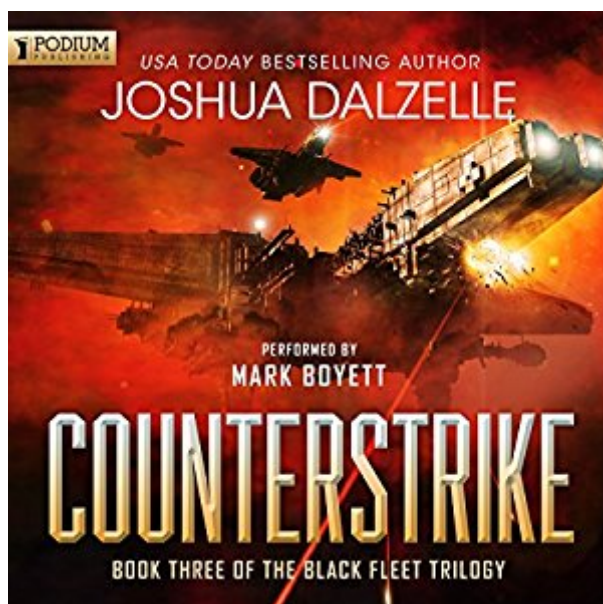


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Synopsis

Captain Jackson Wolfe never thought he'd see the end of the Phage War in his lifetime. The enemy was too powerful, too numerous, and utterly determined to exterminate humanity. But the appearance of a new ally in the fight has changed all of that. For the first time since the original incursion, Wolfe thinks that maybe there's a chance to stop their implacable enemy before they have the chance to wipe out any more human planets. That opportunity comes at great cost, however, and even as he makes plans for their first offensive move on the Phage, Jackson is all too aware that most of them will not survive.

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Customer Reviews

Outstanding conclusion to Mr. Dalzelle's trilogy. Tight pacing moved the story along nicely. Our intrepid (but rebellious) captain Jackson Wolfe once again finds himself in harms way and has to make some tough decisions to fight a war with the Phage that is seemingly impossible to win. I really enjoyed this trilogy and read through this final book in one sitting. I read a lot of science fiction so come across quite a few duds. This book (and trilogy in general) is not one of them. Start with the first book, though otherwise you will be totally lost.

Captain Jackson Wolfe still commands a modern and powerful new class of destroyer. In the last book he met up with envoys from an alien species that would help them battle the Phage that was destroying mankind's planets. While help was coming it was being spoon feed in such a way as

not to empower Humans with the technology that was thousands if not millions of years beyond our understanding. Plans were put in place for the ultimate battle and a strategy to completely cripple the Phage mentality. In typical Jackson Wolfe style he believes the human fleet is being mislead into a battle that will destroy all of their armada and he going in a different direction to kill the Phage's core mentality. Is he wrong or is he right? Does he even have the capability to accomplish his goal and save humanity or has he simply deserted the fleet during the time that they needed his leadership the most? [This is the third and final book of this Black Fleet series. It is an excellent story. Each of the books in this series was, IMHO, better than the preceding book. I enjoyed the work of this author and his writing and storyline matches my favorite genre of books. There is plenty of good Sci-Fi in the book and interesting characters. The imagination that the author put into the story was very good and I couldn't put the book down. I rated it at 5 stars. I do recommend that you read the series in order as the storyline and the character development progresses throughout the series and keeps building upon previous events.

Very well written interesting series of books. I was taken by book one and very sad at the ending. Took me some time to find books 2 and 3, but I'm glad I did. Very good military sci-fi with lots of great characters, technical devices and of course the big bad enemy. Fun reading, long story that kept me going and going. Thank you, I look forward to more great stories by this very fine author.

Overall, I'd say: predictable and bland. It's only truly disappointing since Warship (book 1) was so very, very good. Warship was basically one person's struggle to overcome a lot of issues, both technical and personal, you just don't normally see in Sci Fi. The writer did an excellent job of likewise turning the ship itself into a main character, while deftly avoiding becoming too technical or too unrealistic. You really cared about all of it! But then... well, the second and third books simply put us in orbit with Honor Harrington, John "Black Jack" Geary, and all the other Captain Kirks floating around in an advanced ship with a perfect crew and virtually omniscient skills. Yawn! He even tosses in the requisite "deus ex technica" whenever needed, like a 10 year old entering cheat codes for their favorite video game. There's no tension or suspense, and the MASH formula (where the senior officers / leaders / politicians are all inept or corrupt) is unrelenting. In short, the first book was a labor of love; these two feel more like a contractual obligation. Not bad... but similar to how latest Hobbit trilogy felt after the triumph of LOTR.

Jackson is still Captain of the Aries. We find out more about Col Blake and his purpose in the war.

Setsi is a construct that gets Jackson think about the much larger picture. There are still some minor grammar errors (mood instead of moon) but ties up loose ends nicely. It is a good and I recommend it!

I truly enjoyed reading this series and I did one right after the other. I hated for it to end but, the ending was perfect and that is something you don't say to often. The development of characters and action kept you wanting more. So, go ahead buy the series and settle in for a really good read.

I just finished the third book in the trilogy. It pretty much "feels" the same as the first 2. Again (fro the third time), having been an avid science fiction reader, listener and viewer for more than 55 years, I found this writer/book to be somewhat derivative. The bright spot is that the author seems to have found a good editor. The number of misspellings, grammatical errors, and typos has decreased tremendously and this third book now rates 3-stars. Bottom line, I will have to be seriously in need of reading material to read more of his books.

This is a good third book to the trilogy, but as a few others have posted, felt a bit rushed at the very end. I only had one real gripe with the story, and it is big enough to change my perception a bit, but the main character was treated like yesterdays garbage at the end. [possible spoiler here] Career, love interest (?), friends all seemingly gone. I don't understand how incorrect decisions from a corrupt admiral are okay, but actions that saved humanity are not. The authors treatment seemed a little heavy handed.

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