

Genesis First Colony Book 1

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Embark on an epic journey as humanity's first interstellar colony ship reaches its distant, promising destination. This debut novel, 'Genesis First Colony Book 1,' plunges readers into the challenges of pioneering a new world, fraught with unforeseen dangers, political intrigue, and the struggle for survival against an alien environment. Discover the brave new beginnings and the sacrifices made to secure humanity's future among the stars.

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Genesis

A mission gone wrong. Innocent lives have been lost. Escaping wrongful imprisonment wasn't something Connor had in mind, but being put into stasis aboard Earth's first interstellar colony ship was something he couldn't have prepared for. For three hundred thousand colonists, the new colony brings the promise of a fresh start...a second chance. Connor might be the wrong man for the colony, but he's the right man to see that it survives what's coming. A new world with new challenges, but the mission has changed. If you loved Old Man's War and Ender's Game, you'll love First Colony - Genesis, a new military science fiction series.

Nemesis

They had seven years to prepare... Earth is lost. Seven years ago the New Earth colony received one final message from Earth...a warning. First, a global pandemic, then the emergence of a new species. A war for survival ravaged the Sol system. Now they are coming for the colony. Many colonists don't believe it, but Connor does. They must prepare. They must fight. But how can they survive something that killed every person back on Earth? If you loved Old Man's War and Ender's Game, you'll love First Colony - Nemesis, a new military science fiction series.

The Colony: Genesis (the Colony Vol. 1)

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT ZOMBIES. In under 10 minutes, 99.9% of the world's population will be dead... or changed. Conversion is instant. Headshots just make them angry. And they're getting smarter. Ken Strickland has made it through the first moments. But his family is still out there. Can he survive? Can he find them? Or will he become one more of the creatures that now rule our world? ***THE COLONY: GENESIS is the first volume of an apocalyptic series by #1 bestselling novelist Michaelbrent Collings

Invasion

For years, Connor and others in the colony have unraveled the mysteries of New Earth and the global catastrophes that nearly destroyed its previous inhabitants. Their work led to the discovery of other worlds beyond the known universe. It became clear that many of those worlds had been attacked by an interdimensional invader that left untold amounts of manipulation, hardship, and annihilation in its wake. It's only a matter of time before the colony becomes the next target. When a trusted ally requests Connor's help to investigate claims of new widespread invasions, he has no choice but to help. Connor believes that the only way to stop the invaders is to find their homeworld, but its location is a closely guarded secret. Many civilizations sought to discover the invader's homeworld and none have succeeded. Time is running out for the colony, and Connor and a team of CDF soldiers may be the

only thing that stands in the between and annihilation. Invasion is the eleventh book in the bestselling military science fiction series, First Colony. Read the eleventh book of this epic today!

Ascension

'This thrilling space odyssey will keep you turning pages late into the night' C. J. Daugherty, author of NIGHT SCHOOL Six girls, six boys. Each in the two separate bays of a single spaceship. They have six minutes each week to seduce and to make their choices, under the unblinking eye of the on-board cameras. They are the contenders in the Genesis programme, the world's craziest speed-dating show ever, aimed at creating the first human colony on Mars. Leonor, an 18 year old orphan, is one of the chosen ones. She has signed up for glory. She has signed up for love. She has signed up for a one-way ticket. Even if the dream turns to a nightmare, it is too late for regrets.

Emergence

As the colony grapples with the realization that New Earth is not as uninhabited as they'd once thought, tensions between the colonial settlements rise to new heights, and the Colonial Defense Force finds itself caught in the middle. When Connor uncovers evidence of a militant colonial faction secretly exploiting the NEIS, he has to investigate. Connor learns that some of the colonial settlements have been holding back discoveries of their own. He'd thought the NEIS were a threat to the colony, but he was wrong. They all were, and the truth is beyond anything Connor could have imagined. Meanwhile, Colonel Sean Quinn's latest mission brings him off-world to investigate a previously discovered NEIS settlement. When all communications from home go silent, he must return to New Earth to investigate. Cut off from everything, Sean must lead the crew of a CDF warship against a mysterious foe. Sean must forge a path into the unknown if he's to have any hope of unraveling the mystery. Emergence is the sixth book in the best selling First Colony military space opera series.

