished it but looked forward to its ending. As much as I love science fiction, I'd rather read a worn out cooking mystery than this. Sorry McKinney.

Patrick says

The climactic battle is a little bit of a letdown and really the "Reconstruction Blues" could have been part of the next book, but whatever.

Butterflykatana says

The final showdown for Earth with 10 million enemy ships vs the SDF1. Loved this book back in the 90's.

Lyulph says

A good book but for fans only.

Nathan Huntzinger says

this book was pretty good. its about a war in outer space.

Theresa says

how the military service protects the populace at the sacrifice of their own.

Alejandro says

An armada of one million ships against the SDF-1!!!

DIVIDED FORCES

The SDF-1 has lost its best officer when Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Hayes tries a desperate effort to convince the UEG

and her father, the Admiral Hayes, to re-accept the SDF-1 on Earth and to look for a peaceful solution against the Zentraedi threat.

Breetai has lost his trusty advisor, when Exedore goes through the micronized process and goes to help to convince the RDF high ranking officers aboard the SDF-1 that there is a big Zentraedi faction willing to form an alliance with the humans.

Azonia has lost her best pilot when Miriya Parino not only betrayed her fellow warriors but also she got married with human!

ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

And at the end, a military conflict is unavoidable, however the odds are against Earth and the SDF-1.

Dolza's main armada finally has arrived to strengthen the fleets of Azonia and Khyron. One million ships!

Captain Henry Gloval and Commander Breetai are forming an alliance between their forces, making the SDF-1 and Breetai's Battlewagon the spears of their offensive but against one million ships' armada, it seems like an inconsequent effort.

Earth's orbit will be the scenario of the mother of all battles.

However when the ultimate military action is displayed, there will be a small hope to survive from that hell of battle.

The most unlikely heroine may be the key to win the unwinnable war.

However, victory or defeat...

...Earth never will be the same!!!
