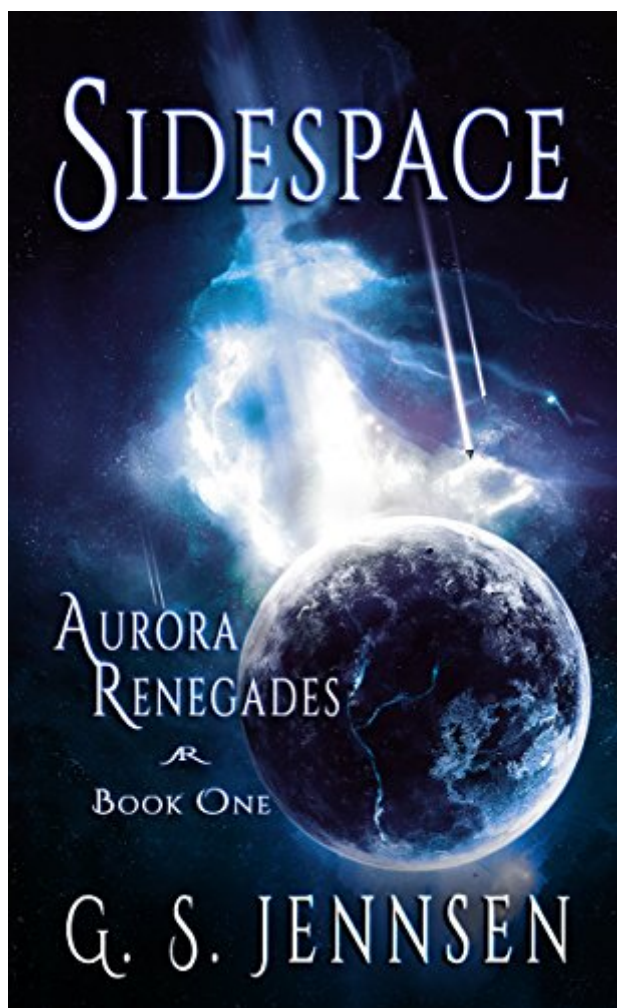


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Synopsis

Humanity is saved. But its troubles are just beginning. To achieve their extraordinary triumph over the invading Metigen armada, humanity put aside its myriad of political and social conflicts and united against a common foe intent on annihilating civilization. In victory, unparalleled peace and prosperity are theirs for the taking--if they can keep hold of them. When the secrets behind the daring plan that defeated the Metigens begin to escape the shadows, the very people who won the war find their lives in danger. Facing anti-synthetic terrorists who want them dead, power-hungry politicians who want them chained, and a rapidly dwindling number of people they can trust, the Prevos--human/synthetic meldings who shouldn't exist--must take their fate into their own hands, and with it the fates of everyone.

51 Portals. 51 Universes. One mysterious gateway connecting them all. In *Aurora Rising*, humanity discovered it was not alone--but few grasp the true magnitude of the discovery. Intent on learning the purpose behind the Metigens' elaborate multiverse network, Alex Solovy, Caleb Marano and Valkyrie embark on a gripping journey through the network's portals, each one leading to a universe not their own. In a mosaic of spaces inhabited by fantastical aliens and worlds both beautiful and deadly, they will be forced to question everything they thought they knew, including the nature of life itself. *It is a time of accelerating technological change and shifting allegiances as the old rules fall away and the old balance of power is upended. A new world rises--one of unshackled AIs, indestructible starships, ethereal quantum spaces and potent new weapons--and the race is on to determine who will control its future.

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Customer Reviews

I strongly urge potential readers to NOT "start off" with this excellent novel unless you have first read the three books in what formed the "original" trilogy (Aurora Rising) of this continuing series. While the original trilogy began a bit slow in Volume -1 ... taking several chapters to establish the main characters and extensive main plot, it steadily and unerringly picked up the pace through the conclusion of Volume -3. This the 4th volume in the series also contains solid action, original thinking and excellent creativity - plus some GREAT philosophy involving 'the concept of god, consciousness and sentience.' My main reason for not rating this 4th book 5-Star is that it ended very abruptly, giving fresh meaning to the expression "cliff-hanger" and leaving we readers almost mid-sentence, where we will all remain until the 5th book in the series is in print. Unfortunately Volume 5 isn't even available yet to pre-order at the date of this review ... OR I WOULD HAVE ORDERED IT !!!