Impulse

Science Fiction Adventure

The Infinity Courts

Murdered on the way to her high school graduation party, eighteen-year-old Nami Miyamoto finds herself in an afterlife ruled by Ophelia, a virtual assistant planning to eradicate human existence.

Star Shroud

They've been watching us for hundreds of years. Now they need our help. Earth is not safe. Zack is good at finding things, but when he discovers a global conspiracy, life as he knows it is over. Sometimes the truth doesn't set you free. It traps you instead. Kept secret for 60 years, the discovery of an alien signal forces an unlikely team to investigate a mysterious structure discovered in the furthest reaches of the solar system. Join the crew of the Athena, Earth's most advanced spaceship on the ultimate journey beyond our wildest imagining. Strap yourself in. The Star Shroud is the first book in this action-packed space opera series. Readers describe them as "a cross between David Weber and John Ringo." If you like space opera adventure stories with clever heroes, impossible situations, and chilling discoveries, then you're in for a fun nonstop thrill ride. Read it now! Find out why thousands of readers have fallen for Ken Lozito's thrilling series!

Defy the Stars

A stunning blend of action-packed science fiction and love against the odds, perfect for fans of the DIVERGENT series. Noemi is a young and fearless soldier of Genesis, a colony planet of a dying Earth. But the citizens of Genesis are rising up - they know that Earth's settlers will only destroy this planet the way they destroyed their own. And so a terrible war has begun. When Noemi meets Abel, one of Earth's robotic mech warriors, she realizes that Abel himself may provide the key to Genesis' salvation. Abel is bound by his programming to obey her - even though her plan could result in his destruction. But Abel is no ordinary mech. He's a unique prototype, one with greater intelligence, skill and strength than any other. More than that, he has begun to develop emotions, a personality and even dreams. Noemi begins to realise that if Abel is less than human, he is more than a machine. If she destroys him, is it murder? And can a cold-blooded murder be redeemed by the protection of a world? Stranded together in space, they go on a whirlwind adventure through Earth's various colony

worlds, alongside the countless Vagabonds who have given up planetary life altogether and sail forever between the stars. Each step brings them closer - both to each other and to the terrible decision Noemi will have to make about her world's fate, and Abel's.

Alpha Centauri

The Sentience Wars may be won, but the battle is not over... The Sentience Wars in Sol have come to an end. In the wake of war, refugees still flee to nearby stars, but there are sinister forces at work in Alpha Centauri who would turn their plight into profit. None of this is apparent to an easygoing, self-assured pilot-for-hire named Jason Andrews. Recently arrived from Proxima Centauri to visit his sister, he is sucked into a covert operation by a brother-in-law who is not who he seems. But then again, neither is Jason.... But the enemy they face has grown more powerful than any had expected, and the fate of the star systems' humans and AIs are at stake. Jason must engage in an all-out bid to save a world he's just getting to know, in a war he only just learned about.

Legacy

Hold the line. After narrowly defeating the invading enemy fleet, there is evidence that the attack isn't over. Thousands have died and all that stands between human extinction and the invaders are the remnants of the colonial military. Connor must find a way to rally the colony using every scrap of ingenuity to stop the invaders. But will he succeed when he finds himself pitted against mankind's ultimate enemy? This could be mankind's final hour . . . or its greatest victory.

