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Former Cyborg Corps soldier Jasim Antar was relieved to come out of the war alive and looked forward to switching to a less violent line of work. But nobody wants to hire a brawny cyborg to do anything that doesn't involve brutalizing people on a daily basis. Stuck working as a debt collector alongside an eccentric pilot who enjoys knitting gifts for her grandkids when she isn't blowing people up, Jasim longs to find a more peaceful existence.

But peace is elusive when you have a violent past. While on a routine mission, Jasim comes across the body of a soldier he served with during the war. He soon learns that someone is murdering former members of the Cyborg Corps, men who should be extremely difficult to kill. And he's next on the list.

Jasim steels himself to reach out to the one person he's certain can help, his old commander: Colonel Leonidas Adler. Adler is strong, smart, and deadly, good traits to have in an ally. Unfortunately, he remembers Jasim as a misfit rather than a model soldier, and convincing him to join forces may be even tougher than finding and facing the killer.

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Heike says

In this spin off of the Fallen Empire series a younger cyborg who wants to be a teacher but finds only a job as "hired gun" finds out about former cyborg comrades being killed one by one. He asks Leonidas for help to find the killer. Beside a very lame story and plot, most of the book is about the angst of the cyborg about wrong decisions in the past and future, and him trying to find the sympathy of idol Leonidas.

Maybe I went with the wrong expectations into this story, I love (!) and highly recommend the Fallen Empire series and expected this spin off to be about a cyborg who is hated or feared by "normal" humans and finds their approval during this novel, preferably that of a strong female protagonist. But there is not even a hint of romance or anything leading up to one, nor any interacting with other characters to speak of. Even the pilot character did not impress me at all, unusual for Lindsay Buroker's normally very quirky characters.

This said - any other book of the author is definitely worth 4+ star ratings, so please do not judge the author by this book if you did not like it.

David P. Duffy says

Highly Entertaining "Comfort Food" SciFi Saga Continues

The storyline of the "Fallen Empire" series continues in a highly entertaining, "comfort food" novel, the "Cyborg Legacy." Authored by Miss Lindsay Buroker, a writer who is well skilled, and has a really nice touch, the novel brings back a few of the series original crew, cookies, brownies, chocolate, cyborg combat, and introduces new characters.

The story centers around a young, former imperial cyborg, now working as "muscle" for a starship repo business, assigned to a vessel, piloted by the owner's quirky mother-in-law. He stumbles across the murder of another former imperial cyborg during a repo, discovers other similar deaths, and reaches out to his ex-CO, Leonidas Adler, for assistance. The two join forces, and investigate the murders.

This is a stand alone novel, but readers of the prior "Fallen Empire," books will enjoy the fleeting return of Alisa and others from the "Star Nomad" family and crew. The author creates a character driven plot, mixing well the interesting eclectic nature of the main characters, with new characters. Some of the familia domestic bliss, the "love-y-dove-y" stuff, can be a bit distracting, but not to the degree it undercuts the read. Editing and proofreading are competent, excepting one error on a character's name, towards the end.

The writing level and skill set of the author in her "Fallen Empire," has always been welcome, and continues in "Cyborg Legacy." It is recommended, the reviewer wishes it was longer in length, and was fully read via Kindle Unlimited.

Barbara says

Jasim Antar, former Imperial cyborg, is working as a repo man, since he can't seem to land a job doing what he wants to do, which is teach children. When he learns that someone is murdering former Cyborg Corps

members in alphabetical order, he knows he'll be next unless he does something about it. Jasim calls on his former commander, Colonel Adler, who agrees to help. What follows is a dangerous adventure, with pirate attacks, a knitting granny pilot, poisonous drones, and a teenager out for revenge. Leonidas has been itching for some action and he gets it, and Jasim fights to do what is right, even though it might cost him his job. I loved seeing Leonidas and hearing his point of view, especially with a few scenes with wife Alisa and their three girls. Jasim was a nice young man and all he wants to do is leave the violence of war behind and become a teacher. I sure hope he realizes his dream.

Kara Prem says

Jasim is a former member of the Cyborgs Corp who has struggled to find work since the fall of the Empire. He is currently working as an intergalactic repo man, and stumbles across a plot to kill cyborgs and harvest their parts.

