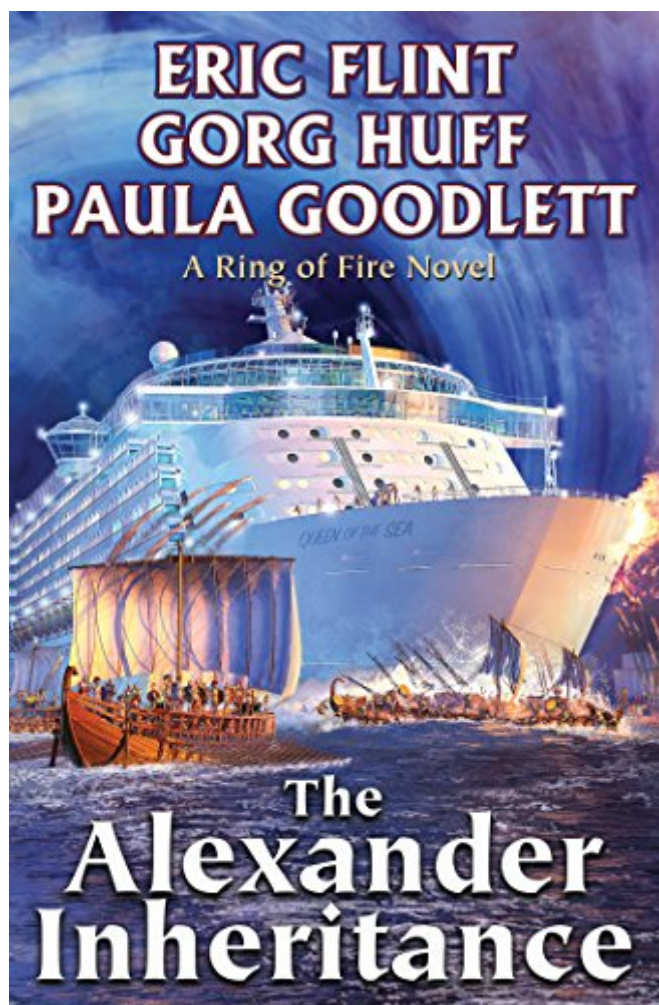


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Synopsis

NEW TIME TRAVEL ALT. HISTORY FROM A MASTER: Flint's Ring of Fire and Boundary series have proved him to be a master of time travel alternate history. Here then, a new tale of persons displaced in time, fighting for their lives. Twice before, mysterious cosmic catastrophes have sent portions of the Earth across space and back in time—first, with the Grantville Disaster in West Virginia, and then again with a maximum security prison in southern Illinois. Now, the planet is struck with yet another such cataclysm, whose direct impact falls upon the Queen of the Sea, a cruise ship in the Caribbean. When the convulsions subside, the crew and passengers of the ship discover that they have arrived in a new and frightening world. They are in the Mediterranean now, not the Caribbean. Still worse, they discover that the disaster has sent them more than two thousand years back in time. Following the advice of an historian among the passengers, Marie Easley, they sail to Egypt—or, at least, where they hope Egypt will be. Sure enough, Egypt is there—ruled over by Ptolemy, the founder of the Ptolemaic dynasty and one of Alexander the Great's chief generals. Alexander the Great, it turns out, died just two years ago. The western world has just entered what would become known as the Hellenistic Period of history, during which time Greek civilization would spread around the Mediterranean and beyond. But the first fifty years of the Hellenistic Period was the Age of Diadochi—the Time of the Successors—when Alexander's empire would collapse into chaos. By the time the Successors finished their strife, every single member of Alexander's dynasty would be murdered and only three of the generals who began that civil war would still be alive. That is the new world in which the Queen of the Sea finds itself. Can Marie Easley and Captain Lars Flodden guide the crew and passengers through this cataclysm? Fortunately, they have some help: a young Norwegian ship's officer who forms an attachment to Alexander's widow; a French officer who is a champion pistol marksman; a canny Congressman from Utah—and, most of all, many people of the time who are drawn to a vision of the better world of the future. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Eric Flint's Ring of Fire series: "This alternate history series is a landmark—Booklist "[Eric] Flint's 1632 universe seems to be inspiring a whole new crop of gifted alternate historians." Booklist "reads like a technothriller set in the age of the Medicis." Publishers Weekly Eric Flint is a modern master of alternate history fiction, with over three million books in print. He's the author/creator of the multiple New York Times best-selling Ring of Fire series starting with first novel 1632. With David Drake he has

written six popular novels in the “Belisarius” alternate Roman history series, and with David Weber collaborated on 1633 and 1634: The Baltic War, as well as the Honorverse series entry Cauldron of Ghosts. Flint’s latest Ring of Fire novel is 1636: The Ottoman Onslaught. Flint was for many years a labor union activist. He lives near Chicago, Illinois.

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Customer Reviews

Fans of the 1632 series will enjoy this new series. Most of the action is about the politics that is happening about the collapse of Alexander's Empire. So 1632 fans were given a taste of the technology transfer, religious issues, personal issues etc story lines to be developed later. Lots of space for other authors to fill in those things in the Grantville Gazette. I will have to do a lot of reading to learn about this era. This book easily could have been expanded into 3 volumes on its own. So I am really looking forward to future stories. There is such a different technology base from 1632 that it's going to be a lot of fun. As I have read several books written by cruise ship crew, I and

even more excited about this series. There are so many potential storylines that I am really excited.

This is another excellent story based on the "Ring of Fire" "GENRE" which mixes "real" history with science fiction. I really like these stories, but I hate to get one that is left hanging, sort of like the Saturday "Serials" that always ended with a "Cliff Hanger" and you better not miss next Saturday or you will never know how the hero got out of getting killed! It would not be so bad, but I hate to wait a year or more for the next book. Too many of these books follow the TV "Lost in Space" serial and never end, but just never end, but disappear. I have at least five or more different series that I am reading that are a year or more since the last edition.

Really good read. Could have used a bit more historical research on the Hellenistic army of alexander's time, though. Alexander's father blew the Greek hoplite armies out of the water. His solders were called various names--'peltast', 'phalangite', and others. The book says the Macedonians didn't like the Greeks so calling the Macedonian soldier a hoplite is a boo-boo. Picky, I know. But I read the book twice just because it was that much fun. When is the next book coming out?

Decent way to spend your time if your part of the 1632 bunch-- I am. Too many personalities too little explored. Ease of adapting to new circumstances unbelievable. Actions of uptimers unbelievable. "The Viennese Waltz" was a MUCH better read. You two make a good team but need to do better next time guys.

It was a continuation of the other back in time stories . It was a bit confusing the characters but once you understood that the plot was easy to follow. I would recommend it if you enjoy the ring of fire I would recommend this if you enjoy the ring of fire .

Always excellent and entertaining book from the folks that gave us the Ring of Fire series. In this offshoot, a big tourist liner gets shifted in time to the world made by Alexander the Great. Very fun to read.

Am incredible story that had me turning pages as fast as I could absorb the contents. I'm just grateful that I'm on medical leave so I could devote every minute to reading this book in one big gulp. Clearly it is meant as the first in a series as there are multiple threads left unresolved. I will

eagerly await the sequels.

It's a good book with a universe that has a lot of potential. It could get bogged down with the times, but I can see many possible volumes in this set that are entertaining!

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