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Ruins Of Empire (Blood On The Stars Book 3)



Synopsis

Jay Allan's Blood on the Stars...War rages between the Confederation and the Union. Shattered fleets watch each other warily across a war torn frontier. Both sides are licking their wounds, gathering strength to continue the fight. Captain Tyler Barron and the crew of Dauntless are finally enjoying the rest they've earned while their aging battleship Dauntless gets the repairs and refit it desperately needs. But their respite will be short-lived. In the Badlands, deep in the haunted vastness of pre-Cataclysmic space, a new discovery threatens to upset the balance of power. Orbiting a world in a distant system is an ancient battleship, vastly larger and enormously more advanced than anything possessed by the contending powers and the Union has already sent forces to seize it. The Confederation has no ships close enough to intervene, to get there before the enemy none save Dauntless. Barron and his crew must race across the Badlands, find the ancient artifact, and somehow hold it, keep the Union forces from taking it, until reinforcements arrive. They will be outnumbered and outgunned, but there can be no retreat. Not this time. Nothing less than the fate of all human-inhabited space is at stake. If the Confederation is able to rediscover the technology of the ancients, it will be safe for generations to come, its defensive forces untouchable by its enemies. But if the Union gets there first, if it can adapt the incredible power of mankind's lost technology, it will gain the power to enslave all humanity. This fight isn't for territory. It isn't for position or tactical advantage. It is for the future.

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent Sci-Fi story. Captain Tyler Barron and his famous war ship, Dauntless, are returning to a distant port to get much needed repairs. The crew and the Captain are heroes in the war between the Confederation and the evil Union star cluster. While in for repairs, Barron is called into a clandestine meeting and given a special assignment by the top Confederation Admiral and the head of the Confederation Secret Service. They are tasked to travel alone into the forbidden Bad Lands where an ancient war ship is found. It is rumored to be intact and more powerful than all of the war ships involved in the war. Ancient technology that is hundreds, if not thousands, of years more advanced than the current technologies of either the Confederation or the Union capabilities. Whoever gets this ship and learns of its superior technology will not only win the war but have the power to conquer the entire galaxy. They have only translated the name of the massive ship. It is called Planet Killer and the name alone strikes fear in the hearts of all that have heard of the find. Dauntless must make a trip into the Bad Lands and capture and control possession of the ancient ship at all costs. If not, it may mean the end of the Confederation. This book is full of a lot of action. Space battles and hand to hand combat on massive space ships. The tactical strategies and use of advanced technology make this book entertaining and fun to read. Jay Allan is an excellent author and I have read all of his books. This is one of his best. If you love Sci-Fi then this is a book that you must read. I enjoyed this story and I recommend it to you. Jay Allan is one of the best new authors for sci-fi books. I liked this book a lot and I enjoyed reading it.

Captain Tyler Barron and crew are sent for a refit to a facility at the edge of the Quarantined Zone (unofficially known as the Badlands). Knowing he will take a request from two very highly placed men as an order, they ask Captain Barron to volunteer to take the Dauntless into the Badlands to check on an ancient artifact that may be a huge weapon of the pre-Cataclysm civilization. Their

mission is to see if the artifact does exist and, if so, to prevent the Union from acquiring it while waiting for reinforcements to arrive. They will have to fight against impossible odds, but this time it's for the very freedom of the human race. If the Union gets the ancient technology they will be able to subdue and enslave all nations. And, again, the battleship CFS Dauntless is barely operational. I give this one 5 stars. It has some of the same kind of errors as the first two, but there is a lot less of them. The errors are minor. This book is DRM-free.

In this 3rd installment of the Blood on the Stars series, Jay Allan asserts yet again his keen touch for military science fiction. The Confederation's legendary battleship Dauntless, under the helm of its veteran captain Tyler Barron, is sent on a solitary gambit into the Badlands, to investigate rumors of an ancient spaceship whose technology could tip the balance in the vicious war against the Union. With a massive Union offensive all across the frontline, Dauntless must hold its own at all costs against increasingly overwhelming odds as the Union dispatches multiple warships to secure the same prize. A breathless series of grim dogfights, stubborn battleship slugfests, and bloody boarding actions will keep most readers on the edge of their seats until the very last chapter.

In this installment Dauntless gets pulled off the front line and is conveniently located near the Badlands border. After some insignificant repairs Dauntless is ordered across the border to investigate news of a major discovery. The Union also catches wind though, and the mission turns into a life and death affair as both sides will do anything to prevent the other from obtaining an ancient technology that would swing the balance of power massively. Dauntless finds itself again paired off with the enemy flagship, and just like in Santis the two ships will go head to head, but the action doesn't stop there. As enjoyable as the book was, there were moments that had me questioning what Barron was thinking. He passes up an opportunity or two to swing the advantage his way, things which were done in Santis but inexplicably not here. Meanwhile Sara Eaton is caught up in another major fleet clash, which costs the Confederation dearly. Finally, one of the best fighter jocks doesn't make it out from the many fighter battles in this story. Lots of action, plus a romantic interest for Barron make this book another good addition to the series.

Captain Barron and his crew once again have been asked to do the impossible. The Dauntless is in need of repairs, the ship and her crew have been through a lot recently. But when they are told to go to spacedock as expected, Captain Barron is told about a find in the badlands. He must ensure that the union does not get to it first.

There's a lot to like here. I'm really interested in the world he's building. However, I'll never find out more. Why? Let me sum up. The fighters are dealing with low fuel, high G forces and their friends are dying. The captain feels bad about sending people off to die. And his grandfather was famous and maybe he's gotten too much benefit from that. The shop is deemed and the engineer is scrambling to fix it. She's a miracle worker. The fighter pilots are arrogant and have trouble expressing their feelings. The first office is awesome and came from less than nothing. The primary weapons fail a lot. Statements related to these topics are repeated over and over and over and over and over.... And over and over and over and over. And over again. Got it, dude. We're aware. Time to tell us something new. Please. I finally abandoned the third book about 1/4 of the way in. There just isn't enough new information.

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