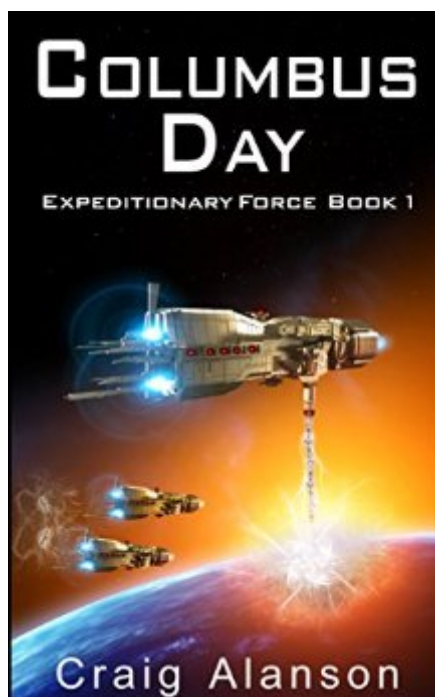# Columbus Day (Expeditionary Force Book 1)

Synopsis

We were fighting on the wrong side, of a war we couldn't win. And that was the good news.The Ruhar hit us on Columbus Day. There we were, innocently drifting along the cosmos on our little blue marble, like the native Americans in 1492. Over the horizon come ships of a technologically advanced, aggressive culture, and BAM! There go the good old days, when humans only got killed by each other. So, Columbus Day. It fits.When the morning sky twinkled again, this time with Kristang starships jumping in to hammer the Ruhar, we thought we were saved. The UN Expeditionary Force hitched a ride on Kristang ships to fight the Ruhar, wherever our new allies thought we could be useful. So, I went from fighting with the US Army in Nigeria, to fighting in space. It was lies, all of it. We shouldn't even be fighting the Ruhar, they aren't our enemy, our allies are.I'd better start at the beginning....

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Customer Reviews

I checked this book out using my KU account and from the title did not expect much. Oh how wrong I was.This book is an absolute gem. It has all the cliche story lines; a soldier on leave gets caught up in an alien invasion, the soldier fights back, the Earth is saved by another alien race, the soldier

signs up to go fight the invaders for their new alien friends. Ho-hum. yawn, been there read that, but wait...suddenly totally new, never before scenes start to pop-up. You get an inkling when Barney (yes the horrible purple dinosaur from childrens TV) makes an appearance.From there you are taken along on an hilarious ride of non-stop action, jokes, impossible situations, prison breaks, stealing a spaceship; etc; etc. All fun, fast paced and well written.Then there is Skippy....'nuf said!Be cautious though, if you have a problem with the F word, skip this book. Same thing for anyone who cannot deal with coarse language, some gutter humor and are looking for hard science. But, for anyone that has been 21, and/or been in the military and been in situations you didn't understand, but just went with the flow, this book is for you.Thanks for a great book Craig and for putting it on Kindle Unlimited, I probably wouldn't have read COLUMBUS DAY otherwise...

Has some parts that drag and if you're a typo nerd, stay away. But, I read to be entertained and this was entertaining and somewhat funny to boot. Unfortunately, it took awhile to get to the humorous part so you need to hang in there. And if you're a technology or combat analyst or a feminist who needs KA females as minor MCs minimally, read something else. There's so much BS out there, it's hard to find anything close to real and author kept it real, didn't sacrifice for political correct like majority of SF writers do.One of the better points of the story is the MC is an enlisted soldier who gets in way over his head. No super hero, no special powers, no great intellect nor MOH type personality. Just some good old common sense and the type of character and bravery you'd expect from a good infantryman . If you can stomach that and can chuckle some ......

I have to admit that I don't usually read this kind of book but the blurb and the cover caught my eye. And I'm glad I read it. The main character, Joe, really pulls you in. He's a decent guy with a good sense of humor that he uses to get him thru some really bad situations. When Skippy comes along, that sense of humor is really tested and the story really gets interesting. I found myself totally involved in the story and read it in two sittings which is odd for me.... too many distractions. The book stands alone well but obviously leaves room for a sequel. I'll be waiting for it! Hope it doesn't take too long, Craig!!

It's rare that I can't wait to get my hands on the next book but Columbus Day leaves the reader wanting more. The only negative I have is the first few chapters were,, not as good as the rest of the book. In the first chapters the author spends too much ink examining military life that most people, including myself, simply don't care about. It got in the way of telling the story. Given that negative

the book still gets four stars from me and if you like sci-fi space opera you'll love this one.

I was a little hesitant to get this book, but it is a good price and I said why not. I was surprised to see a great story that kept me reading past when I should have been doing something else. The characters are great, the interaction between them is very well done. The story flows and as someone else said it is not about a guy with super powers. Just some grunt who gets above his head and hs to work through his problems. It did a very good job of keeping entertained. I really hope another comes out soon.For the editorial inclined I'd say only that there was nothing noticeable to me. But I don't look for it, and many KU books and self published books that's hard thing to accomplish now days. Normally there is at least a bunch of grammer and spelling issues I can't help but notice but this one I did not. That's a very large step up from most.

Columbus Day is a light-hearted military sci-fi novel, which pits a bungling Army grunt against a host of alien enemy - and Earth's survival is at stake. The novel is long, but always interesting, and is full of military jargon and sarcasm.

This book made me laugh.. I liked the way the story unfolds and doesn't wear down the reader with all the technical jargon (wouldn't fit in with the way the story is written). A few typos and I don't know if it was just my copy or not but towards the end, several pages repeated. The story ends with a logical end leaving it open for more. Not the cliff hanger like so many others end with. I look forward to the next book. I hope the author can keep the style and pace.

There's some good stuff in this book, but then it goes a bit south when the author tries to get specific about things that can be verified (or really, remembered as different). Some decisions involving a joint agreement just wouldn't have been made as suggested in the book. For instance, you've got a bunch of enemy in an underground bunker. The enemy has no useful weapons. Do you bomb them or let them just rot down there? Answer is easy. The book starts with aliens attacking earth, and earth banding to go fight the aliens in retribution. That's when the troubles come in and moral conundrums are introduced. The second half is almost a new book because we think things are going to move in a reasonably understandable way when all of a sudden the author introduces us to a magical talking beer can. Suddenly a bunch of piratical paramecium start taking over alien space ships, and blowing up alien space stations. All in the name of rescuing earth from the aliens. It seems as if all the moral conundrums are revisited with a different answer. After that is

done, we prepare to fulfill promises, rescue trapped earrhlings, and what's been left unsaid (forgotten?) Is get back with an old girl friend. Preparations complete we leave to meet up with what is left of ancient astronauts (if they exist). Stay tuned for the next episode. The author tries to adopt humor, but forgets about it when things get serious. There are also strange editing problems that seen to come and go. Somewhere around 80% everything just blows up with incomplete ideas, sentences, and paragraphs. There was one whole page of run on sentences. For the most part these problems were isolated, but when they happened, it was like a dam breaking. If the author would do a find and replace of was and replace with were, he'd reduce the number of editing errors. I still like the story, and I'll read the next installment.

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