Insurgent

Science Fiction Colonization Adventure

Vanguard

Jack Campbell returns to the world of the New York Times bestselling Lost Fleet novels with an action-packed military science fiction series that explores the founding of the Alliance...and the men and women who fought to create it. Earth is no longer the center of the universe. After the invention of the faster-than-light jump drive, humanity is rapidly establishing new colonies. But the vast distances of space mean that the old order of protection and interstellar law offered by Earth has ceased to exist. When a nearby world attacks, the new colony of Glenlyon turns to Robert Geary, a young former junior fleet officer, and Mele Darcy, a onetime enlisted Marine. With nothing but improvised weapons and a few volunteers, Geary and Darcy must face down warships and armored soldiers—or die trying. As battles rage and pirates take an increasing toll throughout the colonies, the only hope for lasting peace lies with Carmen Ochoa, a “Red” from the anarchic world of Mars, and Lochan Nakamura, a failed politician. They have a plan: to lay the groundwork for mutual defense that could someday grow into an alliance. But if their efforts don't succeed, the growing power of aggressor worlds could turn regions of space founded on freedom into battlefields between the first interstellar empires....

Harbinger

A colony divided. The Krake, a mysterious enemy who has brought about the collapse of entire civilizations, is hunting for New Earth. Connor Gates, former elite soldier and now general of the colonial military, must find a way to protect the colony, which seems all but impossible when both humans and aliens alike are ignoring the very threat that should be uniting them all. To forge a future for the colony, Connor must risk everything. Battle weary but vigilant, Colonel Sean Quinn must rebuild the morale of Trident Battle Group while fulfilling his mission, but when he receives an invitation to meet a Krake rebel faction, he must act. Sean seizes a rare opportunity to gather crucial intel about the enemy and possibly gain an ally, but can he trust them or will their betrayal doom them all. Harbinger is the ninth book in the bestselling military science fiction series, First Colony. Read the ninth book of this epic today!

Dragonsdawn

Let Anne McCaffrey, storyteller extraordinaire and New York Times and Sunday Times bestselling author, take you on a journey to a whole new world: Pern and discover not only its flora, fauna, population and cultural hierarchy, but the history of an entire civilization. If you like David Eddings, David Gemmell and Douglas Adams, you will love this. **Runner Up for the John W. Campbell Award for Best Science

Fiction Novel** **Finalist for the Locus Award for Best Novel** 'Anne McCaffrey, one of the queens of science fiction, knows exactly how to give her public what it wants' - THE TIMES Readers love it: ***** - 'The tale of intrepid explorers arriving at their destination, draws the reader in, you feel the joy, the pain and the determination to win through, to create a new home.' ***** - 'An amazing, totally engrossing book!' ***** - 'What impressed me particularly was the way science fiction and fantasy were mixed, elegantly and coherently into one novel.' ***** THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, AND HOW IT ALL BEGAN... In the beginning, before Thread, before the Dragons, before the Holds and the Weyrs and the elite Dragonriders of Pern, was just the great ships gliding through space with nearly six thousand colonists prepared to tackle the mighty task of beginning a new world on a strange planet. It was a jewel of a planet, with rivers and seas and mountains, and breathable air and growing things. Then came the terror. The strange, unidentifiable circles in the grass suddenly revealed a meaning, and every living thing was at risk. Many died - a horrible and consuming death. All resources, every man, woman and child had to fight the terrible nightmare of Thread. But a new creature was about to save the planet. From the delicate fire lizards a new life was born - a new symbiosis between man and beast...

Genesis

HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE OF SURVIVAL The human race is running out of time on overcrowded Earth, and only one man has the courage to do what is necessary to save it. Colony ship Ark is the greatest project the human race will ever attempt, a self-contained world one hundred years in the building, launched on a ten thousand year voyage to carry the seeds of civilization to the stars. It is humanity's final gamble for escape from a desperate world, but the price of hope is measured in lives. Joshua Crewe, Ark's designer. Obsessed with his vision, he's devoted his life to winning the power to turn it into reality. No burden is too great to bear in pursuit of his dream¾especially when other people are the ones to bear it. Aurora Brady, first of the space-born, with one foot in the future and one in the past. She must give power to her enemies to see Ark launched, but giving too much will mean its destruction. Jedidiah Fourgere, a simple farm boy. He finds himself caught up in a revolution that will forever change the balance of power in Ark's hermetically sealed world. Torn between love and faith, humanity's future lies in his hands. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

The Quiet War

Twenty-third century Earth has been ravaged by climate change, and is now dominated by a few powerful families, with millions of people in prison and millions more labouring to rebuild ruined ecosystems. Meanwhile on Jupiter and Saturn, live the Outers. They have built a wild variety of scientific utopias crammed with exuberant creations of the genetic arts. Now they want to colonise Earth and drive human evolution in a new direction. On Earth, some want to launch a pre-emptive strike against the Outers while others wish to exploit the talents of the gene wizards. It is clear that the fragile detente between the two branches of humanity is breaking down and they may be heading towards war . . .