Jasim was not an ideal soldier and did not leave a great impression on his former commander, Leonidas, but when he reaches out to Leonidas for help, he joins him in his quest. It turns out that the person murdering cyborgs is a young man who was orphaned due in part to the cyborg corps. It was a short read without a long reaching plot that takes several books to resolve, so you don't have to read anything else from the series to understand this book. It was fast paced and interesting.

Karen says

Cyborgs

This standalone sci fi adventure takes place four years after End Game. Leonidis and Alisa are married and have three year old twin's, as well as Alisa's daughter, Jelena. Leonidis is feeling a little hemmed in when he gets a call for help from another cyborg. Someone is killing cyborgs in alphabetical order and Leonidas' name is overdue. He packs up his sticker decorated armor and heads out to face an unknown foe, secretly excited to be back in the action. But the danger they face is unlike anything they could have expected, and much worse.

This book helps bridge the gap between End Game and The Rogue Prince, a spin-off series opener. There are still events mentioned in background in RP that aren't covered here, leaving me wanting another in between book to fill those holes.

kartik narayanan says

this is another by the numbers Lindsay Buroker book. I liked it even though it sticks to its formulaic elements. Her writing is excellent as always. The character development was also very good as usual. We get introduced to a new cyborg this time - Jasim, an atypical cyborg, who hates killing and regrets joining the military. We get to meet the familiar Fallen Empire characters too.

If you are a fan of Lindsay Buroker and the Fallen Empire series, you will like this book.

Meenaz Lodhi says

What can I say, I love these series! It's wonderful to get to know other cyborgs lives with Leonidas, of course, and his family. The in depth of the characters is very outstanding and described with realism. I'm very happy to know about the Fallen Empire Kindle Worlds; at this rate, I'll never be able to leave this universe!

Carly Kirk says

I enjoyed this glimpse into Leonidas & Alisa's life - all settled down with kids and enjoying the life they've carved out for themselves. Of course this book wasn't strictly about them, it followed Jasim and I really liked him. His doubts and insecurities as a soldier/cyborg rang true and I liked that he had grown and matured and even did so during the book. I'd definitely like to know how he does in life now that he has more of a direction to move in and I want good things for him! Hope he's in the next series Buroker writes in this world.

Graeme Millward says

This review is actually regarding the whole Fallen Empire series.

Being ancient and decrepit, I was raised in the era when Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein were supreme. Now retired, I am back with a vengeance to catching up on my reading. My first experience of Lindsay Buroker was in downloading her 'Beginnings' volume. It was a very cunning ploy by the author to start me off on sampling her works, for which I must thank her. Eventually I chose to follow the 'Fallen Empire' series from go to whoa!

What an enjoyable journey I travelled on. The beautifully constructed tale kept me enthralled the whole way through, from the prequel, to 'Cyborg Legacy', the last stand alone novel in the series. I got to know many of the characters deeply. Adding to the pleasure was the author's wonderful use of her extensive vocabulary. For me it just raised my pleasure in reading the series to a whole new level.

I recommend not only this last novel 'Cyborg Legacy', in the series, but urge all readers that if you have not read the other books in the series, that you start with 'Remnants' (in the You are There anthology), then the prequel 'Last Command', before starting in on the series proper, 'Star Nomad' onwards.

I now look forward to going back to that 'Beginnings' volume to read the other series.

Move over Messer's Asimov and Heinlein, the Lady is coming to join you

Kelly says

I didn't know we were going to get to play in Leonidas and Alisa's world again, SO THIS IS FANTASTIC!

That said, I didn't love Jasim as much as Alisa and her cyborg. Which isn't to say I didn't like him. I did. I just REALLY liked the push and pull between the captain and her grouchy cyborg. But we got to get into Leonidas's head, so there's that. Plus, a cyborg wearing sticker covered armor makes me grin.

But let's get back to Jasim. I felt for him. He was a smart guy who jumped at a chance to get out of a crappy situation and he ended up in a place he didn't quite fit in. After the war, no one saw him as more than just a man with metal parts and...well, it was tough. I can only imagine all the cyborgs are similarly hampered by what they'd become. Sure, some might make out better than others, but cyborgs are sort of universally hated and that makes finding a good job hard now.

Bottom line: I enjoyed being back in the world and I'm looking forward to the next set of adventures these cyborgs end up on.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Diane says

3.4 on Goodreads, because there's no way to have a *happy* resolution to the main mission

I liked the unusual character concept for Jasim: a cyborg ex-soldier who realized soon after signing his contract that he'd bound himself into a career that didn't fit him at all. Now that the war is years over, he's depressed again to find that too many people hate and/or fear cyborgs to even consider hiring him to teach children, despite his having earned a degree in hopes of balancing all the killing with doing some good. Until he meets Leonidas Adler, his once-disapproving commander, again, and learns of medical possibilities he hadn't imagined, he also thought teaching would be as close as he could come to having children of his own.

