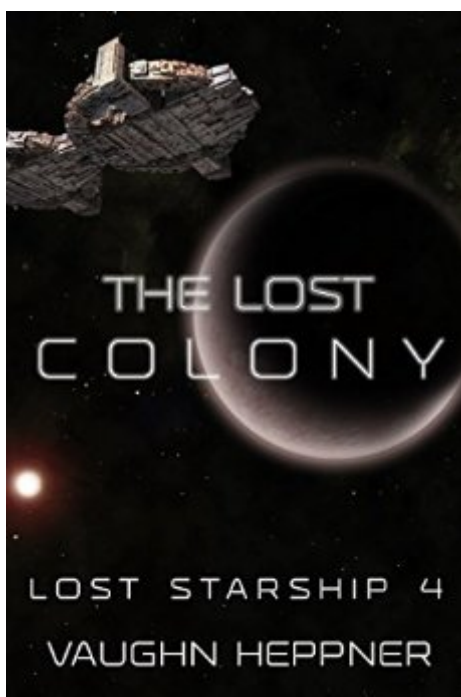


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Synopsis

We fought the invading New Men to a standstill and defeated the alien Destroyer sent to obliterate Earth. The worst should be over, but it's not. Perfect android replicas are impersonating high-level officials so trust is failing. Worse, the New Men have found allies with an impenetrable stealth technology. This time, however, Earth is going on the offensive. Admiral Fletcher is headed to the Alpha Quadrant with a Grand Fleet. He's to liberate the captured planets and find the enemy homeworld. What he isn't supposed to do is die. The only one who can save humanity has been grounded. Captain Maddox is under suspicion because he's half New Man. But he's not going to stop. He's found something unbelievable. Now, he needs Starship Victory—an ancient, alien spacecraft—the AI Galyan, Meta, Sergeant Riker and the others to help him tear the greatest secret of all from the enemy. Maddox and his crew must succeed or humanity will drown in a sea of human extinction. THE LOST COLONY is the fourth book in the LOST STARSHIP SERIES.

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It has been months since Captain Maddox and his ship and crew defeated the destroyer. Captain Maddox is on an intelligence gathering mission to determine who has been following him around

when he is drugged and kidnapped. He manages to get himself free of the kidnappers but finds there are some very advanced androids have been brought into play on Earth but the extent of the androids on Earth is unknown, as well as how they got there. Captain Maddox is contacted by a hologram of Professor Ludendorff who insists that he return to the Xerxes System to free him from his captivity, which turns out to be something that Star Watch does not want him doing. He ends up leaving in Victory against the wishes of his superiors. And after reaching the Xerxes system, Victory is transported 1000 light years from Earth to find a dyson sphere that circles a star out to 1 AU, and that he was not contacted by the professor but the last remaining builder and the the Swarm still exists. And Captain Maddox and his crew must survive and find a way home, over 1000 light years away, if they are to warn anyone.

A nice addition to the series, my only complaint is how there wasn't much romantic development between the characters. I loved the new races that were introduced, and how some questions are finally answered. The technological advancements and discoveries were great. I am looking forward to the next book.

This series keeps getting better and better with each new book. Book four brings together much of the story arc from the first three books, while also setting the stage for a new one. Looking forward to the next installment and more from Captain Maddox and the crew.

A solid fourth book in the series and I find myself hoping that there will be several more. The story seems to have room for a variety of directions to move into, and the characters offer a good blend of personalities and depth that differentiates them in their own unique ways. As usual I cannot give this book 5 stars as I've started to reserve that for comparison to my all time greats and favorite authors such as Andre Norton or Alan Dean Foster, but with that being said these books are possibly some of the best E-Books I've read. I appreciate that the author has created characters I was drawn to rather than some other authors who create a character, give them a blatantly obvious name for greatness, and then shove the characters brilliance down your throat to the point where you start to hate them (said authors will not be named). For anyone looking for a fun, and somewhat suspenseful / intriguing story with characters you can root for, then this is a strong book series for consideration. I am half way through Book 5 when writing this and am still hoping for at least one more in the series if not more. Granted, this is an E-book, so an editor apparently did not proof read before publishing, and there are numerous mistakes; small gripe overall.

Book 4 continued the saga with more adventures. However, this reader was disgruntled at the obvious lack of line editing and review for this book. I found at least one hundred obvious errors in this publication. As an editor of fiction novels, the volume of mistakes distracted from an otherwise good story. Please do not rush. Have this and your future books proofed for errors before publication.

I think a better title for this book would have been "The Lost Plot" or the "The Lost Focus". What was an enjoyable SF war story has now added so many plot lines and factions it is just an obtuse mess. Add to this melange in the author's lame attempt to justify Intelligent Design it just sort of came to a limping obtuse halt.

Wonderful series of scifi books with incredibly interesting characters faced with predictable danger, although the perpetrators are equally interesting. These books get better as they go along and the first one was awesome so if you love scifi then don't miss this delightfully well written series. Great fun and leaves you waiting for the rest of the, hopefully, multiple book series. The author has certainly left enough room for this story to go anywhere and I can't wait for the next one.

If you have not read Vaughn Heppner's series of science fiction space novels, this one is a great book to finish it. Mr. Heppner is very accomplished as a writer and his stories are a great mind adventure into space with characters that are well developed in each series book, but are not predictable or pedantant with acton to make them better. This ending of the series leaves you wondering if the series is finished or if there might be more to come. For me, it was a great read.

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