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Thurston is an unimportant border world with a problem, a Marine type problem. Not the sort of place Gunnery Sergeant Gina Fuentez expected to find one of the fabled Viper cyborgs, but that's just what she discovers when a simple mission to extract an operative from a terrorist camp leads to a firefight and two of her squad dead. With friends dying around her and a world coming apart at the seams, Gina must decide if the Marine Corps is really her home, or just a stopping place to where she really belongs

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### **Nooilforpacifists says**

More space.opera, but it needed a little less talk, and a lot more action. Two good female characters.

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### **Jason says**

The 2nd evolution of this series was just as good as the first. There was a lot of in-depth characters, that not only involve themselves with the art of war, but also look at the impact this is having at those around them, and on them. It gives an interesting perspective of the battlefield, especially in one scene in which one of the squad leaders sits and plays over a scenario repeatedly in her head what she could have done differently to save a team member.

This kind of introspection gives the book a new level of character development that you don't often see in this style of book.

This is a book of hard won battles, and several stories (without giving away too many spoilers). There is the initial battle as Gina and her Marines escort a 'Civilian' across Thurston to try and prevent a revolution. The next part introduces us to an agent of Bethany, Kate Richmond, who is all sorts of things.

After Kate and Gina's stories, we get to one of the biggest parts of this series, the War on Shan. Again, I don't want to give too much away. The Merki return to Harmony looking to finish what they started, only this time, the Shan are prepared, and they have allies in the Humans, will it be enough?

Cooper does not hold back with his writing, giving us some of the sensations of grief and loss of those involved. It is interesting reading how different Characters grow and evolve under the conditions, some fall, either to weapons, or psychological damage, and others rise to the challenge, becoming true leaders and heroes.

We get a full understanding of what Vipers are capable of during this time as well, as they are unleashed on the Merki in full force.

As with Hard Duty, Cooper has this amusing habit of using little 'Easter Eggs' in the dialogue from various Sci-Fi classics, such as Star Wars, Aliens etc. You will be sitting there reading, and suddenly realise what you just read is very familiar...

It's a lot of fun trying to spot them.

This is another fast paced action packed story, just as good, if not better than the original. If you liked the first, you will love this one.

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### **Mentat says**

Great, human meets alien first contact, humans have cyborgs that other humans are afraid of, space battle in large ships, dog fights, exploration. Novel I really enjoyed. Great Tech!

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### **Paul says**

An enjoyable read. This book mostly shifts perspective to that of the Vipers. Essentially this book is

something of a homage to Timothy Zahn's Cobra books and that's not a bad thing :)

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### **Rob says**

This would make a good series.

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### **Jim says**

This is the second book of the series which I didn't realize until I was already three chapters into it. So, I stopped and read the first book which was also very good. This kind of helps explain what's in this book because there are a lot of different story plots going on. They all finally get together to make sense.

We follow several people as they get ready to change their entire lives in a very substantial way for the benefit of humanity and now for the benefit of a non-human race. More later...

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### **Allan Ashinoff says**

After having read the author's first installment Hard Duty: Merkiaari Wars I was intrigued to see how the story would develop. While I felt I gained more insight into the characters from the first book, which is natural considering the main players are being introduced to the reader, this book was a much easier and a more fluid read. I say this because the dual storylines merge to allow the reader to follow everyone he/she has an interest in. If you like smash-mouth action, good aliens, bad aliens, cyborgs, dog fights, and complete and total carnage then this book can't come more highly recommended. As for me, I'm on to book 3. Nicely done.

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### **Tamer Sadek says**

So close to 4 stars but in the end it falls short. It's the pacing - all wrong (IMHO). Far too much time is spent with a character then you move onto another character. End result is almost like multiple short stories and it needed to move around a bit more for my liking. That said, an enjoyable read and I'll be continuing with the rest.

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### **Carly Kirk says**

#### **Still hooked**

Extremely intriguing and intricate story line that kept me wanting more. Things even seem pretty well wrapped up at the end, so I'm really interested in seeing what the next book is about. My only problem is that time jumps happen without any transition, the reader just has to figure it out for themselves.

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### **Lisa says**

This too was an enjoyable installment of the series. I was iffy about a catlike people but I think he as developed some good characters. A part of e is reminds me of Honor Harrington and her tree cat friends. I am still into the series, there are some marks that don't feel right but I am optimistic it will be a strong series

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### **Lukas Lovas says**

Well...it's a good continuation of the story. However, it had rather anticlimactic ending, and the book lacked the beauty of discovery displayed in the first book. It has been mostly an account of "what happened next" without the "it was awesome and momentous" that we might wish for. Still...if you plan to read the whole series then this is the transitional book where the pieces are moving across the board....the action will come soon enough :)

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### **Reg says**

Unfocused military sci-fi from a couple of well plumbed meme-tins that doesn't really go anywhere.

Two thirds of this is a super-soldier training montage between vaguely competing 'strong female leads' (and their backstories) that doesn't really go anywhere.

The remaining third revolves around the battle for a newly contacted alien species' planet by previously mentioned super-soldiers against an all-too-well-known alien menace. Only the old aliens have learnt some new tricks.

Oh, the horror. Oh, the humanity...

There is some decent world building here, but the author doesn't seem to understand what is required to make a reader (or at least me) care about someone, or be intrigued or horrified by something.

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### **Larry B Gray says**

What Price Honour: Merkiaari War Book 2 by Mark E. Cooper is a continuation of the excellent first book of the series, Hard Duty, and this book also continued in the excellent writing style.

The author has developed a tale which will grab you and keep you glued to its pages from start to finish. In this book he has built upon the foundations laid in book one. To this he has also added several unique twists that pulled me further into the storyline.

The characters developed by Mark E. Cooper are very believable and easy to follow. The previous characters continue to grow and develop plus the new characters add a whole new dimension to the story.

I really liked What Price Honour: Merkiaari War Book 2 by Mark E. Cooper and highly recommend this book to all readers

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### **Pilla says**

I loved book 1 so immediately bought book 2. Sadly disappointed. I was hoping for more development of the Shan culture. But it seemed to be more battles, and then more battles.

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### **L.G. III says**

I had received the first book in this series for free and enjoyed it so much that after I finished it I immediately downloaded the sequel. The story picked right up from where we had left it and the action moved forward at breakneck speed. The struggle of the Viper ranks to face humanity's greatest foe is contrasted and balanced with the struggle of the Shan to drive their shared foe from their home-worlds. I really enjoyed the action as well as the style that the book was written in. When I finished this book I again was so entertained that I immediately downloaded the third book in the series. A truly enjoyable story.

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