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Synopsis

A fighter pilot on a mission to reunite with her daughter. A cyborg soldier on a quest to regain his humanity. Mortal enemies during the war, they must now work together to salvage a seventy-year-old freighter and navigate the gauntlet of pirates, scavengers, mercenaries, and other pitfalls that stand in their way after the fall of the largest empire mankind has ever known. This set includes: Book 1: Star Nomad Book 2: Honor's Flight Book 3: Starseers The previously unpublished prequel novella Last Command The short story "Starfall Station" Star Nomad was a nominee for the Goodreads Readers' Choice Awards and also made the Top 20 list of Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of 2016. Start the adventure now!

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Customer Reviews

Quirky. Action packed. Funny. Loved it.

First, I have to admit a bias. I "discovered" Lyndsay Buroker when I came across her fantastic The Emperor's Edge steampunk series. She's one of three authors (though there have since been

plenty more) whose work (which I came across around the same time) convinced me that e-published authors could be as good - and often times better - than the books published by the Big Publishing Houses. So, when I saw she was starting a new series, *Fallen Empire*, you just know I had to get it. A number of folks have described this as a mix of *Star Wars* and *Firefly*. It's indeed true that these stories have a similar "feel", and that if you liked those movies and TV series you'll more than likely love the books in this series. Having said that, *Fallen Empire* really does have its own distinctive voice. Well written, with a fascinating unique and action filled plot, with fantastic characters that you're bound to get invested in, this is a truly wonderful series. In fact, the only real downside of buying this boxset is that you're bound to get addicted and then want to buy the remainder of the series! Finally, let's talk numbers. At just under \$10 this boxset is \$2 less than you'd pay if you bought "*Star Nomad*" (book 1), "*Honor's Flight*" (book 2) and "*Starseers*" (book 3) separately. I purchased all of these (as noted, they are that addictive) and would've loved to have had that bargain. Then add in the prequel novella "*Last Command*" (which I think I got from a random Instafreebie offer no longer available - and which I definitely recommend reading before book 1) and the short stories "*Saranth Three*" and "*Starfall Station*", both quite good and I don't think available anywhere else anymore, and this collection is, quite frankly, a steal. Highly recommended.

I purchased each of these books separately because of how awesome this series is! Seriously consider grabbing this collection of the first 3 and also the rest of the series - you won't feel cheated! Here are my reviews for each of the books included in this box set: *Star Nomad*: 4 stars - I enjoyed this book enough that I signed up for the author's newsletter and got the 2nd one in the series to read. I did find Alisa, the main character, a bit naive for a combat pilot but all in all I'm looking forward to seeing where the story goes. *Honor's Flight*: 5 stars - I'm hooked! While the amount of trouble the characters are in seems almost impossible for them to ever be free of...it doesn't matter...I'm in it for the long haul. I'm itching to find out what happens next in these people's lives! *Starseers*: 5 stars - Sad that I now have to wait for the 4th book in the series to be written and published! At least I have book 3.5 to look forward to later this summer... *Last Command*: 3 stars - This is a nice little story that shows a bit of Leonidas' life at the end of the war. Nothing really unexpected happens, basically what could be gleaned from the previous books is just fleshed out. I'm pretty sure I've read the other 2 short stories included, but I think they were each in other collected Anthologies, though I may be wrong about that... Looking at my reviews they are a bit short on fleshing out the stories and why I loved them so much, but I truly did enjoy them and know that

I'll be rereading the series again - the mark of books worth purchasing to me...

This entire series is excellent. It has a strong female protagonist with realistic flaws and motivations, snappy dialogue, believable female friendships, riveting action scenes, genetically engineered dinosaurs, and great world-building. I'm excited to see a bundle with the prologue and side stories included. I had to go through the effort of tracking them down individually, so you're lucky you can get them all in one place. The main characters are well-developed and show strong character growth over the course of the series. Some of the side characters have strong personalities and interesting arcs. A few do not, but they don't detract from the story in any way. In a way, this series feels like watching a great television series that's been edited down from a full season of 22 episodes to 15 essentials. You're getting all of the great story beats, but not every character gets a moment in the spotlight. It's hard to believe that Buroker self-published this entire series. She has excellent writing skills, and her editor is top-notch. I saw one typo in 8 books. She also does not have problems with pacing or unbelievable arcs the way that many self-published novels do. If a friend had given me this series and not told me it was self-published, I would have thought it came from a traditional publishing house. This was the first series I read on Kindle Unlimited, and it spoiled me for other independently released novels -- they simply don't compare to Buroker's quality. The Fallen Empire series might not appeal to you if you love hard science-fiction. In a way, it reads almost more like a fantasy story set in space, especially because space wizards show up about halfway through alongside fantasy tropes like The Chosen One and a quest for a magical artifact. Although I rolled my eyes when the series first went in this direction, Buroker does a great job of turning these generic plot points into a great adventure story. Also, the Fallen Empire has a fun, pulpy feel like Star Wars or Firefly, with more emphasis on being awesome than accurate. There are many scenes where bullets are flying over the heads of the protagonists yet they have time for witty exchanges and character development. There is also a smattering of romance -- around the same level as the Princess Bride or Buffy the Vampire Slayer. The books stay at a PG-13 level in terms of smut. Overall, this is an excellent, highly recommended series for anyone who enjoys adventure novels, kick-ass women, and blowing things up in space.

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