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The Search For Gram (Codex Regius Book 1)



Synopsis

Lieutenant Commander Shawn "Calvin" Hobbs has saved Seattle, traveled to the stars and forged new alliances with alien races. With the latest war concluded, he turned his attention to deciphering the strange rod an ancient alien civilization gave him as a test. Was a little "down time" to work on the project too much to hope for? Yes. Something or someone is destroying the starships of the alien Aesir race. The elven Aesir are in need of help, and all of the signs point to Calvin as the hero they need. He has already defeated the merciless Drakuls and saved Earth from alien invasion, but is he prepared to face this unknown challenge? As the Theogony trilogy comes to a close, a new chapter for Calvin is set to begin. "The Search for Gram" initiates the "Codex Regius," a trilogy that will once again take Lieutenant Commander Hobbs and his Special Forces platoon to the stars. Not even the universe can hold him this time!

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Customer Reviews

I happened to just finish reading another book when I saw that the Search for Gram was available,

which I then purchased and immediately started devouring! Unlike other self published authors with numerous grammatical and spelling errors(usually the wrong word for the sentence (their,there,&c), Mr. Kennedy takes the time to have his work gone through which if you are like me is refreshing!The story itself, picks up from the end of the last series with both old and new characters. It diverges in that the back story of the main characters has already been established and is only lightly touched upon within the pages, so I highly recommend starting either with Invasion and Theogeny series to understand the how and why. With a request for help, the crew of the Vela Gulf are off and then Mr. Murphy rears his head and members lost from a strange new weapon. Old and...new planets are visited and some of the more minor aliens from the Theogeny are visited in depth. New enemies and allies are found before a more potential danger is revealed.The only criticism I can possibly give is the gods named. While from the correct pantheon, they are grouped slightly incorrectly but I chalked this up to how stories change over time, and in this case distance!Once again, I highly recommend starting either with Invasion and Theogeny series to understand the how and why.

Chris Kennedy returns us to the story of Lieutenant Commander Shawn

“Calvin” Hobbs and his quest to discover the technology around him now that the war has died down. A page turner from start to finish and one of Chris Kennedy’s best to date!

This book is act one of the next series of books featuring LCDR "Calvin" Hobbes, who returns from the Occupied Seattle and Theogony series. Like the author’s other works he combines a fast paced story with well developed and now familiar characters, and very amusing banter to keep the reader interested and wanting more. One of the things I enjoy the most about these books are the juxtaposition of very realistic smack talk between the military characters in science fiction, willing suspension of disbelief required, situations. As a 20+ year service member it works for me. He captures the best elements of the recent Battlestar Galactica revival, compelling characters and a realistic military atmosphere, before the show started coming apart at the seams and playing to cliches. I HIGHLY recommend all of Mr. Kennedy’s works, and this one is the best to date.As an aside, I normally start his books with a large fu-fu coffee from a local shop. I am still thrilled that the book at \$3.99 is cheaper than the coffee and gives me 5+ hrs of reading pleasure, while the coffee lasts about 15 minutes.Push "Add to Cart" now.

The search for Gram (codex regius book1) takes off where the previous series left off. The book is

full of the same action and intensity that was present in the previous series, and it's just as entertaining. The only problem I have with the latest book is the deeper delving into the fantasy realm which the previous series had touched on. It's purely personal opinion but it feels like now I am reading almost a pure fantasy novel rather than the previous series was more military/science fiction with a touch of fantasy. I felt much more immersed in the series when it was semi believable, and with the latest book the direction towards more fantasy has left me feeling out of touch with the characters and story because I've lost any sense of reality with the story line.

I liked this whole series. I'm collecting them in audio so when they are all out, I can listen to them from start to finish. Interesting twist on the "benevolent" aliens allegedly trying to unify earth. This book is the first of the Codex Regius trilogy, but the characters go back to Occupy Seattle, then Red Tide. These are followed by the Theogeny books: Janissaries, When the Gods Aren't Gods, and Terra Stands Alone. I highly recommend reading them in order.

This continues the saga from Chris Kennedy's earlier works. If you liked those, you will love this. In this action-oriented space opera, the author is not afraid to kill off characters to advance the story and describe the brutality of the conflict. I read it in one day.

A fantastic new chapter in the theogony universe. The author does a great job of transforming mythical beings into interstellar ones. Anything more specific would be giving away too much. Read the books, the characters have depth, the story flows smoothly and I am already impatient for the next book!

Another interesting story in the series. Nice explanations for some previous mysteries and more interesting characters and situations. I enjoyed the stories and the references to many kinds of mythology. I'm looking forward to more in the future.

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