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Freedom was only the start. The crew of the Wanderer face ever greater challenges as their journey continues. Knowing the Empire will hunt them down Jess and the others must seek help from another source.

Turning to the criminal underworld seems like their only option, but it soon threatens to end in disaster. Especially when past events return to haunt the present.

Will even the incredible Wanderer be enough to keep Jess, and those he cares about, safe?

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Darwin says

Excellent follow up to the first novel. the author has corrected the issues with the first novel, and has created a story that has much more depth than the first one. Great read!

Jim says

I've finally returned to this series after a year and a half. I had to read my own review on book 1, "Wanderer" to get caught up. This is a story about a human slave who happened to come upon a mysterious ship. He was accompanied by his owners, other humans who were definitely in the slave market. This is in the far future so humanity hasn't learned much and the Empire is even worse than we could imagine.

Anyway, Jess, is ordered by his owners to board the space ship, but only after the first two slaves were killed by booby traps while moving towards the bridge. So, he's not all that sure he'll survive, but he has no choice. He and two other slaves board the ship and tentatively head toward the bridge. Surprisingly, they make it. Jess sits in the pilots set and that's when things start happening. The ship grabs Jess' head and starts a physical merging with his brain. His head is fixed to the seat and he can't move. Then he finds out that he ship is not his enemy and has designated him to be the new pilot and Captain. All the doors shut and their slave collars drop off. Jess, Sal and Matt are now free for the first times in their lives. Obviously, they take off in their new ship. That's a re-cap of book one.

Now the crew has grown a little and lost one of it's members. Ali and Elizabeth have joined the crew with Elizabeth, an exceptional engineer, and Ali as another slave now free. They have also picked up a alien called Teeko. I'm not sure where he came from, but the Empire has always declared that there are no aliens in the known galaxy. He was a former slave who speaks somewhat like Yoda (Star Wars©). The ship is called the Wanderer of all things. They currently have a breather from their escape from captivity and now much figure out what to do. Jess is only 17, which is mighty young to be the Captain of a starship, but that he is. He is guided somewhat by the ship and has full knowledge of the ships capabilities and those capabilities far exceed any other ship in the Empire.

But, the ship has a yearning to return to its home system. That happens to be on the far, far side of known space almost beyond what man has explored. To get there, they have to travel through a very narrow corridor of slip-space which is highly guarded and protected by the Empire. They need new papers to disguise who they are. Of course, getting new papers means they might have to do some illegal trading so they head to a planet that might have the resources. Again, this is where things start getting good. Their ship is unlike anything in the Empire; it's almost as if it's a live! It's going to have to be something special to get them out of the trouble they soon find themselves in. Great reading and very interesting.

I'm going to get the next book in the series, "Wanderer - Tainted Universe (Wanderer's Odyssey Book 3)" which is already available on Amazon.

MIKE ROBERTS says

As good as the first be

Well another good book. I am liking the way the story unfolds. For action and a little romance to boot. I run this book.

Jay says

It's a tough universe out there...

This book picks up where 'Wanderer's Escape' left off. Our intrepid travelers Jess, Ali, Elizabeth and Teeko have decided to seek out the origin of Wanderer, and quickly discover a number of obstacles that they will have to overcome.

This book is a far more satisfying read than I expected, a definite improvement over 'Wanderer's Escape'. There is a thread where we are introduced to the origins of a pirate, a character that our adventurers eventually meet.

There's almost none of the fumbling around discovering what the ship can do this time around, but there is a peek at both the age of the ship, and the age of the human Empire itself. There's also a nice setup for book 3 in the series. Speaking of the Empire, we learn a bit more about that too.

I could nitpick a bit, but really, if you liked 'Wanderer's Escape' at all, go ahead and continue with this volume. You won't be disappointed.

Linda says

Thoroughly enjoyed - highly recommend this author

Meghan says

Better than the first and starting to develop more interesting concepts. Needs more Mr. Goodson! I think this series has potential if the author would dive even a little more deeply into the characters.

Scott Benoit says

simon good story here. heading to book 3.
enjoyed more than i thought

Jim Calhoun says

3EGOOD SPACE OPERA!

EBID from my last review on the first book of this set of books. Why is 20 Words demanded for a review? I thank that covers the count?

neal mirin says

The mystery ship

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Like I said before it's not the grammar, or the spelling, IT'S the storytelling, and this a very good one. you will not want to put book one or two down. and rush for three to read.

Jon Spriggs says

So... it's OK. As the second book in the series, you're given no opportunity to rediscover the characters... I'd forgotten there was a tame rescued alien aboard ship, until it popped out! Fortunately, I remembered enough of that plot line to not be completely swamped.

On to the story. 20 years ago an imperial marine refuses to kill civilians and flees rather than die. Now he's the captain in charge of a pirate crew and regularly takes slaves and kills far more people than he left the empire for before. The crew of the Wanderer, meanwhile, are trundling around the universe looking for a planet that probably doesn't exist, a lost love (surprise, it's him... or is it....?) and to free as many slaves as possible.

So yep, the plot is a bit weak, and the leaps of faith we go through when transitioning from one plot line to the next are... well giant.

That said, I did not spot the plot twist near the end (although in hindsight, there were plenty of clues it was coming) and the climactic battle sequence was quick and to the point (many space opera battles relate the intricate display lines and stress the delays of space battles, when really all we want is "pew-pew, boom") so, I can't be exceptionally critical...

I'll probably get the next one.

Jesse Deleon says

5 Star's for a fantastic series.

Thank you Simon Goods on for a fantastic series worth my 5 Star's rating. Again my 2nd time reading book 2.

Michael says

Before you start this book, please note it is the second in a series. You need to read Wanderer's Escape (Wanderer's Odyssey Book 1) first or this one won't make much sense to you. As I type this review, the first book in the series is free for your Kindle.

This installment of the book was good overall, but I was a little disappointed in the lack of character development and seemed rather rushed and short: not much progress is made on the way home for Wanderer and Jess is really turning into an immature child. Adult science fiction fans will find this a little thin in terms of believability, but the young adult crowd will probably enjoy this one tremendously. As a parent, however, I wouldn't let my child read it because the author has his characters preoccupied with having sex in every horizontal or vertical surface at the drop of a hat - sure, that's what's on a lot of teenager's minds but it's either a science fiction tale or something to get the YA crowd excited.

There's a lot more out there that could be told with this tale and, while I was a little disappointed in how this chapter of the story turned out I'm looking forward to seeing where book #3 in the series takes us.

Michael says

OMG a great sequel!!!!!!

A must read from the start of the season series. Intrigue, deception, and a plan. Can they do it??? Wow threw me for a loop will buy next book immediately. Must Buy!!!!

J.S. Burke says

Wanderer's Odyssey #2 continues this delightful space adventure series with freed slaves and a sentient ship. Jess is an appealing character as he copes with everything new: freedom, first love, unexpected friends, and an impressive connection to a sentient ship/friend. This book has non-stop action and plot twists. Well done!

Joanne says

I really like this book. It is science fiction with a twist. I loved the characters - very believable. This book ended on a good note but left alot of questions - can't wait until book 3
