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A storm is brewing. Eager war fleets patrol the edges of human space, waiting.

The leaders of the Phoenix Conspiracy are poised to usher in The Hour of Ascension. And it is up to Calvin to expose the conspiracy before the Empire collapses in a firestorm of civil war.

Deadly isotome weapons remain at large, forces across every border are arming for war, and now even the monarchy itself is threatened by the chaos. From the blood-soaked soil of Renora, where the very strength of the Empire is tested, to the political maneuverings of the Imperial Assembly, the stability that once safeguarded human-kind is now merely a memory.

Meanwhile the deadliest assassin in the galaxy lurks in the shadows, ready to change the course of history—if his god wills it. And Shen's life hangs by a thread.

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Lewis Jackson says

This is a short review. The book is well written, the story captivates you right until the end then a massive plot turn happens out of the blue. This doesn't normally bother me, but with this particular series it happens all too often.

I've already bought book #4 the Pheonix War, if it doesn't have an ending to the current story I'll stop reading - you can only have so many plot turns before you start thinking the books you read before were a waste of time.

Suki says

Book 3

Book 3 was a fun read and had errors throughout. The plot has become increasingly dire and intense with book 3. The overall characters have grown and evolved well and I look forward to book 4.

Taylor P. Davidson says

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With his ship in tatters and his crew worked to the brink of exhaustion, Lieutenant Commander Calvin Cross is forced to make a difficult choice as the Nighthawk limps through altered space. Does he do as asked and rendezvous with Raiden, his scrupulous contact in the Organisation responsible for resisting the elusive Phoenix Ring, or does he meet with Princess Kalila Akira as his duty to the Empire demands? Both have requested that he meets with them urgently and both claim that the fate of the Empire is in their hands.

But even as Calvin struggles to decide, he knows that he doesn't have much time. The situation on Renora is worsening by the day and the death toll is rapidly climbing into the millions as its people starve and rebel against the King's relief troops, blaming them for the situation befalling them. Calvin knows that the conflict is all part of the Phoenix Ring's grand scheme to destabilise the throne however, which, as a human terrorist attack on a Rotham world causes interstellar outrage, could prove the downfall of the Empire as it needs a strong king now more than it ever has.

Written with pages packed full of action and intrigue, *The Phoenix Crisis* is Richard L. Sanders' best novel yet and is certainly the best instalment of *The Phoenix Conspiracy* series to date. It is exciting right from the off and Sanders does a great job in describing the seriousness of the conspiracy that Calvin is so desperately trying to expose, which adds an urgency to the book knowing that so many lives are at stake just for a small number of peoples' political gain.

I would certainly recommend reading *The Phoenix Crisis* to any fan of science fiction then, and would recommend that you give the overall series a go if you haven't already (beginning with *The Phoenix*

Conspiracy).

Howard says

The third book in the series that just keeps getting better and shows no sign of slowing down. This book was heavier on the political action than on actual space combat but still had me sitting on the edge of my seat wondering that was coming next.

I highly recommend this series to anyone.

Jon Cage says

Better than the last book, but there are so many minor grammatical errors, spelling mistakes etc. which gets a bit wearing after a while. I'm pleased to see that some of the corrections I'd reported via the kindle edition have now been marked as 'processed'. Hopefully some of these will make it into a future edition so that new readers won't have so many mistakes to wade through.

I'm really enjoying the plot in these books, but my biggest gripe is that the author seems to drag out the story lot by re-telling what's just happened in the thoughts of the characters (generally Calvin cross) without actually adding any new conclusions or insights. It's like the singing in Lord Of The Rings; After a while you just start skipping over it.

Timothy Finucane says

This is the third book in Richard L.Sanders' Phoenix series, and like the previous two my biggest complaint is that he really needs a good editor to go through the work before publishing; the spelling and grammar mistakes get annoying after a while. But beyond that the story is still interesting and is starting to add layers to the conspiracy at the heart of the story. It is a fairly light fun read, similar to what you would find with a Star Trek or Star Wars novel; there is nothing here that is truly mind blowing or unique to the sci-fi genre, but still worth a read.

BobA707 says

Summary: Another chaotic, fast and furious, but very enjoyable space opera romp.

Plotline: One layer of conspiracy is peeled away to reveal another below ... need to wait for the next book.

Premise: A bit unbelievable, but ok.

Writing: Chaotic, but entertaining

Ending: Good, but another book to come that's not written yet. Damn.

Pace: Fast and furious

Alex James says

This is the third book in The Phoenix Conspiracy series. I am hooked on it because of the strong blend of science-fiction/mystery and the straight-forward writing style.

Captain Calvin Cross of the renegade stealth ship, the Nighthawk, is torn between choosing a meeting with Raidan of the obscure Organisation or Princess Kalila, and he can only choose one of them because the rendezvous for each meeting is too far apart. Both profess to have vital information that needs to be divulged to Calvin personally.

The Phoenix Crisis ventures outside of the comfort zone of the Nighthawk and successfully manages to keep the plot structure consistent. I initially wasn't very interested in the new characters: Zane, Blackmoth, or the other characters of the Phoenix Ring. However, their parts in the overall story grew in significance and did recapture my imagination. And although I think Captain Nimoux's deductions are a bit too coincidental, I do like the idea of a renowned intelligence operative and wanted him in more after his last scene. Despite these minor flaws, I was enthralled to see a reopening of thrilling action scenes and complex sub-investigations that relate to ships in the previous stories. The final four or five chapters are nothing short of sensational, and are very well written. The darker element in this series continues to return, which I also like.

Overall, this third book is a tremendous continuation of the series, and rounds up the factions and plots very clearly. The mystery, action, realistic characters, and excitement make this series a must for science-fiction space-opera fans. I will be reading The Phoenix War!

Allan Ashinoff says

Sanders weaves a compelling tale, creates compelling characters, and knows how to make a cliff hanger for the next novel. Well worth reading.

Brandon says

Another fantastic entry in the Phoenix series. Crisis makes significant stylistic changes from the previous two books and proves that Sanders can adapt. Crisis is a fast-paced action novel that builds off of the story set up in the previous two books. Sanders excels at building his characters and resolving long-standing questions in a way that makes it clear he knows where the series is going. The Phoenix series is definitely a story worth telling. I'm excited to read the next two books in the series and see where Calvin's story ends.

Matthew Joel says

spelling and grammatical errors are distracting but the story is addicting.

Brian Thies says

A continuation of excellent world-building by Richard Sanders, the inevitable CONclusion failed to materialize, the setup of the ending did not follow, our hero ignored obvious resources and situations that would have brought the story to a satisfactory conclusion.

I was upset by the non-ending as though the author was trying to milk this story for another volume (or more).

Bako Oganyan says

Far too wordy and dragged on

This iteration in the series was far too wordy and dragged on. Several times the reader is disengaged because of no relevant backfill for irrelevant character development.

Doug says

Heck! This book has action, adventure, intrigue, and untimely/inopportune "OMG" moments. Yes, a little bit of infatuation or love story too. The heroes are pitted against unrelenting foes with greater numbers and must be smarter and fiercer than they can imagine.

Nail biter!!

Linda Burchfield says

Freedom then fight for their lives!

Another action pack sitting on the edge of your seat read! Very suspenseful thriller! Great read for preteens, teens, young adults, men and yes women too! Now I'm on to book 3 can't wait to see what will happen next!
