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Wilks, Billie, and Bueller were the last survivors of a devastating assault on the aliens' home planet. But once their return to the solar system made them refugees once more, fleeing Earth and its alien infestation in a desperate attempt to stay alive. Now, in an otherwise unmanned military transport, they hurtle through space. Destination: unknown. Little do they know that the cargo they carry with them is a legacy of death that they will ultimately have to face. Nor do they know that they head toward a remote colony and military outpost. This pocket of humanity at the very edges of space is at the mercy of a general names Spears with an agenda all his own. Now Billie, Wilks, and Bueller face a new nightmare, and it is nothing they could ever have imagined: a gift of madness from an alien world, unbalanced mind, and the experiences of a mysterious pilot named Lieutenant Ellen Ripley.

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Bauke says

Great book! I was pleasantly surprised that the book was an actual sequel to the first book "Earth Hyve"! I didn't know that so that was good.

I finished the book really fast (I don't really read fast).

The book continues where it left off on the 1st one, with Wilks, Billie and Bueller. Great characters, you get to know them better as the story goes on. They pickup the fight against general Spears, whom you will get to know better as well. He has these flashbacks and that's nice to read.

The whole story is original and captivating.

Without giving away spoilers: the end has a nice surprise that made we want to pick up the next book!

Ryan Hixson says

This book is a fun ride!, Is it great literature? No. But man is this story action packed it had worried about the character's a couple of times. The bad guy is a force, and has reason behind his actions. I lived this novel a lot more than Earth Hive.

The plot continues with Wilks, Mitch, and Billie just made it off of Earth before the alien's took over. the transport ship has a destination, but the stowaways don't know where. They find out that they're on a transport ship that is shipping frozen bodies with alien infestations to a research base light years away, but the aliens break out before the destination. Leaving the stowaways to fight for their lives. Upon reaching the destination they find out that a general Spears is training the aliens to fight by using behavioral psychology by burning and threatening the queen to burn her eggs. The plan is to take these fighting aliens and retake earth.

What I liked: There's some good humor, a truly evil bad guy in Spears, who's plan and execution are compelling to read. Pretty easy to visualize. Mentions of Ellen Ripley. Great action beats it reminded me of a Matthew Reily Novel in terms of pacing.

What I disliked: He relies on nightmares a little too much, I know the title is Nightmare Asylum but I think there was seven or eight, and that was a bit too much. Interesting flashbacks on the villain, I liked the first kill, could have went without the lost virginity story. Take the pretty girl distraction thing way too far, butt naked with legs spread, too far! despite all that it is a fun ride.

I would recommend this for fans of the Aliens film series, there's some pretty great action scenes, and Ripley from Aliens call backs. I would rate this 3.8 stars if I could.

Cheryl says

Book 2 in the series. I hadn't read book 1, but I still knew what was going on. Pure sci fi junk food, but fun if you're in the right mood.

Ana Mardoll says

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When "Earth Hive (Aliens, Book 1)" finished with the audacious cliff-hanger of Earth completely overrun by aliens and the remaining human population scattering into the galaxy desperate for safety, I couldn't pick "Nightmare Asylum" up fast enough. Author Steve Perry picks up exactly where he left off, with Wilks and Billie in a rickety transport in deep space, hoping to reach their pre-programmed destination (wherever that might be) before they run out of food and supplies.

When Billie begins to suffer from the vivid 'dreams' that empathic humans experience in the presence of aliens, she realizes that their transport is carrying more than they bargained for. And when Wilks and Billie search the ship only to find four recently infected humans, once deep in stasis and now very dead, they receive their first piece of evidence that not every surviving human fully appreciates how dangerous these creatures are.

Their relief at arriving safely to their destination, a distant military compound and civilian colony, quickly evaporates when they realize, almost instantly upon arrival, that the general in command of the base is completely insane, obsessed with delusions of creating his own tame alien army and using them to recapture Earth. General Spears has his own home grown alien queen and has fed more than half his troops and all the colonists to the aliens in order to produce more drone warriors.

Perry handles the exposition perfectly, providing a wealth of detail about alien anatomy, mating, genetics, behavior, and motivation without ever seeming to abandon the plot or get overly bogged down in details. Perry also carefully and realistically explains how the General has managed to keep the queen and her drones under control, as well as provide a somewhat plausible explanation for why the mad general has not yet been fragged by his own troops despite his propensity to throw them to the aliens for the slightest infraction. In a plot device utilized by pretty much every James Axler "Deathlands" novel, it is up to the strangers who just blew into town to kill the bad guy and destroy the monsters, whilst welcoming the death that they've been dodging for far too long.