Whereas Transcendence was the finale to the first arc of this story, it is clear that Sidespace has set us on a new and exciting trajectory! Sidespace hits hard with the science fiction (nearly fantasy) elements in this installment. We get to know various alien life forms, some that are similar enough to relate to, while others are foreign in the extreme. Each species is well thought out and magnificently portrayed. On the Aurora side of things, we get to see the fall out and repercussions of the war and invasion. Peace does not seem as certain as it might have right after the events of Transcendence. The Prevos very clearly become the focus of this side of the story. As they continue to evolve, the opposition to them grows stronger. Different factions have different and conflicting goals regarding the Prevos. I am dying for the next installment!

By this point, if your not a fan of the first 3 books, your not going to read this one. but man, was it

spectacular. I'm constantly amazed at how much I enjoy the politics, because that really isn't my thing. But put aliens, AI, and space into it, and it's a piece of an amazing puzzle. Great book. These are the few books that I pay full price for Audible, and I get my money's worth.

Sidespace: Aurora Renegades was a thoroughly absorbing read that had me from the start. I loved the first trilogy, *Aurora Rising* and I'm already loving the continuation of the Aurora universe with this new and latest offering in the series. G.S. Jenness has envisioned a future where humanity is connected to the computer network and I mean literally. Jenness has extrapolated our increasing 21st century reliance on our smartphones and the like to a world where people can up-grade and enhance their own bodies through new 'ware' - legal or illegal and where children are given their first implants relatively young. Previous readers of the first trilogy will know that Jenness has taken computer connectiveness to a dazzling new level with the creation of the 'Prevos' - human and AI connectiveness at the quantum level. Just as there are people in the 21st century who express concern over our reliance on technology, so too do some humans in the far-flung future that Jenness has created. In *Sidespace* the Prevos are targeted by a terrorist organisation that fears the human mind linking with an artificial one. They make a play at grabbing Devon who is linked to the Annie AI. However, the terrorist organisation are not the only ones targeting the Prevos - the Oversight committee for military projects in the Alliance are seeking to control the technology and on the colony world of New Babel - home to a number of criminal cartels - Olivia, head of one of the cartels is trying to become a Prevo. All is not looking good for the tenuous relationship between the Alliance and Senecan governments either as political intrigue and greed get the better of some in highly placed government positions. Meanwhile, Caleb and Alex are exploring the Portal Worlds - a series of pocket universes accessed through the portal network. They come across some astounding worlds and alien species and come to some disturbing conclusions about the Metigens (they are the aliens from the previous series who nearly destroyed humanity) influence over the pocket universe. Overall, Jenness has written a novel that both dazzles and astounds the mind of the reader and I really, really loved the book as much as I did the first trilogy. It is exciting, well written, has well developed characters, has a great plot and is set in a unique future where all things seem possible, yet very dangerous. *Sidespace* can be read without reading the first trilogy - the author includes a synopsis of what went down in the previous books - though I do recommend new readers begin with the first trilogy. Highly recommended series.

Though *Transcendence* was a neat conclusion to a masterful trilogy, it thankfully left us with a

promise of more to come. Sidespace more than delivers on that promise, furthering the plot threads of a rich, deep cast of characters and tightly weaving them into a fresh and imaginative new adventure that is thoroughly engrossing, utterly enjoyable and, alas, over all too soon despite its 427 page length. I can't wait to read the next book! For fans of space opera, G.S. Jensen is an indispensable treasure, consistently delivering top-notch, big-publisher quality writing at Kindle prices.

i enjoy her books though i wish the 'romance novel' aspects were not part of this series. sci-fi and romance not a good fusion imho. that said i have enjoyed her books so much that i have read all but her published short stories.

This is one of my favorite series of all time! Jensen is a helluva writer, excellent at carrying multiple plot lines with enough action to keep you riveted to the story! This is a plot line I would love to live in! Good guys, bad guys, even the 'aliens' have good and bad guys. I strongly recommend this book. If you didn't start with book one, you will be OK, but you should start at the beginning to get the full effect and flavor! You will like it so much, I'm sure you'll be back at book four in no time! Happy reading!

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