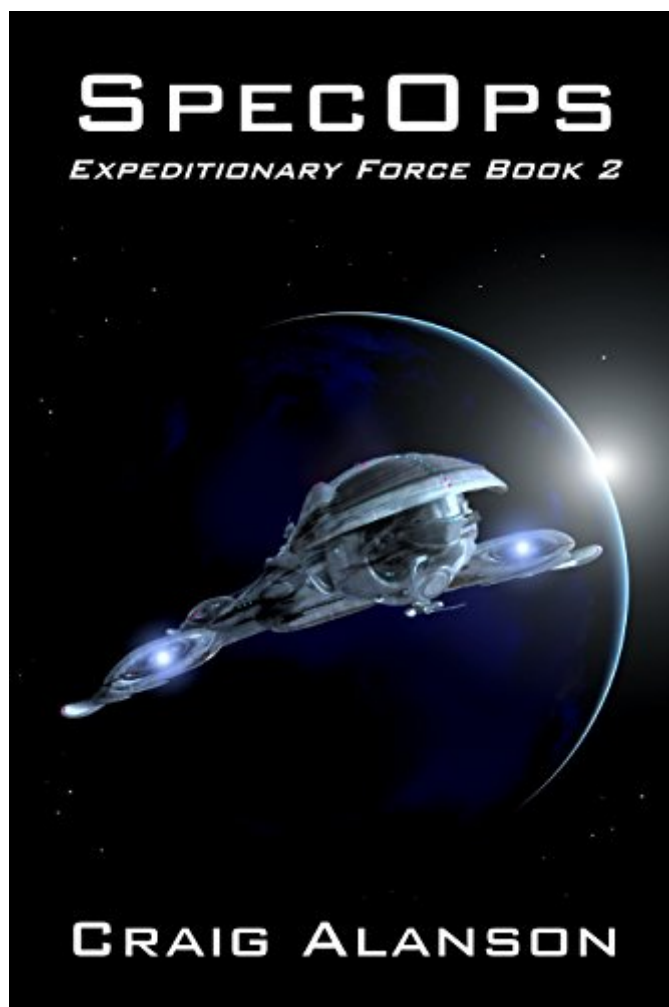


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I am giving this book an excellent review, although it is rife with typos. The plot is simple(ish) and the writing style bizarre, but the characters are hilarious and the book has no DRM. I will warn that many tropes are used (although I personally don't mind much), the biggest being that the AI is nearly all-powerful. Since he is a remnant of an advanced race (of course long departed and no one else understands them!), this does make some sense. For example, he has the ability to hack any computer nearly instantly (or faster), but this can be explained by the fact that the aliens all have stolen their tech from the next-higher tier of alien, without understanding or modifying it much, while humanity is simply not advanced enough to use anything challenging yet. This results in a science

fiction story where humanity is not even remotely the star of the show, even while it is still the main point of view. The premise is that humanity, with no native star-faring technology whatsoever, just got ambushed by warfare by proxy between impossibly powerful alien races. None of the races are more than neutral to humanity, but in the previous book, a certain set of coincidences has resulted in an Elder AI having been gifted (inflicted would be more accurate) to humanity. Given that it is self-described as a horrible person, this has not always been free of friction. One of the many amusing interactions between it and the captain of the stolen alien starship resulted in an edited address to the crew that shows a monkey superimposed on said captain's image.

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