Acheron Redemption

Earth's time is running out. Sixty years ago a plan was conceived to help humanity survive its first contact with an alien race. Now it's time to put that plan to the test. No country can stand alone. The world must unite if there is to be any hope of survival. Commander Kaylan Farrow and her crew are investigating an ancient alien signal from beyond the fringes of known space. After months of searching, the Athena is starting to wear down. It's only a matter of time before a catastrophic failure destroys their ship, but if they return to Earth now, Kaylan knows that humanity will not survive their first contact with hostile aliens. They must find the source of the signal and with it a means to end this war before it has a chance to reach Earth. Infinity's Edge is the fourth book in the Ascension space opera series. The crew of the Athena will risk everything to unravel the mystery of an ancient alien race whose wars nearly destroyed the galaxy. On Earth, people must accept that the world as they knew it is gone. The Xiiginns are coming to pull Earth into the crosshairs of an interstellar war.

Infinity's Edge

The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

The Martian Chronicles

This is the complete omnibus edition of the Exodus Trilogy, which has captivated readers all over the world. When an object from space threatens, it becomes clear that humanity needs to reach for the stars in order to survive. With just a few years warning, a race against time begins; to send a starship to a distant planet, where the remains of humanity can survive. Only a small number will be chosen, and among the contenders no one but the most resourceful will stand a chance. In an America turned authoritarian, a small group of dissidents draw up their plans to change not this world, but the next. The confrontation seems inevitable, but who will prevail, and at what cost? A world divided make their separate plans. In desperate times, humanity will show it's darker side, and even the best of intentions can result in the worst of outcomes. Will human ability for compassion and unity rise up, or succumb to fear and ruthlessness under pressure? And when the starship Exodus leaves for distant Aurora, more than 40 light years away, nobody expects this journey to end up answering some of humanity's greatest and oldest questions: Who are we? Are we alone? Where do we come from? This omnibus edition contains the complete Exodus Trilogy. 1. Exodus 2. Aurora 3. Genesis

The Complete Exodus Trilogy

A BOY AND A GIRL ON A VOYAGE TO AN ALIEN STARMichael Anderson never thought he would set foot on a world like Earth. He only studied planetology to satisfy his parents, two of humanity's most brilliant scientists. But when they open a wormhole to an alien planet—one emitting a signal that can only be a sign of intelligent life—he soon becomes caught up in the mission to explore it. His sole mission partner, Terra, doesn't care nearly as much about the science as he does, though. The child of a bitter divorce, she sees the mission as a chance to escape from the expectations of others. Before they can work out their differences, a mysterious alien ship begins to hunt them down. Alone, twenty light-years from the nearest human being, they must learn to open up and trust each other—but how can they do that when they can't even agree why they're there? As Michael struggles to keep the mission from falling apart, he is forced to reexamine his deepest, most unquestioned beliefs about the universe—and about what it means to be human.

