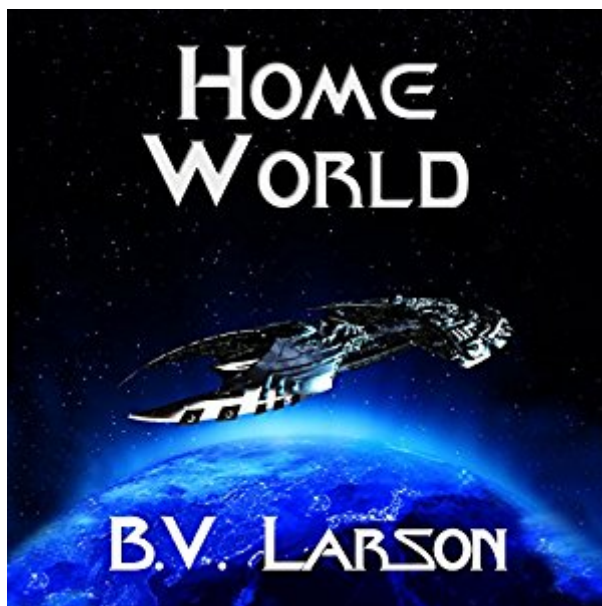


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Synopsis

The Galactics arrived with their Battle Fleet in 2052. Rather than being exterminated under a barrage of hell-burners, Earth joined a vast empire that spanned the Milky Way. When the Earth is invaded by a rival empire, James McGill's legion must defend the Home World. The top brass has complex plans, but none of that matters much to McGill, who chooses his own unique path. Traveling to star systems no human has ever visited, he searches for a technological edge to beat the enemy before it's too late. Along the way he unleashes new terrors, triggering the biggest battles in human history. Home World is the sixth book of the Undying Mercenaries Series, a novel of military science fiction by best-selling author B. V. Larson.

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Customer Reviews

A newly promoted McGill keeps plowing his way through crises that threaten not only him, as in "permed", but everyone on Earth. He disregards orders and sticks to his own code, which includes equal portions of animal cunning, libido, and ferocity. His principles are fairly admirable, and all in all he comes across as sort of a fierce Andy Griffith in space -- his cornpone manner usually leading others to miscalculate his next moves. The cast of characters is the same and stays true to what we already know of them, and the revival machines are given a good workout. As the title suggests, war comes to Earth and teleportation suits are introduced, making things even more complicated than usual. Although McGill is now an Adjunct, the most junior officer rank, he still operates with his old team or even independently. This is a very good series, with action and a kind of dark humor propelling stories of humanity's effort to find a way to survive in a universe populated by older, more

technologically advanced alien races who use genocide as a routine tool to enforce their frequently unfair laws. I have enjoyed every book in the series.

Probably the best story of the Undying Mercenaries series, full of action, plot twists, action, revelations and more action. The character has matured and his behavior has changed, takes a more diplomatic approach in most cases, but deep down inside is the same James we all love and like to read about. Also, the author gave a lot of hints about the Galactic principles of commerce / technology sharing and how they can be manipulated, something I really hope to read more about in his next books.

I love this series. It's a fresh idea and not just another humans vs aliens story. This book puts a new spin on things and hits much closer to home. Earth is in danger and McGill finds himself right in the middle, at the tip of the spear, and the bottom of the totem pole yet again. McGill is a more mature character this time, which just means he carefully thinks about what he's going to do, but usually still does it. Everything you love about the previous books is still there. My one criticism is that it's time for some new characters. Some of the supporting cast and one female antagonist, in particular, are starting to get long in the tooth and interactions predictable and repetitive. That's my only ding on another fine work. Can't wait for the next one!

I have read all of the Undying Mercenaries Series books and really like all of them. I was a little disappointed with the very ending of this book as it may well be the last in the series. It was done in a fashion such that it could be the end but there is an opening to continue it onward. I have come to really like the main character in the series and the overall story line and cast of other characters. I hope the author will do a few more books in this series, If you are a SciFi fan I think you will like this book and the overall series. If you are looking at this book to purchase but haven't read the other books in the series, do yourself a favor and read books 1 thru 5 first (in order). Otherwise you will be sort of lost trying to understand the relationships between the characters and the long-term plot lines. For the author Mr. Larson.. Please continue the series, I need more of McGill.

If you love sci fi stories that play on the concept of character in different ways, then this is a great series for you. Having finished this last book in the series (to date), I am impressed with the author's ability to write a well conceived plot about a man who displays character (in the ethical sense) while at his most irreverent misadventures...thereby calling into question what defines a man's

character. Making the series even more enjoyable are the impish flaws of McGill's personality, which make each book a much more entertaining journey than can be captured by this review. His character portrayal is at times antisocial, other times narcissistic, but always with the best of intentions...leading the reader to ponder on the concept that it is not our faults which define us, but rather what we do with them that gets us ahead...and McGill's smart character does a lot. While some of the characters' names resemble their less heralded attributes (eg. Claver is too clever for his own good, Graves is too grave to dance with the other schemers in the books, yet all the women in the books have proper names), this did not come across as a tacky pun but rather read consistent with McGill's personality and thereby added style, intentional or not. Overall, I found that behind this series' lighthearted facade and romp through sci fi oriented creativity, it also whispers quiet questions to the reader about the nature of character (in the ethical sense), character (in the personality sense), and character (in the development of a style sense). Forgive me if my writing style is thick, I do not have Mr. Larson's playful imaginings...and my estimation of this series is that there is much more to it than meets the eye because his writing is pleasantly understated. Thank you for both a truly enjoyable read, and a subtle gym time for the brain - I enjoyed it thoroughly. Regarding future books, I could see McGill saving the world producing the regeneration machines from annihilation in the galactic wars...and thereby saving Varus, elevating Earth, and providing some good but sloppy times on yet another world in preparation for dealing with the Core Worlds later on...but given what I have read so far, Mr. Larson has the talent to turn vegetables into a controlling command force...I have no doubt that where he takes his readers next will be far better than this musing. I hope he continues this series, as it is a delightful read with swashbuckling adventures...and then some.

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