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As news of Horus's treachery spreads, the Great Crusade grinds to a halt as the primarchs and their Legions decide where their loyalty lies – with the Emperor, or the rebel Warmaster Horus. In this sequel to Descent of Angels, the Dark Angels too face a time of testing, both in the stars, and on their home world, Caliban.

Arriving in the Gehinnom system, Lion El'Jonson and a force of DarkAngels set about subjugating the system's core worlds which are key to the Warmaster's plans to overthrow the Emperor.

Meanwhile, on Caliban, Luther and the rest of the Legion feel abandoned by their primarch. Civil war erupts as the planet strives to break from Imperial rule, and the Dark Angels are thrown into a deadly conflict where all that they know and trust is thrown into doubt.

## Fallen Angels Details

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# From Reader Review Fallen Angels for online ebook

## Mitchell Bird says

Managed to finish Fallen Angels by Mike Lee today as well. Here's my review and thoughts over the book.

- First and foremost, I thought this book was boring. I wasn't a huge fan of Descent of Angels, but that book was at least kinda fun for most of this. This book was just bolter porn with a small sprinkling of other things in it.
- Luther snapped hard in this book, and I cant blame him. He messed up ONCE by hesitating for a microsecond and the Lion banished him to Caliban for it. I can't blame him for snapping and ultimately doing what he did. The Lion was the sole cause of the downfall of half his Legion and he can't squirm his way out of the responsibility for it.
- Luther, Zahariel, and Nemiel were probably the only likable characters in this whole book. The rest of the characters were bland or just straight uninteresting.
- Zahariel's bit at the end with the ritual summoning was actually pretty cool. I'll give the author that much.
- Lion giving the siege weapons to Perturabo garnered me a laugh for the sheer irony of it happening.
- I really don't have a ton on this book without me just lamenting that I found it boring. So, that's basically my thoughts on this.

Final Score: 4/10

Now time for a book I'm very excited for. Next up is A Thousand Sons by Graham McNeill. Magnus the Red is my second favorite Primarch so getting to read the book covering him in the series has been something I've looked forward to for a while now.

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## Alexander Draganov says

Mind says - Alex, you can't give this book more than four stars. It had some serious issues. It started slowly. There were some long descriptions of tech which did nothing to clear the picture in your mind. It had two plotlines which never met.

All true, but heart insists - yeah, maybe, but it had SPEHS MAHREENS fighting mutant worms, zombies, cyborgs and other SPEHS MAHREENS! Also treachery and mighty fallen heroes!

And I am like, OK, five stars.

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## Taddow says

Being a huge Dark Angels fan (my favorite Space Marine Chapter), I was really looking forward to this book after being disappointed by Ravenwing (the last Dark Angels novel that I read). The civil war within the Dark Angels Chapter always intrigued me and the presentation of the set-up for this conflict was pleasantly unexpected. The factions involved had deeper development than just being merely "Chaos" versus the Imperium, plus the uncertainty of Jonson's true motives and allegiance during the Horus Heresy is maintained in the storyline similar to what was presented in Angels of Darkness. Lastly, without giving away any spoilers, I was glad to see some insight into the mysterious Lord Cypher who I find very intriguing in the tabletop game and the fluff related to the Dark Angels. A must read for any Dark Angels fan.

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## Chris Chinchilla says

- The Horus Heresy is the Black Library's premium SF series, with demand for each new title growing stronger and stronger.
- Author of two of the Black Library's top-selling fantasy series, Darkblade and Time of Legends: Nagash, Mike Lee now turns his considerable writing talents to Warhammer 40,000.
- Distinctive art and foiled covers for the different editions makes the series stand out on the shelves, and very attractive for collectors.
- Since the publication of Descent of Angels, fans have been demanding for the story of the Dark Angels to be continued, as they are one of the most popular Space Marine Chapters.
- Author will be making convention appearances in summer/fall 2009.