Genesis Earth

The classic postapocalyptic thriller with “all the reality of a vividly realized nightmare” (The Times, London). Triffids are odd, interesting little plants that grow in everyone's garden. Triffids are no more than mere curiosities—until an event occurs that alters human life forever. What seems to be a spectacular meteor shower turns into a bizarre, green inferno that blinds everyone and renders humankind helpless. What follows is even stranger: spores from the inferno cause the triffids to suddenly take on a life of their own. They become large, crawling vegetation, with the ability to uproot and roam about the country, attacking humans and inflicting pain and agony. William Masen somehow managed to escape being blinded in the inferno, and now after leaving the hospital, he is one of the few survivors who can see. And he may be the only one who can save his species from chaos and eventual extinction . . . With more than a million copies sold, *The Day of the Triffids* is a landmark of speculative fiction, and “an outstanding and entertaining novel” (Library Journal). “A thoroughly English apocalypse, it rivals H. G. Wells in conveying how the everyday invaded by the alien would feel. No wonder Stephen King admires Wyndham so much.” —Ramsey Campbell, author of *The Overnight* “One of my all-time favorite novels. It's absolutely convincing, full of little telling details, and that sweet, warm sensation of horror and mystery.” —Joe R. Lansdale, author of *Edge of Dark Water*

The Day of the Triffids

From Earth, A Hero Will Rise... Aaron is about to graduate from college when his grandfather unexpectedly dies. He finds a mysterious note from his grandfather that tells him he is a descendant from an ancient and powerful family from a place he's never heard of. Aaron is thrust into a struggle that began before he was born and will reach across worlds to pull him into the fight. Tarimus, a demon sentinel from the world of Safanar leads the charge to steal Aaron's power before he has a chance to learn his full potential. The only one who can help Aaron is Colind, the vanquished Lord Guardian of the Safanarion Order who has been imprisoned in a place few would dare to go. In a race that begins on Earth, Aaron's journey to another world will launch him on a thrilling fantasy adventure in search of the fabled land of his ancestors. Armed with two mystical swords and a family heirloom, Aaron will discover the world of Safanar is built upon the stuff of legends from dragons and castles, to mighty cities with technology that surpasses anything he has ever known. Danger lurks in the shadows as whispers of

the return threatens those in power. The Road to Shandara is an epic tale of action adventure, following Aaron's quest as he shifts the balance of power upon Safanar and returns his family's sacred order to its rightful place. This is not your traditional fantasy novel.

Road to Shandara

This fascinating book is the first volume in a projected cultural history of the United States, from the earliest English settlements to our own time. It is a history of American folkways as they have changed through time, and it argues a thesis about the importance for the United States of having been British in its cultural origins. While most people in the United States today have no British ancestors, they have assimilated regional cultures which were created by British colonists, even while preserving ethnic identities at the same time. In this sense, nearly all Americans are "Albion's Seed," no matter what their ethnicity may be. The concluding section of this remarkable book explores the ways that regional cultures have continued to dominate national politics from 1789 to 1988, and still help to shape attitudes toward education, government, gender, and violence, on which differences between American regions are greater than between European nations.

Albion's Seed

Originally published in German in 1935, this monograph anticipated solutions to problems of scientific progress, the truth of scientific fact and the role of error in science now associated with the work of Thomas Kuhn and others. Arguing that every scientific concept and theory—including his own—is culturally conditioned, Fleck was appreciably ahead of his time. And as Kuhn observes in his foreword, "Though much has occurred since its publication, it remains a brilliant and largely unexploited resource." "To many scientists just as to many historians and philosophers of science facts are things that simply are the case: they are discovered through properly passive observation of natural reality. To such views Fleck replies that facts are invented, not discovered. Moreover, the appearance of scientific facts as discovered things is itself a social construction, a made thing. A work of transparent brilliance, one of the most significant contributions toward a thoroughly sociological account of scientific knowledge."—Steven Shapin, *Science*

Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact

Arthur C. Clarke's classic in which he ponders humanity's future and possible evolution When the silent spacecraft arrived and took the light from the world, no one knew what to expect. But, although the Overlords kept themselves hidden from man, they had come to unite a warring world and to offer an end to poverty and crime. When they finally showed themselves it was a shock, but one that humankind could now cope with, and an era of peace, prosperity and endless leisure began. But the children of this utopia dream strange dreams of distant suns and alien planets, and begin to evolve into something incomprehensible to their parents, and soon they will be ready to join the Overmind ... and, in a grand and thrilling metaphysical climax, leave the Earth behind.

