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An ancient enemy with a billion starships and a trillion soldiers is about to invade our universe?!

A Forerunner artifact? the size of a planet? drifts in hyperspace.? It? has mysteriously gone online,? opening a rip between space-time continuums.? A monstrous? race older than the stones of Earth is? pouring through,? planning to eradicate all life not? its own.

The aliens? in our spiral arm? of the Milky Way Galaxy are in terror of the invaders.? They want? to use? human? assault troopers as ground-pounders in a suicide mission to save our universe.? Humans are little better than beasts anyway,? although the? aliens? know they can fight like hell.? Let the unpredictable Earthlings do the dirty work and battle down to the center of the portal planet:? closing the? rip.? It'?s a commando raid where no one comes back,? and good riddance to them.

Creed understands this is a screw job.? He'?s dealt with these? aliens? before and? beaten them at their own game.? But the stakes are desperately high and the? extraterrestrials? have threatened all humanity if he refuses to stop the monstrous invaders.? So be it.? Creed? has an idea,? a? crazy plan,? and if he'?s right?...?every alien that ever lived?—?in this universe and the next?—?will curse the day they messed with Earth.

## **Planet Strike Details**

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## **From Reader Review Planet Strike for online ebook**

### **Kenneth Legnon says**

I enjoyed the book and getting ready for the next one.

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### **Peter says**

#### **Good Read**

An entertaining read. The author does a good job of keeping repetition between books in the series to a minimum.

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### **Mike (the Paladin) says**

I told you in my review of the first book didn't I? Didn't I say the one's "behind" wiping out Earth would be sorry they didn't finish the job and get all the humans?

Well, they are though things haven't gone as maybe most of us expected. With military science fiction action mixed in with first contact, origin ideas, semi-religious plot lines tied in with political and military action lines this could have gotten bogged down easily. It didn't however. While the book is not completely character driven the main characters will become familiar to you and they will "act as they would act".

In other words no one suddenly becomes some one else. Our main character does some developing and maturing while not becoming someone else. The aliens are interesting if not totally original.

Also while playing with religious beliefs so far he's been at least respectful to "all involved".

For your peace of mind we do have a rabidly atheist character so the atheists among you can take comfort.

I like this, plan to follow it up, recommend it.

Enjoy.

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### **Mike Nemeth says**

My head was still in space opera mode when I noticed Vaughn Heppner had penned a sequel to "Assault Troopers," a fast-action world-is-taken-over-by-aliens novel. "Planet Strike" follows the exploits of now Commander Creed, a former con who has taken over his alien master's ship after winning and escaping a huge interstellar battle. He returns to earth to try and save what's left of humanity. But Creed never gets a break. The Lokhars, who look like big bipedal tigers, return with some simian freelancers to finish off all humans. Creed kills off the apes and works a deal with the tigers and winds up in a religious quest for the

meaning of life. Only this one requires a mass amount of death. Heppner turns on the action. Really. Creed is an interesting character who reminds me of a badass version of Harry Harrison's "Bill, the Galactic Hero." The story has one direction: forward. Those who want to contemplate more philosophical stuff need not read this book. Heppner ends the book somewhat suddenly, and I wanted a bit more resolution. But he's got a paragraph that puts my mind at ease. A little anyway. He says, and I paraphrase, "Read this and I'll write another." OK, dude. I'm ready. Here's a review. You're prolific as all hell, but this guy has more to say.

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### **Julian says**

Another fantastic addition to the series. I enjoyed every page. The dialogue is just fantastic between our main character and the various aliens he comes in contact with. The banter with N7 which I loved in the last book wasn't there now that he is an ally but instead it is with the trumped up tiger admirals and the foes he comes across. The forerunner tech, the artefact, the planet, are all really fresh and interesting ideas rather than your run of the mill space or land battle form of space opera. Yes there are a lot of Babylon 5 homages, including the Vorlon ship on the cover, talk of the "first ones" and a similar babylon 5 style hyperspace. The author must be a fan (as am I)

Definitely a 5 star book for me and I cannot wait to get to the third book!

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### **Benjamin Gearhart says**

Okay, I finished this book faster than I thought and am glad I decided to read it! It further builds on the first book in the series with a big surprising twist, and introduce and build several intriguing concept that will make you think, like some parallel concepts of earth and alien race(s).

Onto book 3 of the series now and I can only see things getting more interesting!

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### **Justin says**

This series is epic! I cant fathom people who could give this under 4 stars. Yeah it has spelling mistakes but other then that it is fine story telling.

There seems to be 3 types of sci-fi space opera alien invasion type books.

First you have the John Ringo like Hard sci-fi that has more plausible views on what space technology would be like but i find boring "like 12 hours for a missile to hit" and explaining every piece of tech in detail , then there is somewhere in between hard sci-fi and star trekky nonsense like how this novel plays out and then the unimaginative total implausible type 4 civilization type stuff wich i also dont like.

This series has the perfect balance in my opinion and this is exactly the type of story i like.

There seem too be 4 authors that have the same story telling and same style , Raymond Weil Vaughn Heppner , Ryk Brown , and BV Larson and i love all 4.

Trust me give this series a try , book 1 is so so , book 2 is good and book 3 and 4 are epic

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## **Jenette White says**

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".[Amazon]

Very easy SCI\_FI: World destroying enemy, end of the world, can do hero! You get the picture. The book is like, BV Larson, but so what. Listen via AudioBook Bay, read well and great voice for the hero.

I enjoy the action packed story but easy going hero and no in-depth bedroom scenes. Well written and no surplus words.

I would recommend this book as going to sleep action story, young adults or a distracting story to listen to as you do that unpleasant job. Enjoy

P.S: You have got to love a trilogy!

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## **Luke Darling says**

I love this book and Vaughn's style in particular. It reminds me of the Doom Star Series. I highly recommend.

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## **Htb2050 says**

Wow. This was amazing. The story and world building is so good. The author has given this story a lot of thought.

There aren't any boring parts for the first page to the last. You get into the action right from the beginning and it lasts till the end. Most 2nd books in the series are usually fillers or just flops. Others could learn a thing or two from this series on how to keep the interest of the reader going.

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## **Rick Rider says**

As with Assault Troopers this book pushes the number of and frequency of coincidences and blind luck to the extreme. It's as if Heppner can't figure out how to extract his hero from the situation, so he creates the one and only possibility of a successful outcome to occur in the most unlikely of circumstances. I'm ok with that to a point, I just feel it gets a bit overdone.

Overall, I find the story to be good. Engaging writing with good character development (and sticking to that throughout the story, and from book to book) lead to exciting reading and becoming captured in the dilemma being faced. More than once I thought that things could actually work out similar to this in our future, a sure sign of my investment in the story.

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## **Scifimoth says**

Exactly matched delivery of information through the main character - he discovers as you do; no more, no less. I like that in a story.

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## **Jesse Deleon says**

### **Summer reading recommend!**

Thank you again Vaughn Heppner for another excellent series. Summer reading list recommend by me. Please keep writing a fan.

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## **Bryan457 says**

Entertaining.

And with the added bonus of increasing testosterone & reducing IQ.

Creed reacts to everything with all the subtlety of an angry hornet. Luckily all those angry-spur-of-the-moment decisions seem to turn out ok in the end, though not without a great deal of collateral damage.

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## **Gerald Mooers says**

### **Great b book! As usual I couldnt put it down.**

The story had me on the edge of my seat. I only wish he had brought back Jennifer so Creed could show her earth.