This novel isn't high literature by any stretch, and contains a few occasional small flaws. General Spears is just a little too smart, the supporting characters are fairly one-dimensional and clearly ancillary to the main characters, and Wilks and Billie step out of character at a crucial moment in order to accommodate the confines of the story. Perry has also slightly upped the nudity and sexuality in this book, including a rather implausible scene where Billie strips naked in order to distract a couple of dim-witted marines. Having said all that, however, the plot is solidly entertaining, the writing is crisp and quick, the tension is thick, and there is a wealth of new details on the alien race - enough to keep the most rabid fan happily content. In short, the novel is a solid four-star book and a must read for die-hard fans of the aliens franchise.

There is even a pleasantly startling conclusion where Ellen Ripley enters the scene - likely because the same writers who had been forced to switch "Hicks and Newt" to "Wilks and Billie" because of the conflict between the novel and "Alien 3" now realized that the plot development of an earth completely overrun by aliens was enough of a conflict to the movie series to justify a clean break and allow Ripley to appear unencumbered in this new fictional world.

~ Ana Mardoll

Michelle says

I'll admit it, I hate-read this.

Book 1: "Let's bring aliens to Earth to study."

Book 2: "Okay guys, that didn't work too well. Think....think...I got it! We train the queen, we give the aliens modified guns, and we send them back to earth to fight for us!"

Stop right there.

Worst idea ever.

But the longer I read, the more bored I got. Enough to where I actually wanted to see that completely ridiculous plot play out. I didn't pick up a book titled Aliens to read about them being boxed up for 75% of the book. Besides the action packed beginning, I was pretty disappointed with that aspect of it. The main characters...I didn't care. I didn't care if they lived or died or got injured and that's a problem. Another reason I basically hated this book was the Ripley tease in the description. The last paragraph? Really, guys? Really?

Mya says

This book was a fantastic read...in that a lot of fantastic things occur in it. Sure the heroes, Billie and Wilkes are back from book 1 in the series, are larger than life and luckier than a bum hitting the jackpot but outside of that is the Aliens themselves. The buggers never cease to amaze me in what they can do and how much they can learn. What I enjoyed most, outside of the frequent throwbacks to the movie series, is that nothing ever works out the way the heroes want it to. Sure they manage to get out of some narrow fixes but not they way they plan to. Why? Because the villain in this book is a smart and tricky fiend. General Spears is an insane man and not a person that I would ever want to meet. His idea of a great army is a bit frightening as well...stupid but frightening. Now, I'm anxious to get to the third book in this really good Aliens trilogy (the other one sucks).

Quentin Wallace says

These novels continue to be better than the movies (other than the first two films, which were excellent.) This continues directly from the previous novel and we find our three main characters dealing with an insane general trying to weaponize the Aliens. (Have we ever seen monsters successfully weaponized? People looovee to try it but everytime I've seen it tried the person behind it ends up dying a horrible death.) So they find themselves once again having to make a daring escape while worrying about human enemies as much or more than alien enemies.

The ending is awesome and features the return of a character than any true aliens fan would be ecstatic to see show up. I won't ruin it, but you probably know who it is.

In short I love this series so far and if you're a fan of the Aliens franchise you probably will too. I think the quality may take a dip as the series continues, but the early books are great.

Julie says

[- After a Chekov's gun moment earlier in the book, the last page has us come face-to-f

Zane Hoffmann says

I found this book while cleaning out my childhood room sitting in a stack with some Goosebumps and Animorphs and nearly had a shaq attack! I never got a chance to watch the Aliens movies when I was in those young and formative years of my life, but through various family outings to the local flea market I did own nearly every Aliens (and Resident Evil, which may seem completely irrelevant to the topic at hand, but the daughter, SD Perry, of the dude who wrote this book, Steve Perry, actually was the author of all seven Resident Evil books as well as a few really notable Aliens novels) book that had been published throughout the 90s. As a kid they were some of my favorite books and as I'm a bigger fan of the Aliens franchise now than ever, I suppose these books really helped form my future, and potentially permanent taste.

To summarize without spoilers, the book is a continuation of the first novel 'Earth Hive' in which Earth, through various means, ends up being invaded with Xenomorphs, and everyone has to evacuate. Our main characters, Billie and Wilks, obvious stand-ins for Newt and Hicks from Cameron's 'Aliens', get off the planet safely, only to end up in the clutches of a General gone mad who has been training a xenomorph army that will one day reclaim earth. Shit happens.