A Gift from Earth

LONGLISTED FOR THE BOOKER PRIZE "Luminous." —Jonathan Myerson, *The Guardian* "Vivid, thought-provoking." —Malcolm Forbes, *Star Tribune* In 1979, as violence erupts all over Ireland, two outsiders travel to a small island off the west coast in search of their own answers, despite what it may cost the islanders. It is the summer of 1979. An English painter travels to a small island off the west coast of Ireland. Mr. Lloyd takes the last leg by currach, though boats with engines are available and he doesn't much like the sea. He wants the authentic experience, to be changed by this place, to let its quiet and light fill him, give him room to create. He doesn't know that a Frenchman follows close behind. Jean-Pierre Masson has visited the island for many years, studying the language of those who make it their home. He is fiercely protective of their isolation, deems it essential to exploring his theories of language preservation and identity. But the people who live on this rock—three miles long and half a mile wide—have their own views on what is being recorded, what is being taken, and what ought to be given in return. Over the summer, each of them—from great-grandmother Bean Uí Fhloinn, to widowed Mairéad, to fifteen-year-old James, who is determined to avoid the life of a fisherman—will wrestle with their values and desires. Meanwhile, all over Ireland, violence is erupting. And there is blame enough to go around. An expertly woven portrait of character and place, a stirring investigation into yearning to find one's way, and an unflinchingly political critique of the long, seething cost of imperialism, Audrey

Magee's *The Colony* is a novel that transports, that celebrates beauty and connection, and that reckons with the inevitable ruptures of independence.

Acheron Salvation

An instant #1 New York Times bestseller! *Pacific Rim* meets *The Handmaid's Tale* in this blend of Chinese history and mecha science fiction for YA readers. The boys of Huaxia dream of pairing up with girls to pilot Chrysalises, giant transforming robots that can battle the mecha aliens that lurk beyond the Great Wall. It doesn't matter that the girls often die from the mental strain. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, it's to assassinate the ace male pilot responsible for her sister's death. But she gets her vengeance in a way nobody expected—she kills him through the psychic link between pilots and emerges from the cockpit unscathed. She is labeled an Iron Widow, a much-feared and much-silenced kind of female pilot who can sacrifice boys to power up Chrysalises instead. To tame her unnerving yet invaluable mental strength, she is paired up with Li Shimin, the strongest and most controversial male pilot in Huaxia. But now that Zetian has had a taste of power, she will not cower so easily. She will miss no opportunity to leverage their combined might and infamy to survive attempt after attempt on her life, until she can figure out exactly why the pilot system works in its misogynist way—and stop more girls from being sacrificed.

Acheron Inheritance

"Scratching around at home on an acoustic guitar, singing into my phone with these funny little rough ideas. All of a sudden, it turns into something beautiful or complete... it's a fascinating thing. It's magic." -- Paul Weller In *Magic: A Journal of Song*, Paul Weller gives the first and definitive account of his illustrious songwriting career, recounting a lifetime of lyrics in Weller's most candid and intimate commentary to date. As one of the most innovative and remarkable songwriters of the last fifty years, Paul Weller has proved to be the ultimate shapeshifter, moving from the Jam's punk sensibilities to the genre-defying Style Council, and later through a remarkable 30-year solo career. Alongside Lennon and McCartney, Weller is one of few artists that has attained a UK number one album over five consecutive decades, and he's also received career defining awards from the BRITs (Lifetime Achievement Award), NME Awards (Godlike Genius Award) and a GQ Award for Songwriter of the Year. The book chronicles a lifetime worth of lyrics with impressive clarity. We follow Weller through his upbringing on Stanley Road and founding the Jam in his teenage years, creating the Style Council alongside keyboardist Mick Talbot, and later into his 16-album solo career, including stories behind iconic albums such as *Stanley Road* and *Wild Wood*, as well as his latest album, *Fat Pop Vol. 1*. *Magic* presents 130 of Weller's finest lyrics to date, accompanied by an illuminating commentary which sees him give unprecedented insight into his life and lyrics, as told to GQ editor and author, Dylan Jones OBE, in their first collaboration. "Paul Weller has proved that he is not only beyond reproach, in some senses he is quite possibly without equal." -- Dylan Jones "The thing I have discovered is that music in its truest sense is beyond any trend or movement or category." -- Paul Weller

