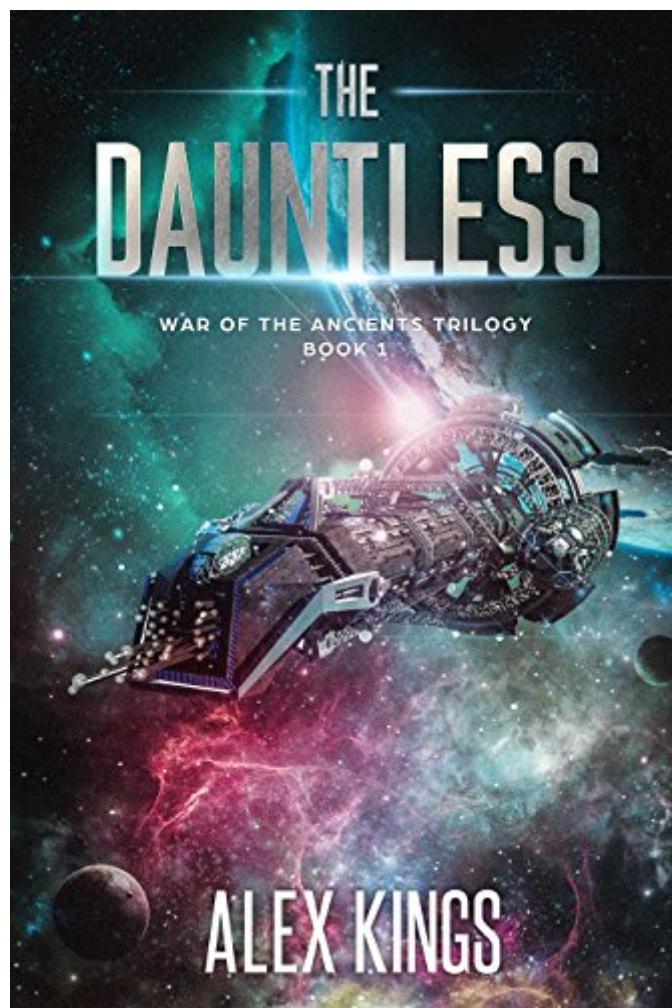


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Synopsis

An alien fugitive carrying a secret. A mob of relentless assassins sent to stop her. A million-year-old ship from a dead civilisation. Captain James Hanson of the Solar Alliance Vessel Dauntless knows he has to help. But soon he finds the conspiracy goes deeper than he ever imagined. Hunted down by his own government, he scrapes together a ragtag team and goes hunting for the truth. He's hounded on every side – from the authorities, from alien warriors, from mysterious, faceless soldiers. From the criminal backwaters of the galaxy to idyllic colonies hiding dark pasts, he uncovers a threat to the entire galaxy. A damaged, renegade ship and its unlikely crew of fugitives, mercenaries, and principled officers is all that stands between mankind and its destruction.

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So I got this through Kindle unlimited because the author is part of a group I belong to. Fellow authors and wanna be authors have to support each other and you can always learn if you are willing to take the time. It started a little slow and the captain did some questionable things, to begin with. However, that was quickly offset by the action and believable characters. It took me a couple

of days to read it because of Real Life however it was worth reading and I am looking forward to the next one.

Good read, looking forward to the series , flawed characters in a flawed universe equals enjoyable space opera . I would like to see more of the crews back story in the next book

This is one of the better space opera books I have read via Kindle Unlimited. The book starts slowly as the author paints a picture of his universe and introduces the key characters. The hero, Captain James Hanson, reminded me of another starship captain named James - in a good way, complete with interactions with a by-the-book XO. The universe has many aliens and the book was a lot of fun, especially during the second half after we had a feel for the characters and the author could focus on the action. Unlike most kindle books, this one was also well edited. My only nitpick was that the villains had no good reason for being villains - given the universe, they probably could have been mostly honest with the human government and achieved their goals without using the thuggish behavior that exposed them. But powerful people can certainly make mistakes too and the book was very entertaining.

Full disclosure - I served as a beta reader in exchange for a copy of the book. That being said, I don't know the author, I just did it to get a decent sci-fi novel. And guess what? It was! So here's the deal - the first half of the book or so feels a bit like a Next Generation episode. It's a little rough - the author is clearly trying to establish things and differentiate characters with mixed success. It lagged a bit for me. BUT the second half of the book felt more like Mass Effect (high praise from me) and gave me that sense of wonder and discovery I associate with truly excellent science fiction. I mean, come on, there's a space station made out of a giant dead alien. How freaking sweet is that? Overall, I think the author has some room to grow, but for a debut novel, I really enjoyed it - I will definitely be back for more. There's plenty more to see in this new universe.

When reading space opera, we look for conflict. Not just in the universe, but among the humans and aliens we encounter. Right away, we see internal conflict, between the new Captain and his first officer, over a choice to protect the defenseless who beg for asylum, and it only gets more intense from there. The book does a wonderful job of giving flawed characters time to breathe and come alive, really showing us the depth beyond the facade, which is where so many authors fail. If you read the first chapter, you'll be hooked into finishing the book. It never stops, and it understands

where to pause for reflection, to help keep us involved in wanting resolution and victory for our plucky protagonists. This is good space opera at its best.

Enjoyed reading this book. Found a higher than expected number of grammar errors, even allowing for dialect differences between British and American spellings. But if you ignore what the proof readers missed, it is a pretty good story that will keep you entertained for hours.

This book is packed with action. Starts out fast and doesn't really slow down to much. Good group of characters, there is humor in the start, that will have you laughing. I highly recommend this book to anyone that loves sci-fi.

Could use some more universe-building, more details about cultures, races, and alliances, but it's very much worth a read. Very fun characters and excellent pacing.

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