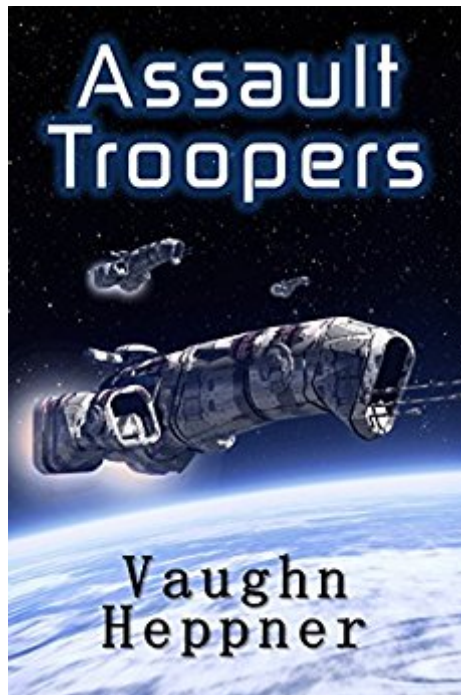




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Synopsis

The Earth died when aliens rained thermonuclear warheads on her cities and sprayed the surface with a bio-terminator. A deadly poison drifted to every corner of the planet, threatening the last survivors with annihilation. For a soldier in Antarctica like Creed, there is only one way to keep breathing untainted air. He must join the Jelk Corporation as an assault trooper, leaving the planet for outer space. In return for his and other people's services, the Jelk will house the last humans for as long as the assault troopers keep winning. For the price of living and the chance to save humanity, Creed has to wear a shock chip in his neck "Jelk discipline is harsh" and he has to don a symbiotic battlesuit that feeds off his sweat. Human life is cheap in the vast alien war. The assault troopers are little more than suicide soldiers, but for humanity to escape extinction, they must survive. But Creed didn't agree to the bargain in order to remain a dog to the aliens. He has a plan, and he'll need all his cunning to beat the extraterrestrials and begin the road to freedom for the human race.

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Sorry, this review is a bit rough. No offense intended, but I feel the need to inform other potential

buyers of some aspects of this novel that I didn't care for very much. I like a good come-from-behind sf story, and I got part of that from this novel. Enough to keep me reading to the end, but just barely. Here's my litany of complaints:

1. The author indulges in too much wish-fulfillment, with a protagonist that is simultaneously a military genius (out of nowhere), a history buff (with a tossed-off explanation of "read a lot in prison"), and bad-ass hand-to-hand combat expert.
2. The novel struggles to maintain a consistent narrative arc-- themes and details disappear and reappear at odd times. The "love interest" (if you can call her that) hardly knows the protagonist exists, and though she was born apparently on a spaceship, seems to have a patriotic feeling towards the Earth-- for no reason.
3. The dialogue is pretty stilted, and almost never sounded to me like how people like this would actually talk.
4. The author seems to have the idea that "savant" scientists are a thing. Either he failed to describe an idea well enough to get it across, or he's laboring under the misconception that his readers will "just know" what he's talking about.
5. But the most egregious issue I have with the author is his frequent appropriation of imagery from popular-- and recent-- movies. I don't mean that he describes the scenes from these references; rather, he will say "surrounded them like the aliens from Aliens" or "swarmed like the aliens coming out of the wormhole in the Avengers movie". (Those aren't direct quotes, but the language is very similar.)

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