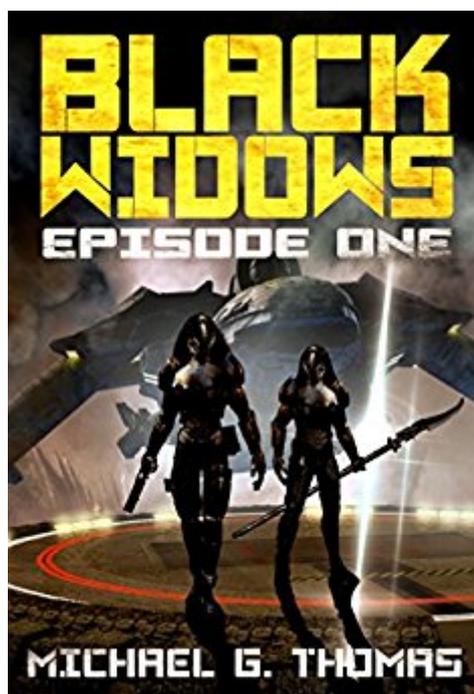


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Synopsis

Black Widows: Episode 1 is a thrilling science fiction series about the infamous all-female mercenary unit. Aboard their heavily-armed ship Medusa, they embark on secretive missions throughout the crumbling Confederacy as it wages a terrible and bloody civil war. The lives of Syala and her twin sister Arana change forever on the day the slavers hit their new home on the Skylla Research Facility. It is a day that started like any other, before turning into a terrifying massacre as soldiers and hideous creatures swarm through the facility killing or enslaving anyone that stands in their way. The sisters struggle to survive as a desperate few try and fight back, but nothing can hold back the horde. Until they find a single mercenary dressed in black armour who refuses to back down. Her name is Zhang Wei, and she is a Black Widow. Black Widows is serialised over six short-read episodes per season, in the same fashion as a TV series. More adventures will be released over coming weeks before being combined into a 6 volume compilation. See my website for news on the next thrilling release at www.starcrusader.com

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Customer Reviews

• Black Widows • is different than the typical mercenary-based reads that I've read over the years. The team, composed of all women, handle matters in a much more elegant, intelligent way compared to the brute force tactics used by protagonists that I often encounter in these sort of reads. This is a different approach than what I was expecting when I first began reading this book, and one that I personally think has proven to be a great plot element. I also thought it was great in regard to how well the author used such vivid descriptions to describe the type of gruesome creatures that the team of mercenaries have to face. These kind of monsters don't seem like cardboard-cutouts borrowed from other stories in the sci-fi genre. They're original, unique, and most importantly, genuinely seem quite terrifying in some scenes which really illustrates and emphasizes the type of hardships and battles the mercs have to endure as the story progresses. Black Widows: Episode 1 is an albeit short intro to the series, but it definitely packs a punch and definitely has the potential to leave many readers wanting more and more, as is the case with me. I'm looking forward to part 2.

Typical stupid adults, many of whom refuse to believe the intelligent, resourceful and highly trained teenaged daughters of the station security chief when they're told that the station is under attack by people who won't make deals. This is a standard space opera trope and it gets old. Not much world building or explanations of the political picture as this book is set in a universe that hosts some of the author's other long series. Lots of fighting, gore and adrenaline rushes. Well-written, but the girls are thoroughly precocious and not quite believable characters, especially Syala, the wildy gifted fighter. The other twin, Arana, seems slightly more typical, though she's brilliant, science obsessed and cool under pressure. Both sisters are completely loyal to one another despite their differences. Definitely feels like a tv series. I'm interested to see where Thomas takes the storyline.

Michael G. Thomas is a wonderful writer who got enormous talent in compiling Sci-fi on war themes. I have read books of his Star Crusader series and all of them entertained me well. This new series "Black Widows" is woven around Syala and Arana-two twin sisters. The author has mixed up all describing Skyllar Colony and Medusa-A destroyer ship. The tale is filled with action and the reader feels the heat as the tale flows. As a action thriller this short tale has unique qualities that makes it a must read for all the action novel readers. I highly recommend this.

We don't get enough tough, female main characters in science fiction. You can count the great ones on one hand. So, I was excited to read Black Widows: Episode One. Michael G. Thomas has

brought some new life to an often cliched and unoriginal genre with his tale of the all-female mercenary unit. When slavers hit the home of twin sisters Syala and Arana, killing or capturing nearly everyone they knew, everything changes for them. A once happy and thriving home is decimated in the blink of an eye and the twins are suddenly plunged into survival mode. With their battleship, Medusa armed to the hilt, twin sisters Syala and Arana set off on a series of covert missions during a savage Civil War. Desperation is high until they meet a mysterious black-armored mercenary named Zhang Wei, or The Black Widow. Thomas's characters are complex, subtle, and relatable. It's a great read for both male and female science fiction fans. His descriptions are vivid and the plot is fast-paced and highly engrossing. I honestly couldn't put this book down and it seemed it was over so quickly that I was somewhat sad. But of course, this is only book one of a six-part series! I can't wait to read the next installment. I love episodic style series, so I'm eager to see what happens next!

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