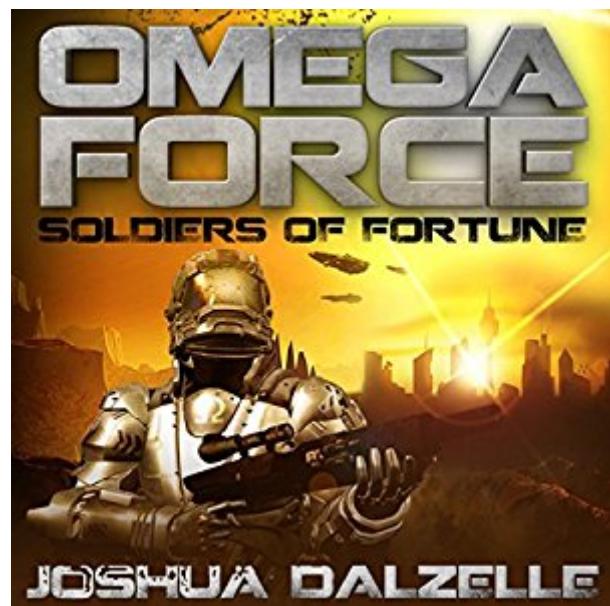


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Soldiers Of Fortune



Synopsis

Omega Force is back! After the daring rescue of a political dissident, Omega Force is contracted to investigate a rash of violent attacks on civilian shipping lanes within a group of star systems known as the Concordian Cluster. It seems a simple enough job with a huge payday at the end, and it's exactly what the ragtag group of mercenaries needs in order to keep their ship flying and to stay one step ahead of those hunting them. However, the further they delve into the seedy underworld of the Cluster, the more they realize they may be in over their heads. With innocent lives hanging in the balance, Captain Burke and his crew begin a desperate race to uncover who is responsible for these attacks, and why, before their ultimate goal can be realized. *Soldiers of Fortune* is the follow up to the popular novel *Omega Rising* and the second book in the Omega Force series. It continues the adventures of Jason Burke, a lone human in space who has linked up with five other aliens to try their luck as hired guns. Their mandate: to help those who don't have the means to help themselves and never accept a job that would compromise the honor code they live by.

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Customer Reviews

Based on a wholly bizarre premise and galactic victims of circumstances, this series has been entertaining. Mix space opera with dry wit and comedy and you get the story. Omega Force is akin to 'Serenity'. It's a quirky story of alien breeds cooped up on a space ship and searching space stations, asteroid colonies and scum-sucking planets for opportunities to battle evil ... best done at a price. There's a human by 'abduction' accident and notionally 'leading' the curious mix of aliens into

the unknown. The author's formula here can go on forever. Strange it is ... and fun.

I enjoyed this sequel so much, despite an initial reluctance, I felt that I owed at least a few comments out of appreciation. I loved the action of the large scale battles, small unit actions, and one-on-one encounters; also, the interplay among the free wheeling, yet honorable, Omega Force crew who are dedicated to their mission of altruism and, despite occasional differences as arose between Doc and Jason in this story, to each other. Watching Lucky evolve is, for me, particularly intriguing. I've already purchased four additional books and look forward to more frolicsome, deadly swashbuckling as well as, given the emergent working relationship with the Eshquarian Dalton, occasional future encounters involving Captains Burke and Colleren. I foresee my biggest problem may be avoiding spoilers from fellow fans of this series. In parting, offering full disclosure to potential nitpickers, I did notice more than a few typos - because I read every word, often going back when I realized I was getting ahead of myself - and they didn't distract or detract from my enjoyment.

I am so glad that I started reading this series! It is a great mix of action, intrigue, world building, character creation, and basically everything I like in sci-fi. The formatting is a little weird sometimes, and there were a couple of editing mistakes, but those are very minor complaints. This is definitely not a seriously contemplative series, but it certainly isn't vapid. I'm really excited to jump into the next one immediately.

Great second book, but takes a while to get going. Hang in there, it does get going about 30% of the way through. I skipped this book and read all the way to OF6 (currently the last one), then thought what the heck, and went back to it. It introduces two characters, Christoff and his female ship captain who in this book is suspicious and resentful of Burke all the way through. Though she thaws in later novels, some suspicion remains. We get introduced here to the double dealing of the Con-Fed. But Christoff remains an enigma all the way through OF6, behaving out of character. We'll have to wait for OF7 to see if this is bad character development or some type of plot or mind control (hope not) or something. The series has a more complex long running backstory than you'd expect.

The second book takes off where the other book leaves our main characters. He gives you interesting adventures that make you want to read the next in the series.

Mr. Dalzelle is a fun story teller. I'm glad we stopped drinking cheroots. That was unnerving. The

story dragged a bit as our crew went undercover, but Mr. Dalzelle made up for it by almost getting everyone killed at the end. In the mean time our crew finds a sponsor. Don't really know where the guy gets his money, and we never learn who lost his box of Dragonflies, but just like the A-Team, the Omega team saves the day and rescues millions from certain destruction. Don't count out Kage. If it weren't for him, the mission would have been a bust. I like this book.

A great follow-up to the first story. Jason now has a solid crew to depend on as they travel about the galaxy helping people in need. The only problem they have is a lack of funds. A solution presents itself fairly quickly when they're approached to find out why civilian ships are being attacked in a particular system. Action and adventure ensues along with moments of humour. In this story we get to know the characters who we were only briefly introduced to in the first story. As others have noted, it's the humour and banter between the crew which really lights up his story, it makes them more relatable and gives you little glimpses of their characters. The action is fast paced, sometimes frantic, but never dull. Overall this is another page turner. I enjoyed all of it and ploughed through fairly quickly, buying the next book in the series immediately afterwards. We're getting to know the ship, its crew and particularly the captain more and more with each novel. An easy read, great for YA or old readers. Cheap as chips too!

After reading Omega Force: Rising, I could not wait to read Soldiers of Fortune, which was so-o-o good. Having sustained on Star Trek, Star Wars and Stargate on TV for the last few decades; now having time to devote hours to reading a story I do not want to put down, the Omega Force series deliver all I would want in a space saga. And I just finished today Omega Force: Savage Homecoming, which was as thrilling and satisfying as the other two. I anxiously await Omega Force: The Enemy Within. Joshua writes with such wonderful humor and character description that I can visualize the mixture of alien crew and places and troubles they find as if it were a movie or TV in my head. Even the technical aspect is easy to picture, as some of the other more military space sagas leave me befuddled as to what this would look like. So much fun burying myself in a rich story. Mr. Dalzelle has a fan in me.

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