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There's a civil war in space and the unincorporated woman is enlisted! The epic continues.

The award-winning saga of a revolutionary future takes a new turn. Justin Cord, the unincorporated man, is dead, betrayed, and his legacy of rebellion and individual freedom is in danger. General Black is the great hope of the military, but she cannot wage war from behind the President's desk. So there must be a new president, anointed by Black, to hold the desk job, and who better than the only woman resurrected from Justin Cord's past era, the scientist who created his resurrection device, the only born unincorporated woman. The perfect figurehead. Except that she has ideas of her own, and secrets of her own, and the talent to run the government her way. She is a force that no one anticipated, and no one can control.

The first novel in this thought-provoking series, "The Unincorporated Man," won the 2009 Prometheus Award for best novel.

The Unincorporated Woman Details

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Dan says

So we are not quite there yet, but almost.

Like the last book, this one has some very thought provoking moments. It also has some epic space battles (oh yeah? let's see what my orbats (Orbital Batteries) have to say about THAT!) Mostly though, it is a story of an amazing woman.

I would say that Dani Kollin is pretty amazing at creating positive female heroes. I can't say that I have ever read anything approaching the level of character development in a woman hero than what he has put out there.

In a lot of ways, he doesn't treat them any different. They are people and that is it. But there are some nods to their uniquely feminine qualities like a softer side that is hidden from the general public. The only flaw I can see seems to be that the women heroes (Sandra and JD Black etc.) never get laid. Sure Janet got laid in the first book, but that was basically a different person. That was before she became JD Black, the most feared woman in the solar system.

On the other hand, the male heroes like Ohmad and Justin can shag all they want. Not really a complaint, just an observation.

So in for a penny, in for a pound, on to book 4 where hopefully we can bring things to a conclusion.

Glas says

Not a bad book, and I am enjoying the series. I did encounter two things that broke my suspension of disbelief: interplanetary craft don't "stop" or "turn back" in space, as anyone who lived through Apollo 13 times ought to know; and anyone who writes about nukes in space ought to remember that there is no atmosphere to carry a blast wave (you DO get an explosive effect as surfaces facing a burst heat exceedingly rapidly). For other effects (e.g., ionizing radiation dose attenuating only by distance) see pp. 46 to 48 of "The Effects of Nuclear Weapons," third edition (1977, U.S. Department of Defense and ERDA), which talks about extremely high air bursts.

Amy Steele says

Twist much? Man, I did not expect a lot of what happened in this book. Some was. Still a wonderful continuation of the series. I couldn't put it down.

Clare says

I just couldn't get into this book, so my rating is only based on that fact and the first chapter. Perhaps it was because it is the third book in a series and I hadn't read the first two. I didn't feel like I could identify with any of the characters and the action didn't grab me.

At least there were some nice exploding spaceships on the cover.

Barry Smith says

The Unincorporated Woman is the 3rd book in The Unincorporated Man series. This book follows the story of the recently awoken Sandra O'Toole, the woman who built the suspension chamber for Justin Cord.

This book brings back much more of what was fun about the first book. I felt that there was a greater focus on the persons behind the war between the Alliance and the UHF. While there were still fun battle scenes, we got to learn more about what motivated Sandra and a few of her compatriotes.

My one complaint would have to be that while there is a fair amount of focus on character development, that development is mostly focused on Sandra. We miss out on some of the characters from previous books, and hear very little about them or from them.

In the end this is a very fun book and has kept me engaged enough in the story to read the fourth and final book.

Sean You says

This continues the series set in a libertarian future which the Kollin Brothers started with the unincorporated man and unincorporated war. The novel itself, is much more like the unincorporated war, focusing on military sci-fi rather than on more of the social issues discussed in the Unincorporated man. However, this book still suffers the flaws of its predecessors; while the plot is intricate and sometimes interesting, the writing of the authors is of rather poor quality; the authors need to vary their sentence length and work on using more natural words which they did not just pull from a thesaurus.

Jesse says

Despite the same rating, liked this book more than the previous in the series. The dialog felt less stilted, the characters had more depth, and in some ways the plot moved faster (or, at least, was more cohesive). I'm still not sold on all of the world building, and there are a few characters who seem to have slipped through the cracks: the reporter from the previous book, who's name I can't even remember and Neela, who seems to be in a (terrible) holding pattern. There may be others as well that I'm not remembering. Despite all that, the book is enjoyable, and it will be interesting to see how it all wraps up in the fourth book.

