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Lords of War is the first novel in the epic new 'Mercenaries' series that chronicles the violent struggles of the sprawling Centauri Alliance.

Spartan is a living legend, a veteran of the Alliance Marine Corps, victor of a multitude of military campaigns including the horrific Biomech War. He is both loved and reviled by friend and foe alike, and now lives out on the fringes of the Alliance. He has fought for money, for his people and for the very survival of his species, and lost everything in the process. But when two of his closest friends are captured supplying weapons to the desperate Byotai settlers of Karnak, the fight becomes personal.

The Great Biomech War left millions dead, colonies burned, and cities turned to ash. Millions more continue to endure in the harshest of conditions. The Alliance attempts to restore order, yet already new enemies have begun to strike at will, encouraged by their weakness. Border planets succumb to the raids of warlords, and many doubt how long the peace will last, after it was won at such cost.

Since the end of this war, Spartan and his friends have worked to create an elite fighting force based at Taxxu, for use by the Alliance. Using the latest high-energy weapons, armoured fighting suits and a prototype Confederate-class warship, it will be a force unlike any the Alliance has seen before. Spartan will use this and every other asset at his disposal to save his friends. Nothing, not even the entire might of the invading Anicinàbe clans and their fearsome clan leaders, can stop him, even if it means starting his own private war.

Lords of War is a futuristic military sci-fi adventure that continues to expand the vast universe of the Star Crusades series that includes Star Crusades: Uprising and Star Crusades: Nexus. Essential and unmissable reading for enthusiasts of the Military sci-fi genre.

Lords of War Details

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Susan says

Lords of War is the first book in the Star Crusades: Mercenaries series. There is a lot of violence. While this is book one in the series, you feel like you have entered into a book farther along as it seems like the story is already in progress. Or at least many of the main characters had history together previously. The story was average but worth reading.

Michael Wood says

Fast, Constant Action

Michael G. Thomas has written a novel of such intense, unmitigated battle action that, as I read it, I felt out-of-breath! Without a doubt, I have never read a space opera featuring such dense battles, one after another. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

Jim says

Spartan never quits. The Alliance won't let him and neither will the bad guys! He's always got to be in on the action or he gets real bored real quick. Although, after the last war with the Biomechs, Spartan is recovering from the loss of his Wife and Son. Surprising that that happened, but that's war and Spartan could do nothing about it.

He's now being contacted by his old friend, Gen. Daniels and Colonel Black from Alliance Intel. They are wondering what Spartan and the CTC corporation are doing on the other side of the Black rift. It just so happens that Spartan is in the process of developing a new fighting tactic involving an Interstellar Assault Brigade. General Daniels just happens to mention to Spartan that there is a growing disturbance of the peace between the Byotai and the Anicinàbe. Apparently, the Byotai were happily occupying a planet which now the Anicinàbe want. The Anicinàbe are out to exterminate the otherwise peaceful Byotai. General Daniels goes on to tell Spartan that the Alliance can't really do much about this squabble since they have to maintain the peace over a much vaster Alliance since the war was won.

Spartan wants no part of this fight. He knows what Gen. Daniels is trying to do and although they are friends from way back, Spartan has no desire to fight right now. His friend, Kan, a BioMech turned good guy, can't wait for his next battle. That's what he was made for and he can't stand just waiting around. Same goes for Olik, the other BioMech who I believe works with Gen. Daniels and the Intel Colonel, Colonel Black.

So, Gen. Daniels goes off to help the Byotai defend themselves. He's bringing in weapons they desperately need to fight back against the Anicinàbe. And of course, he gets captured. He's not there representing the Alliance so they are not going to come rescue him. And, even worse, he has brought along and has been captured with, Gun, the BioMech Leader and Spartan's best friend. So, who do you think is going to have to rescue these two?

Right, Colonel Black immediately goes back to Spartan in the Black Rift and tells him what has happened. Time to kick some booty!

This is another fighting mad story. There's both the Naval battles and the ground fighting. Both types of fighting get very confusing. I would like to see this kind of story in a movie so I could better understand what's happening. At times it sounds like Spartan, Gun, Khan and Olik all get shot so many times I don't know how they are even standing. Of course they all usually wear some type of fantastic armor, which helps, but still it's got to hurt.

The writing gets fast and furious at the end. We meet some new characters that may be in the next book of the series, but I don't think this series will ever end. Yes, Spartan is getting older, but he's doesn't seem to be slowing down much.

A great read if you like Science Fiction battles, lots of blood and violent descriptions. Sounds like fun!

Stephen says

Spartan rules again

Typical excellence from this author. I've read all the books. I can hardly wait for the next one. If you are new to military sci fi this is a great author to start out with.

Brett says

I felt like I was there.

Jim Guldner says

Fun read

Liked the story, the interplay of various alien species, New toys yet easily grasped concepts. Space combat, ground combat, to the death fights, interesting use of terrain, jury rigged ambushes, and a clear path for series to come

GREGG CORDELL says

So far so good.

So far this is a good read and have already bought the next one before I was halfway through the first. The only reason I'm giving it 4 stars is because it's just started to get into the thick of it. After I get done with the next one in the series, I'll let you know more , but so far so good.

Alison says

Serious action!

Intense! The characters are pretty hard-scrabble but likeable. In some of the scenes I kept asking why the enemy didn't just bomb the place, but the hand to hand fighting scenes are highly entertaining!
