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# The Lost Patrol (Lost Starship Series Book 5)



## Synopsis

We learned a terrible secret last voyage, the Swarm exists. It has a monstrous imperium, expanding, evolving and receiving incredible Builder tech. Captain Maddox heads into the Deep Beyond to find the Swarm Imperium. We must know the worst so we can prepare against the deadliest species in the galaxy. The captain and his crew battle loneliness and the terror of the unknown as they hunt through the stellar darkness. They're thousands of light-years from home, from any help. What they find threatens their sanity and unity. It's going to take the best Maddox and the ancient AI Galyan has to offer to pull the crew together. They have to save the starship from what waits in the galactic darkness or the human race will die. THE LOST PATROL is the fifth book in the LOST STARSHIP SERIES.

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## Customer Reviews

Buy the book! Read it! Vaughn Heppner continues to amaze as to how he weaves an interesting story. I am assuming most people who are considering book 5 are those who have read the previous books in the series, so first I want to say some things about the writing before addressing the plot. Obviously the book is still an excellent 5 star book in a 5 star series, but I want to provide an honest critique of what disappointed despite the excellent strengths, which supremely outweigh

these minor personal tussles.1. Vaughn tends to end his stories setting up for the next book in the series. This tends to create a couple mixed feelings in the reader. The first being you are eager to hear how the next set of obstacles are going to be overcome, what is next in store for the characters, and two, you are upset that the character development took a backseat to the plot and you want to learn how the characters relationships actually progress not just "getting wine" and "swimming in a pool together like family".2. Often descriptions of places and settings are found lacking for the sake of brevity possibly, and to further the plot. As an author myself I believe we authors sometimes just assume the reader is imagining a scene like we are, using minimal description, but this is not often the case and some extra sentences could go further to multiply reader satisfaction.

Plot Criticisms (spoiler alert):1. What happened to half of the Builder android body that got teleported/beamed/folded onto the Victory? Does it remain on the Victory that can be found later and be examined, or is it lost in the space/time continuum, i.e. oblivion.2. Ludendorff gives back his device too easily to Meta in final scene.

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