LadyCroft86 says

The Unincorporated Woman was a little bit better than the last book, but not really by that much. This one had much better space battles and action and less of the politics of the world. There was more annoying religious stuff in this book and I mostly ended up skimming a lot of the paragraphs that talked about religion since they were incredibly boring. The space battles were exciting and there was plenty of action. The unincorporated woman as a character is just as flat and boring as Justin Cord was. Not much of a character like most of the characters in this series. I don't think much about Sandra O'Toole, she just seems like another character to have the other characters worship since she is from the past and oh so smart. I think she is kind of annoying in that she definitely thinks she is better than everyone else in the story. I actually do like JD Black quite a bit and think that it has been interesting seeing her develop throughout the series. She's the only character with any real substance, a little less flat than the others. I am hoping that things end well for her.

This book was better than the second book since I felt that stuff was actually happening, I wasn't just being told that stuff happened. In the last book, it felt like there was a lot of discussion and theory and not a whole lot of action until the very end. I am getting bored of the war just dragging on and on with no end in sight, but I am hoping that it gets wrapped up fairly quickly in the next book. I would like to see the end of the war and then the rebuilding of society in a way that makes everyone happy. I also want to see Hektor get what he deserves. I am also hoping that Justin Cord is found and comes back to life but I am not sure that will happen. I liked Justin for all that he was a flat and boring character, he is the whole reason for the world being in an uproar and it seems cruel to kill him and then have that be it.

Overall, 3 out of 5 stars and I really hope that the last book is good, since right now I am sort of wishing that I hadn't wasted my time reading this whole series and ended after the first book.

Sean Randall says

Bit of a shame about Justin, but actually this was another brilliant continuation. The war is just written so well and the combat and tricks of the admirals so enjoyable throughout, any small shortcomings are overwhelmed by fun tactical situations.

Sherron says

I read two chapters and closed it. I often like space battle novels, but this one didn't grab my attention. I now realize it's part of a series, and the author may assume we have already read the first ones. I couldn't get into the characters, either.

Maybe it is partly my fault I wasn't engaged in the story: I had dashed into my library for an actual, physical BOOK to read at bedtime since I keep hearing that the glow of computers and phones impedes your ability to fall asleep, even if you have turned on the "night light" setting. This was one of the few titles I didn't recognize, so I grabbed it and ran to the checkout.

The artwork made me realize it would be military in nature, but I (maybe intentionally) misread "unincorporated" as "disincorporated." I was probably hoping it would be a cyberpunk story about a

disincorporated woman who lives in a computer during (or as a result of) a space battle. Nope.

I don't think I'll come back to this one to try again.

Michael Rhoda says

Didn't advance the plot very far from book two...

Topher says

I enjoyed the first book, but this seems to be drifting further away from that, and more into paper villain territory. There were a few things that completely squashed my suspension of disbelief as I read it as well.

Bonnie says

A little better than the second book in the series. Further adventures of the civil war between the United Human Federation (Earth/inner planets/most of humanity/Corporatists) and the Outer Alliance (outer planets/libertarians/anti-Shareholders).

Was glad to see more about the avatars and the war going on in their virtual world. I can't take too much in the way of military action scenes and space battles, but at least they're sprinkled with characterization and POV of the various admirals and engineers on the ships.

The Unincorporated Woman is not Neela, but another woman from our time who is revived from a hibernation tank. Megalomaniac J.D. Black doesn't want to leave her military position to take over the Alliance presidency ("You want this face kissing babies?" she says), and so recommends that this historical woman be made into a figurehead president. Unfortunately for J.D., the new/old woman is highly intelligent, a famous engineer who developed VR technology (which eventually led to society's addiction and Great Collapse) and hibernation tanks, and is not content playing president.

I liked *The Unincorporated Man* better than the subsequent books, but I'll keep going.

Robin says

An enjoyable read in the Unincorporated universe. This book continues the Unincorporated War with mostly battle scenes and a little political scheming. There wasn't as much "behind the scenes" planning and intrigue of the previous books, but there was more action. I would have liked to see a little bit more on the avatar world and their battles, but expect that to be covered in the next book in more detail.

However, some of the battles are set up in the narrative but the results are revealed only as news clippings or summaries of battles. Some of them sounded pretty interesting and I wished they had been fleshed out a little more.

Also, I hope the schemes and plans of "The Unincorporated Woman" are more fully revealed in the next book. Overall, there should be enough to keep most readers satisfied - I know I will be checking out the next book.

Izabela says

Still enjoying the concept of the story and the plot twists but this book didn't have the same effect on me as the first 2 in the series .. curious to see how the next book closes off this story.