Childhood's End

Exploring New Earth should be a thrilling undertaking. Instead, the more the colonists learn about the planet, the more alarmed they become. Alien ruins hint at a species who fought great wars among themselves and disappeared centuries ago. When Connor Gates discovers a hidden bunker, he finds something he never expected. Everything the colonists have learned about New Earth

The Colony

A young fleet officer and a Marine stand together to defend their colony in the continuation of the powerful and action-packed *Genesis Fleet* saga from New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell. In the three years since former fleet officer Rob Geary and former Marine Mele Darcy led improvised forces to repel attacks on the newly settled world of Glenlyon, tensions have only gotten worse. When one of Glenlyon's warships is blown apart trying to break the blockade that has isolated the world from the rest of human-colonized space, only the destroyer *Saber* remains to defend it from another attack. Geary's decision to take *Saber* to the nearby star Kosatka to safeguard a diplomatic mission is a risky interpretation of his orders, to say the least. Kosatka has been fighting a growing threat from so-called rebels—who are actually soldiers from aggressive colonies. When a "peacekeeping force" carrying thousands of enemy soldiers arrives in Kosatka's star system, the people of that world, including Lochan Nakamura and former "Red" Carmen Ochoa, face an apparently hopeless battle to

retain their freedom. It's said that the best defense is a good offense. But even if a bold and risky move succeeds, Geary and Darcy may not survive it...

Iron Widow

A daring rescue resulted in one of their own being captured. A soldier desperate to prevent the enslavement of humanity. Held prisoner by a vicious alien whose race is determined to conquer the galaxy, Zack wakes to find that he is cut off from everything. Zack must figure out a way to escape his captors and a prison full of dangerous aliens to get back to his ship. Did his friends even know he was still alive? Kaylan commands the Athena, Earth's most advanced spaceship. The crew is far from home and caught in an intergalactic war. The Boxans demand that they leave the star system, Xiiginn warships are hunting them, and the Athena is hopelessly outclassed. Kaylan must choose between leaving Zack to his fate or risk the lives of the crew for the slim chance of rescuing him. Kladoamor can't let the Humans fall into the hands of the Xiiginnns. The Boxans have been at war with the Xiiginnns for years and they were losing. The Humans might be the key to their salvation, but only if he can bring them before the High Council and convince them to protect Earth. Their stealth ship is no match for the Xiiginn warships hunting them and if he can't get the Humans to leave soon they would all be doomed. Star Alliance is the third book in an action packed space opera series. The crew of the Athena stands upon a precipice and their next action will affect Earth for generations to come. Will humanity be the next race to be enslaved?

Magic: a Journal of Song

Forming a twenty-first-century statement on Darwinian evolution, one shorn of "religious and political dogma," Edward O. Wilson offers a bold work of scientific thought and synthesis. Asserting that religious creeds and philosophical questions can be reduced to purely genetic and evolutionary components, and that the human body and mind have a physical base obedient to the laws of physics and chemistry, *Genesis* demonstrates that the only way for us to fully understand human behavior is to study the evolutionary histories of nonhuman species. Of these, Wilson demonstrates that at least seventeen—among them the African naked mole rat and the sponge-dwelling shrimp—have been found to have advanced societies based on altruism and cooperation. Whether writing about midges who "dance about like acrobats" or schools of anchovies who protectively huddle "to appear like a gigantic fish," or proposing that human society owes a debt of gratitude to "postmenopausal grandmothers" and "childless homosexuals," *Genesis* is a pithy yet path-breaking work of evolutionary theory, braiding twenty-first-century scientific theory with the lyrical biological and humanistic observations for which Wilson is known.

Discovery

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