As an adult I'm not a huge fan of books based in pre-established media franchise juggernauts, but I've picked up a few of these Aliens books/comics in recent years and found them to be fun little pulpy sci-fi romps, so upon finding this one I decided to see if it held up as well as some of the the others. In short, it did.

In long, wow, this was a cool little novel with that sweet b-movie charm. It's like Romero's Day of the Dead, but with xenomorphs, which are infinitely cooler and better designed than any zombie could ever hope to be. Definitely seek this out if you're at all interested in the franchise, villains with extreme delusions of grandeur, or bad no-no words, because this book has got them all!

Aidan Budd says

As a deep many-year fan of the Alien, it's pretty hard for me to dislike a film or a book involving them.

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This one I enjoyed too - this was a 20-year-later re-read for me.

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Spoilers!!

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Things about it I found frustrating were the lack of actual action-scenes involving the aliens - although I found the initial scenes at the start of the book with them in tense and good - I found it easy to imagine them in all their awfulness - and was several times caught by surprise in that section.

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The book is based around a staple plot for future Aliens books - a delusional person believes they can control the aliens and, er, guess what... they can't. And given I'm re-reading this having just re-read lots of those similar stories, this part of the book wasn't a highlight.

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I enjoyed seeing Wilks/Hicks and Billie/Newt again - I found them reasonably well-written, and easy to

imagine Michael Biehn and a grown-up Carrie Henn in these roles.

As a bit of a romantic, I was very sorry to see Billie/Newt leaving Bueller behind - I'm hoping that maybe in the sequel they can get back together...? Fingers crossed.

Charles Warren says

I'm sure that the 4 star rating is going to catch the eye of some people and make them question the reasoning behind such a rating. I can understand that. I can explain and I will.

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First, Goodreads only has whole star ratings for individual reviews. The average allows partial scores. If I could give partial scores it would most likely be 3.5 or 3.75 stars; I thought it was more fair to round up.

Second, these books are - so far, anyway - a continuation of the ALIEN movie franchise picking up after ALIENS and ignoring the 3rd and 4th films. It's obvious that Wilks and Billie are replacements for Hicks and Newt. I found these first two books more appealing than the continuing films.

Third, these books are entertaining reads that have kept my interest in reading more. They aren't pretending to be "grand literature" and that's fine. Not every book needs to be something cerebral and thought-provoking with Earth shattering revelations. A fun, sci-fi adventure in a familiar universe is what these books offer and I've enjoyed the ride so far.

On to book 3....

Ian says

Turns out, Star Wars isn't the only franchise with an extended universe. Like the concept of the Alien movies, but hate how crappy they get? You're in luck! These books pick right up where Aliens left off. Once Aliens 3 came out and killed off two of the characters off screen, Dark Horse went back and changed their names in the comics, but never mind that.

The writers do a fantastic job of capturing what makes the aliens so creepy. They tie in a weird, Freudian returning-to-the-womb thing, and suddenly it takes on a whole new level of disturbing. This is horror without jump scares, just creepy looking monsters and very psychological setups.

Oh, and they finally take over the Earth, but like any good zombie story, the real monster is inside the heart of man. That's what Aliens 3 SHOULD have been.

Benjamin Barnes says

Wow ...This book is Great. It took me to Dark place the Movies couldn't even beging. Great Horror Sci-Fi Book

Linus says

I liked this book. It was an interesting concept, and a branch off of the Alien series. It didn't come close to the actual Alien books/movie, but I still have enjoyed Steve Perry's book series. This particular book follows characters Billie and Wilks when they land on a military base where they are trying to breed aliens as warriors for general Spears' army. They end up fighting for control of the base and spears and his "army" die in an attempt to take back Earth when his plan goes terribly wrong and his own aliens kill him. If you enjoyed Perry's previous book Earth Hive, I recommend this book as well.

J. says

The Alien films have a through-line of "they'd make great weapons for the military" and that is the connective tissue of the movies, honestly. Someone greedy wants to use these things for profit. In Nightmare Asylum, we see a character actually attempt it, and the results are immeasurably predictable. That having been said, the book is a fun read and works on the levels that it wants to. And aside from a cliffhanger ending that doesn't quite link up to Alien 3, it fits comfortably within the timeline without too many logical leaps.
