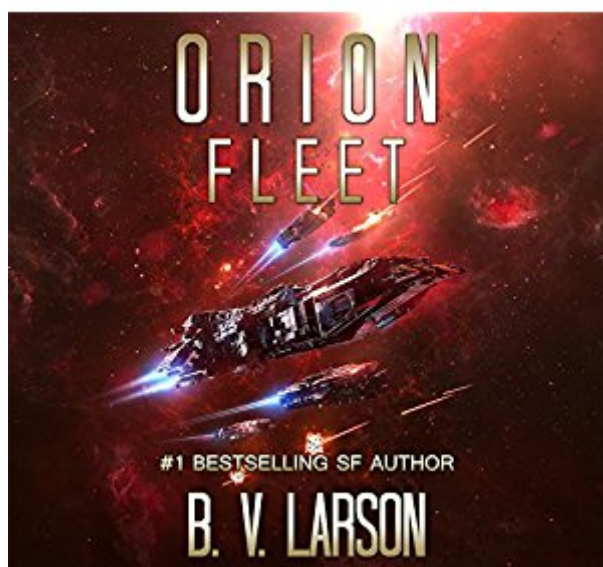


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Synopsis

What enemy could be more terrifying than a soulless, alien machine? A year ago the Kher Empire was forced to retreat, but they were not beaten. In Orion Fleet, they return with a new weapon. A huge ship driven by AI begins methodically grinding inhabited worlds to dust. This unstoppable enemy is without fear or remorse, and the Rebels begin a desperate battle just to slow its advance. Leo Blake takes Earth's first warship into space to find a counter to this deadly new attack. The Imperial Fleets take notice of Earth's interference, and they're intent upon revenge. Even if he wins, Blake might have doomed our homeworld. Orion Fleet is the second book in the Rebel Fleet series, military SF by best-selling author B. V. Larson.

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Customer Reviews

In "Rebel Fleet", Blake not only led Earth's lone contribution to the Rebel Alliance against the Imperials, he sort of stole the Hammerhead (spacecraft) for Earth to reverse engineer. The new ship is stealth-ified as a pulse ship, which is tremendously useful even if considered highly dishonorable by the Kher, and the first part of the book is focused on getting Blake around the bureaucratic obstacles that don't fully appreciate his unique experience in space combat. Blake is brave, smart, loyal, and knows something about how things work among the Kher, for instance, the status points that are earned in personal combat among one's fellow Kher and that can lead to promotion or demotion in rank. Blake is also cunning and manipulative, traits that are mostly absent among the Kher, helping him to "play" those both above and below him and also leading to some very amusing

showdowns with his commander, Admiral Fex. The latter portion of the book is about the problem of the Hunter, an enormous planet-devouring AI-driven machine that threatens the home planet of the Ral, where you may recall we last saw the wonderful cat-girl Mia. If you are a fan of Mr. Larson, start this series now!

I enjoyed Orion Fleet even more than the first book in the Rebel Fleet series and I have bumped it up from 4 stars to 5. Leo Blake, as per-usual, is getting up to all sorts of hijinks in this book as he comes up with a series of wacked out plans to rid the Rebel worlds of the latest Imperial incursion: an AI controlled ship called Hunter which is chowing through Rebel worlds, quite literally. Using his insider knowledge of Rebel tactics and nature, he is able to manipulate the Rebel Fleet into going along with his 'outlandish' (from the Rebel Fleet leaders' perspective, at least) ideas in order to resolve the problem. I really like the character of Leo Blake - he's savvy, smart and underneath the manipulative exterior, is a guy who does care about the people around him. You might say, it is his ability to manipulate events and people around him, which helps him and his fellow humans survive the rigours of being a part of the Rebel Fleet as they face off against the much stronger Imperial Fleet. I also, as I said in my previous review (see Rebel Fleet Book 1), really like the way Larson has created the Rebel Fleet ranking structure - it feels very alien and in a weird way it makes sense (a point you get after Minister Shug explains it Leo towards the end of Orion Fleet). With great characters, an interesting future setting, a fun and entertaining plot-line, it's hard not to enjoy this series overall - I definitely recommend it and can hardly wait for the next book :)

A great sequel! I liked it even better than the first one (Rebel Fleet). Leo Blake is a fascinating character, and I like the way the author made him (strong, smart, leader). I always found myself cheering for him, and hoping that he'd outsmart everyone! I loved the way Leo deals with the Earth leadership once he returns from his first assignment with the Rebel Fleet. I am really, REALLY hoping for a continuation of this series! (Please?)

Great story. Both books in series are great. Orion Fleet is second book and continues with fast action, really strange but interesting military rank obtained by physical combat, and cunning women. Looking forward to next book.

Nice storyline and good combat descriptions considering space is so vast BV manages to jump around the universe and make it sound plausible like jumping in a car and driving into town. Well

done, can't wait for the next book. I'll be on the pre buy list as soon as I know it's in the works.

The second in the series is as good as the first one. Blake continues his devious-monkey ways. He gets reactivated and continues to confound the Rebel fleet. Blake's gift of gab and fast thinking is put to the test. This is a very enjoyable series and I definitely want another book in this series!

If you are picking a Larson book for the first time, this is your lucky day! All of his series are great. Pick one and enjoy. The swarm series is still my favorite followed closely by the UNDYING MERCENARIES series.

Very good follow up and expansion of the plot. Leo and company had a tough time but came through in the end. Not a spoiler alert really. Looking forward to book 3 to see where the storyline goes next.

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