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Once, the Dark Star was sleek and new, a raider for the Remus Navy. Then, the Coalition invaded, smashed the fleet and conquered the homeworld. The battered Dark Star barely escaped to wander the stars, helping its centurion eke out a living as a bounty hunter.

Now, bad luck dogs Centurion Tanner. On Calisto Grandee, officials jail his crew and impound his ship, demanding fees he cannot pay. Rich strangers offer to hire him...maybe because he's the only one desperate enough to accept their deal.

They'll pay to fix his ship and promise him a weapon to help him free his world. First, he must race to the galactic rim while there's time and sneak into the most heavily fortified star system in the galaxy. There, they must destroy an extinction level threat before it can spread like a cancer against humanity.

Tanner agrees. Now, the fate of the galaxy rests on one man and one ship to do the impossible before the clock strikes zero.

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Jesse Fort says

Roman empire meets space opera

Consider if the Roman empire was still around and made it into space. Imagine the coalition as the group trying to conquer Rome. Rome falls, but there are rebels still fighting for Rome. Now an old enemy, thought to be destroyed 1000 years ago reappears, controlled by intergalactic beings. 1 centurion, his faithful pal, two Roman elites, and a mysterious man of wisdom embark on an adventure to save the galaxy. Good luck, the odds are not in their favor, and trust isn't anyone's strong suit. Can they all work together to complete their mission? Read and find out.

J. M. Ochetti says

Need more of Centurion Tanner

I've enjoyed Vaughn's writing for sometime now. Star Raider is another winner. The team is a real cast of characters. Tanner can really be thick headed but has a heart of gold. We need more books to get a grip on just who is Lord Acton. Will Tanner get girl (patrician)? With Greco (ape-man) and Acton as the brain trust, the addition of Nelly Jordan would make the team unstoppable! Yes as I'm addicted to The Lost Starship series, I could get attached to the crew of The Dark Star also!

Will Tamayo says

Weird but fun

This had the bones of a typical space opera (ex. overwhelmed protagonist attempting to save the world, universe, etc.) but there are elements of mystery and weirdness that make the journey interesting. I'm not sure it's the tightest plot ever, but at the end of it I'm left wanting more. A promising start.

William H. Ouellette says

What a good read

WOZZER, WHAT A FINE TALE. I hope to read more of Tanner and crew. Please write more and give more info on genetic engineering. I sent a copy to my grandson. He is surly to spread it around. Billy

PETER F DEKAM says

Action and strategy intertwined

This is a great great read! The thing I liked most about it was the interplay of strategy and tactics then tactics driving strategy. There was at least one surprise each chapter. I highly recommended it!

Francis J Mallalieu says

A journey to the end of the galaxy.

A very well developed plot unwinds as the characters are taken from one situation to another. I enjoyed the characters and they interacted in a believable way. An unlikely group of "people" find themselves thrown together, and while they have the same objective they come at it from drastically different perspectives. I enjoyed the way the writer wound the characters together. But I would have preferred staying in the future and not had current colloquialisms dispersed around the plot..
But a very good book and I am looking for sequels to come out in the near future.

James A. Youncofski says

It has possibilitys

Decent space opera. It has the good guys, the bad guys and a love unfulfilled. The characters are likeable and will probably gel in future novels. Overall even with long boring phases, it's not a bad read.

Tommas says

I want more!

Long stort short: I really liked the book!

Time flies, and before you know it a few hours passed. The concept of the story, and the locations and people within it, is intriguing enough to put the next book in the series on my "will definitely buy"-list.

clinton n smith says

Good Book. Ending leaves something to be desired.

I did like the book, but there were some holes in the plot that were glossed over and some inconsistencies that were never explained. I would read a sequel though.

john blockley says

Excellent read

Excellent read I can't wait for the next installment please write more for this series fan of all your work

Mick Bird says

Great read

I have enjoyed reading this book, there is a few twist and turns which keeps the readers looks for more. I recommend that you give it a try. I am sure that we have not seen the last of this series.

Mike Farrell says

Good story but not very original

I have enjoyed the "Lost Starship" series by Heppner, and I was excited to try a new series by him. While the story itself is good, it was almost a complete copy of the 1st Lost Starship book.

We have our main character, Centurion Tanner, who is given a seemingly impossible mission to find an ancient hidden weapon to save humanity; have Tanner putting together a motley crew; and we have the impossibly old person with the knowledge to find the hidden weapon.

The story itself is full of action and deadly situations that seem impossible to get out of, but, of course, our Centurion is always resourceful enough to find a way to survive.

If you enjoy a good space yarn, you should like this story; however, if you have already read the Lost Starship, don't expect too much originality.

Bruce says

A fun read

If you are looking for an interesting page turner, you have found it. Well written and with interesting characters and story line., this is a good book.

Paula L Riggs says

Another great story by this author...and misogyny

I like this author, his books never disappoint. This book is no exception. Another entertaining space opera. Only one thing made me shake my head with cynicism. All the characters representing the leaders of the evil Socialist empire are women...very ugly women. It's often said that authors expose a great deal about themselves in their writing. I wonder if Heppner realizes what a misogynist

Donald Smith says

Good reading.

Characters and plot are well developed with enough twists and turns to keep you guessing. As with all the works of Vaughn Heppner it is a classic space opera and a good beginning for many adventures to come.