The Horus Heresy is the Black Library's premium SF series, telling the story of the civil war that nearly tore the human Imperium apart, ten thousand years ago. This latest title sees triumphant return of the Dark Angels, by Darkblade co-author Mike Lee.

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## Ryry says

Good book! I can understand where the rebels are coming from. Cant wait to buy my next ones.

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## Dylan Murphy says

Fallen Angels details the Dark Angels schism and the very beginnings of the birth of the Fallen. The story was extremely well written and paced, constantly switching from Nemial on the frontline to Zarahael(or something like that) back on Caliban. The action scenes were awesome, and the drama between the Calbinites and Crusaders was amazingly well done. I definitely see why the Fallen decided to break off from the Imperium.

The Epilogue was the greatest part for me, as it really tied the story to a close, as well as opening it up for an addition later in the HH series.

The only thing I didn't like about the book was that the Heresy didn't really seem like that earth shattering of an event. Other novels have really shown that no one could even fathom the thought of heresy and betrayal, and this novel fell short on that end. Despite that, extremely fun to read!

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## **Tim Chant says**

Been a little while since I read the first one of these but enough backstory was included that I could pick up the threads. The story follows the two main protagonists from the first one, knights of The Order who have become Dark Angels. The novel has two strands - Nemiel, now a Chaplain, fighting alongside the Lion in the early days of the Heresy and Zahariel back on Caliban caught between conflicting loyalties and being tested by discovering dark secrets. Switching between the two plots helped ratchet the tension right up and there was plenty of ambiguity about both the Lion's intentions and what Zahariel will do with his new knowledge. Fast paced and excellent read with good character development.

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## **Daniel Cassar says**

I felt as though Mike's take on the Dark Angels demise was a missed opportunity for something great, what frustrates me most is that I can't clearly articulate exactly why I feel this way. I guess it was a combination of the poorly articulated action scenes, inconsistent momentum, changes of first to third person dialogue and lastly the lack of a storyline that would have me believe that such events could lead to the 'falling'.

And really “They were forty strong, a fearsome display of force. Entire worlds had been brought into compliance with less.” can Heresy authors stop with this nonsense, 12 books into the series and we're yet to read about a world brought into compliance with anything less than entire fleet of imperial army, backed by immortal Space Marines and even more immortal (yes. more immortal) Primarchs.

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## **David says**

Caliban storyline: 5/5. (Very engaging, especially knowing what eventually will happen to Caliban).

Diamat storyline: 2/5. (This story arc was totally uninteresting.)

So many unanswered questions!!! As a Dark Angels space marine player in my youth, I desperately want to know the answers. I will have to wait for the next Dark Angels book I suppose.

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## **Mel says**

Even though this novel is in the Horus Hersey, it deviates greatly from the previous books. There is no mention at all of the events surrounding Horus's betrayal. Instead, this book follows the Dark Angels, before they were discovered and after they became Astartes. For once, this was an actual story no tied in to any other novel, and I really liked that. It was nice to present a Primarch before anything was ever known of the Imperial Terra. Well-crafted characters and a plot that didnt branch out too much or leave the reader hanging.

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## **Rebecca says**

It was a masterpiece! Sad, but the adventure itself and how gutwrenching everything was made it a very awesome book! :) LOVE LOVE LOVED IT!!! (finished at 17:12 in my mulberry tree)

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### **Vicenç Sanz says**

Los Ángeles Caídos es una novela que intenta explicarnos los motivos que llevan a los miembros de una misma Legión a tomar caminos separados, creyendo ambos que están actuando de forma correcta. Pero lo hace abusando sobremanera de la acción por la acción, con escenas que pueden llegar a durar un capítulo entero y que prácticamente no aportan nada.

La sensación que he tenido al acabar ésta novela ha sido de relleno, de que lo mismo lo habrían podido contar con muchísimas menos páginas, especialmente la trama de Lion, épica en lo “visual” pero narrativamente más floja y con menos interés, y todo para que con las dos últimas frases le den un giro... en fin.

