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Starseers: Fallen Empire, Book 3



Synopsis

The mysterious and powerful Starseers have Captain Alisa Marchenko's daughter, and she will do whatever she must to get her back, even if it means traveling to their stronghold and confronting them personally. Unfortunately, her strongest ally, the cyborg Leonidas, may become a liability since the cyborgs and the Starseers have a long history of hating each other. It doesn't help that Leonidas and Dr. Dominguez have a mission of their own, one that could jeopardize all that Alisa is fighting for.

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Customer Reviews

The Fallen Empire series keeps getting better! Starseers, the third installment, moves the adventure to yet another interesting location (probably no shortage of those in deep space) and keeps you hooked with some pretty big questions. Who can Alisa trust? What's the deal with that orb? Why does she keep running into her old Alliance pals in less than desirable circumstances? When will Leonidas reveal his personal mission? And most importantly, where will she finally find her daughter? (I'm getting most anxious for Alisa on this count.) As per usual, the pacing of the book is perfect - no dragging spots - and more depth continues to be added to each character (and none of

the main crew feel like background characters). I appreciate the character-driven story, the fun adventure, the witty banter, and the chickens.

This series is deeply addictive. From Alisa's irreverent humor to the danger the Star Nomad keeps finding itself in, I'm hooked. Also, I'm deliciously anticipating the oft-mentioned massage Alisa keeps teasing Leonidas with. THOSE TWO. Alisa's faith in the Alliance has taken a beating since we met her in book 1. Things aren't looking up for her in that regard with this book. She's been abandoned, lied to, and ... I don't know, other stuff. She's seeing the cracks in their armor now and what she's finding doesn't seem nearly as honorable as the cyborg who once fought against everything she stood for. Speaking of Leonidas, we got to see a little more of the person who's lurking under his stony facade. He's slowly starting to share pieces of himself and the more we're told, the more I like him. I felt for Yumi. I like Mica's commitment to finding the downside to every situation. I'm not loving on Dominguez, but I'm holding out that he'll grow on me. Eventually. Or he'll betray everything Alisa holds dear and she'll do something drastic. EITHER ONE. I already have book 4 queued up for my reading pleasure. Let's see where it takes us! -Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

This was a slower book than the first two. Alisa has to go after Starseers who have the ability to read minds, speak to minds & control objects and others with their minds. Obviously they will play a big role in this series, as her daughter is one, a group of Starseers appear to have kidnapped Jelena to parts unknown, and the Imperial emperor has some of their abilities...it's hard to fight someone when they can know your thoughts as you think them & can manipulate your thoughts without your knowledge. This adventure is feeling more like something way too big for the ragamuffin Star Nomad crew...especially when there are so many competing agendas and alliances aboard the ship. There were a few interrupted conversations between Alisa & Leonidas that felt like a cheap way to keep them from connecting. It seemed like the purpose of the book was to introduce us to the Starseers, but we don't get a lot of moments to really get to connect with the crew -- which was what kept me reading Emperor's Edge through so many books.

I had never read this author before and I'd have to give this just an OK rating. I liked the setting and premise of the story and the focus on some young people facing various challenges is entertaining as you do want to see how they will make out. On the downside, there really wasn't much of a plot and I found the author's use of bursts of emotional intensity for the characters contrived and tiring after the first few times. And the story seemed to kind of wander from one small crisis to another

with little development to help pull everything together. Perhaps subsequent volumes will do better but I won't personally be checking them out.

It is taking a lot of guts for Alisa to search for the thing most precious to her in a place so scary. The Starseers have a reputation that spawns fear in the hearts of just about everyone. It's a good thing that constant peril has led to a bit of trust between the *crew*, as this isn't going to be any easier than searching the last place to which they were led. As we've journeyed through the Fallen Empire series to this point, I've come to love the characters. Alisa, captain of the Star Nomad, isn't just any young woman - she's a fighter pilot left in charge of her mother's cargo ship, taking on passengers to make ends meet. Creating a cohesive unit of the people in her charge wasn't something she thought she could do, but here they are. Her Chief of Security, Tommy Beck, is a wannabe chef, and Dr. Alejandro Dominguez is just a mysterious man with a mysterious orb. The attraction between Alisa and the resident cyborg hottie, Leonidas, is heating up, and I think none of us can wait to see how that pans out. The character I perhaps love the most is Mica - engineer and resident smarty-pants - reminds me of a friend, and I find I live for her quips. I loved book 2 even more than book 1 - and I truly think that Starseers (book 3) has topped them as far as storyline goes. Lindsay keeps this group moving, which means we get to watch the mayhem in a variety of locales - from the library, to space, to the hidden home of the enigmatic Starseers. A lot more light has been shed on the characters, including Dr. Dominguez and his orb. I can't wait to see if Alisa catches up with her daughter soon.

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