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Three sequential tales of alien warfare in one epic volume from the *New York Times*—bestselling author of *The Force Awakens* and *Star Trek Into Darkness*.

For millennia, the Weave, an alliance of species, have fought to resist the telepathic Amplitur, who strive to unite all self-aware life-forms in their great “Purpose.” The Weave is slowly losing ground, but for both sides, warfare focuses more on outthinking and outmaneuvering your foe than destruction. In fact, most regard violence as hideously barbaric, and even the thought of harming another sentient being is beyond imagining.

Then they come to Earth . . .

A Call to Arms

When one of its scout ships lands on Earth, the Weave quickly realizes that humanity’s almost innate ability to wreak havoc and death may hold the key to turning the tide in their fight. Unfortunately for all, the Amplitur have the same idea—and mankind is caught in the middle.

The False Mirror

When the Amplitur unleash an elite cadre of fighters, it soon becomes clear that they have subjected their human prisoners to horrific genetic manipulation. But if the Weave attempts to undo the effects, they may change the former warriors into something far, far worse.

The Spoils of War

With mankind’s help, the Weave is finally on the verge of victory against the Amplitur. Until an alien scholar uncovers a terrifying truth: Earthlings might not even be capable of being civilized—and a shadowy group of powerful humans is already poised to unleash war across the entire galaxy.

This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alan Dean Foster including rare images from the author’s collection.

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Theresa says

We're conditioned to read SF with a bias towards seeing humans as the good guys, but when humans are the ones preparing to wage war across an entire galaxy, how do you root for their victory? Alan Dean Foster, master of science-fiction, tackles a variety of issues from genetic manipulation to violence and warfare and so much more. Hard to put down, The Damned Trilogy is an exciting addition to any library.

Gail says

I first read this trilogy years ago, probably when it was just published or shortly thereafter. I remembered it ever since because this is the universe where all civilized intelligent species are inherently peaceful, except for humans, because the others all evolved on planets with a single large landmass, but earth has many, and lots of languages, so we couldn't communicate with each other. Or something like that. But in this universe, humans are not only able to fight, they're good at it, and the aliens who discover them are in a war with these creatures who are sort of like kindly Borg. They want to assimilate everyone into their purpose. The trilogy follows the 200 or so year progress of the war, most often through alien characters. It's interesting, but what stuck with me through the decades since I first read it was that humans are so warlike and everyone else is so bad at fighting. It's kind of about how to maintain humanity's essential nature while rubbing off some of the harsh edges, and kind of about how evil purposes can be carried out through non-violent means. And kind of about none of the above. It was good in an adventure- intellectual exercise- exploration of alien cultures kind of way. I enjoyed it.

Dasha says

Read the first one, started the second, didn't want to go on. Not my kind of SF.

Tim Archer says

Great story

I loved it - excellent, interesting concept, very good writing, highly recommended. If you have ever seen posts about "humans are space orcs" and wanted more than this is a great series to read.

David Spahlinger says

Outstanding alien race fiction !

A very intriguing treatment of human interface with multiple species and how humanity can become more peaceful. The treatment of the strengths and weaknesses of various species is superb and there are many surprising twists.

Joed Jackson says

Initially, I thought that the scope of this story would be a big bite to chew. Not so! The Author takes broad galactic strokes (literally) giving you the ‘bird’s eye’ big picture and zooms in to the fine details and intrigues with a smoothness that lets you ride along taking it all in.

It’s really an epic adventure full of twists, turns, surprises, and ‘oh my’ moments. The scope, the characters, the details big and small abound. There is action, adventure, suspense, love, angst, betrayal, etc. etc. Definitely a must read for any sci fi or adventure fan.

And may I just say how refreshing it is to read some sci fi that hasn’t placed humanity at the low end of the evolutionary spectrum—again. So many books, games, and films these days have every monster-alien-robot so vastly more capable than wimpy little humans it’s getting to be quite trite. This trilogy turns that notion on its head. Puts humans at the top of the galactic food chain while allowing for comparable, capable, aliens with equal but differing talents. And it does it in a very plausible and viable way.

In short, I’m a huge ADF fan (obviously) and I very strongly ‘suggest’ you read this book. Very strongly ‘suggest’. Thank you.

Bruna Salgado says

The story of the three books is *really* entertaining. The descriptions of the book aren’t very rich and there are a few typos and misplaced commas, but nothing that ruins the experience.