La parte de Calibra, por el contrario, sí me ha parecido más interesante. Tiene acción, sí, pero también tiene una trama que ir desvelando, además de ver la evolución de algún personaje.

Pero bueno, supongo que no debería haber esperado mucho más de una novela franquicia para una saga que se está alargando ad infinitum y que te puede sacar libros para contar las cosas más nimias. De hecho, creo que con un capítulo en algún otro libro o con un relato corto podrían haber avanzado la trama general de la saga exactamente igual.

Como novela en sí está curiosa, entretiene y no se hace larga (salvo algunos tramos de acción). Está bien escrita y te la acabas leyendo sin darte cuenta... pero en su mayor parte carece de sustancia. Un blockbuster del montón sería lo más cercano si lo comparáramos con el mundo cinematográfico.

Reseña completa en: <http://darlantan8.blogspot.com.es/201...>

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### **Andrew Ziegler says**

Fallen Angels is the last bite of food you are going to get for a long time during this meal we call the Horus Heresy. The next books are a scant 8 months away now, and this is continuation of Descent of Angels is all we have to tide ourselves over.

And what a meal it is. Food metaphor over. I very much enjoyed Fallen Angels for two reasons. Firstly, it gave meaning and purpose to Descent of Angels. I railed against that novel in this series how it was a fine stand alone book but did not deserve a slot in the Heresy. However, with Fallen Angels here picking up basically after the last page of DOA, everything is justified. We watch as the two cousins continue to mature as Astartes. One banished to Caliban, the other furthering the crusade. Ultimately both of them are fighting in a much larger war that they are just starting to grasp.

Secondly, the turn of the Calibanites against the Emperor is written with a lot of care towards the why and how, fleshing out a lot of curiosities for this very popular chapter. More importantly than that is the fact that *Fallen Angels* falls back into the overall time line of the Horus Heresy. It happens after Istvaan III and before Istvaan V.

Finally, bringing Astelan back as a character is a nice tip of the hat that *Tales of Heresy Started* and *Fallen Angels* picks up. Astelan's tale does not quite get back to where it begins in *Angel's of Darkness*, but I am hoping another story will take us through his final moments as an active Astartes.

*Fallen Angels* formula is just like *Angel's of Darkness*, one chapter dealing with one character and plot, and the next dealing with the other. The book has a lot of good action and the marines are well written.

I am really happy to recommend this book to any fan of the 40K universe and especially of the Heresy series.

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### **Eric Smith says**

This would have to be one of my favorite 40K novels so far. It's a fantastic continuation of the last Horus Heresy novel featuring the Dark Angels legion and it picks up almost right where the last book left off following the same characters. This one does move along time so we get to see how the Dark Angels are affected directly and indirectly by Horus' treachery and by the rising power of Chaos and the Warp. The chapters alternate between following the campaign of the Lion as he maneuvers to block what he believes is one of Horus' plans and Luther and the rest of the legion in exile on Caliban as rebellion and the forces of Chaos start to make their presence known on the 1st legion's home planet. This is an excellent story of loyalty and betrayal and what people are willing to sacrifice and endure for their beliefs and ideals. It tells a good story of what loyalty means to different people and where ultimate loyalty can lie among the Astartes or at least among the Dark Angels.

As I said one of my favorite books of the Heresy so far.

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### **Christian says**

At first I was furious with the beginning action sequences because the traitor legions seemed to behave so damn stupidly in their losses. By the end of the book, things definitely evened up. This book is definitely for those who think of Chaos in black and white and wonder why anyone would be 'stupid' enough to secede from the Imperium. Wake up! You REALLY think the Imperium is such a nice place? In many ways, Chaos is just like the Imperium. Chaos will give you everything you've ever wanted in turn for everything you've always valued. The Imperium will give you freedom from uncertainty in turn for your freedom of thought. Oh and the way the book ends? Be aware. Traitors are everywhere!

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