Our old friend Leonidas (Ahem, not *that* old!) is the other lead in the story, and he feels somewhat guilty about his eagerness to experience a bit of the conflict and action he's missed in his routine merchant-trader life, despite how much he loves his family. Worse, he even sees the hunt as a break from their own brand of chaos aboard the Star Nomad. It's really cute to see the kids putting stickers on his armor and all, but you can't really blame him.

He's much less open with Jasim than vice versa, as his respectful and regretful former subordinate seeks to explain his past and present. Leonidas frowned on his youthful pranks, and worse, his attempts to leave the Corps, since to Leonidas, honoring your word comes above all. However, we can see his opinion of the younger man evolve. I wish Jasim himself had more of a moment of gaining confidence, taking Leonidas's advice to fight for his dream, rather than simply accepting a suggestion that may give him part of it.

The grandmotherly but weapons-happy and lascivious pilot, Jasim's boss's mother-in-law, adds an amusing note, though she has to be bribed and persuaded to help.

The pursuit is fairly straightforward, if full of brawls and blasters. There are no red-herring twists, though there is an emotional one when the killer's motivations become clear, and there's one disappointment.

The denouement is Leonidas's happy homecoming, which leaves the reader with a smile.

S says

A proper military sci-fi story in which two cyborgs investigate a serial cyborg killing spree. If you are familiar with the *Fallen Empire* series, this stars Leonidas and another cyborg from the corps and it takes a few years after the end of that adventure. No telepathy, no robes, no dimensional rifts or invisible space stations in this stand alone volume. An enjoyable read, my only quibble is that it was too short for me. I would like more of this type of story, and I am happy to see that the author is very capable of writing a sci-fi without any fantasy elements.

Pauline says

This was ok. Nothing really special. I felt like it had potential - the main character was a regretful cyborg now struggling to find meaningful work in the post-empire world. He is very self-hating, and a story showing how overcomes his lack of self-confidence and low self-esteem would have been quite impactful. But instead we really just see him go off on a mission, defeat a bad guy (in a bit of an anti-climax), and never really change his circumstances. Leonidas makes some recommendations at the end, which he seems to be on board with, but we get no sense of whether or not they're effective.

Honestly I'm not even sure why this story exists. I read it because I thought it might be 'required reading' after finishing *Fallen Empire* and before starting *Sky Full of Stars*, but that really doesn't seem to be the case. If you're on the fence about it, then I recommend skipping it.

2.5 stars, rounded up to 3 for Good reads because I feel bad giving it 2.

Denise says

Jasim Antar, formerly of the Imperial Cyborg Corps, stumbles upon a series of brutal and mysterious murders of fellow cyborg soldiers - all of whom had last names beginning with A. Fearing that nobody else is going to give a damn and that he might be next on the list, Jasim reaches out to another man likely to become a target very soon: His former commanding officer, Colonel Adler. While Leonidas isn't exactly thrilled to hear from someone he mostly remembers for his penchant for mischief and anyway has his hands full keeping a couple of adventurous three-year-olds out of trouble, he agrees that something must be done - and that in lieu of other options, he and Jasim are the ones to do it.

Set about four years after *End Game*, this latest novel in the *Fallen Empire* series not only gives us a glimpse of what has become of all the quirky characters the first eight books made us fall in love with, but also introduces a new fun and lovable duo in form of Jasim and Maddy, the knitting-obsessed grandma and

badass pilot providing transportation for Jasim and Leonidas's adventure. I'm definitely far from tired of this universe and its characters - looking forward to seeing what more Lindsay Buroker has in store for them!

Mandapanda says

4.5 stars. All the good words. Loved Jasim. A very different cyborg to Leonidas. Jasim wants to be a teacher but no one will employ an ex-cyborg. He's got a lot of guilt and low self-esteem about how he lied to try and get out of the cyborg corps when Leonidas was in charge. The dynamic between the two of them is really good. Full of false impressions and expectations and envy. Plus we see Leo coming to terms with his new peaceful life with Alisa and the kids. Truly a comfort read for fans of the Fallen Empire. Really looking forward to the new arc in this series starting this year.
