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The saga continues...

The desperate battle on far-flung Geronimo may have ended in a qualified victory for the elite MOTH soldiers in their devastating, atomic-powered ATLAS mechs...but the cost was a massive one, paid in blood. Rade Galaal, graduate of the toughest military training in the universe, barely survived the terrifying mission in deep space that claimed the lives of the two people he couldn't afford to lose: a comrade who was more than a brother, and someone who was his whole world.

Lost, broken, and questioning his place as a MOTH and as a man, Rade faces a new crisis when an enemy force—a terrifyingly familiar one—threatens the future of humanity itself. Entering human territory from the depths of uncharted space, this massive alien vessel wears the face of death.

Once the nightmarish invader begins threatening total annihilation, can Rade and his team hope to prevail...or even survive?

ATLAS 2 Details

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From Reader Review ATLAS 2 for online ebook

John Purvis says

“ATLAS 2” was published in 2014 and was written by Isaac Hooke(<http://isaachooke.com>). Mr. Hooke has published 7 novels, this is the second of his “ATLAS” series.

I obtained a galley of this novel for review through <https://www.netgalley.com>. I would categorize this novel as ‘R’ as there is Violence. The novel is written in the third person from the view point of Rade Galaal and Shaw Chopra. The story is set in a future where Earth has mastered space travel through out the galaxy.

SPOILER ALERT for ATLAS: At the end of ATLAS, Shaw stays behind to blow up the worm hole device after the others pass through. We presume that she is dead, but she is able to land on the planet and survive. Eventually she encounters a Chinese survivor and together they find a way to avoid the aliens.

Rade thinks Shaw dead and is distraught. The aliens break through into space held by the Chinese. Facing the menace to humanity the posed by the aliens, the Chinese and United Countries join together. Rade and his unit are paired with a Chinese unit in a daring attempt to capture an alien for questioning. As often happens with military plans, the mission plan starts to unravel once the the firefight begins.

As with the first novel of the series, this Military Science Fiction Thriller is full of action. I thoroughly enjoyed this story! I give this novel a 5 out of 5.

Further book reviews I have written can be accessed at <http://johnpurvis.wordpress.com/blog/>.

Dylan says

This book, like its predecessor, painted a clear image in my mind of the characters, scenes, and actions. Also like the first book, it gets straight to the action, and does not draw the waiting out for as long as possible. The amount of detail written in this book expresses how much Isaac Hooke cares about the story, and it helps draw me in too. Isaac Hooke also displays in his book that there is no limit to what human beings can achieve while working together, and fighting for each other. It amazed me how much knowledge is written about the spec-ops of the U.S. navy, and how they are the "ultimate soldiers". Once I was finished with this book, it left me with a craving to see how the story ends in the next book. In conclusion, this book is a must read for people who like lots of action, and a great story.

G. Garrett says

Like the series and I like the author... I read ALL of his books. I'm an aerospace engineer and I think they're very entertaining. One of the good "New Authors"

Kayla Eklund says

NOTE: This is my husband, Seth's, review as he is helping me with my giant review pile. This is a review of the whole Atlas series.

4.5 Stars.

Hello again one and all. I have once again read a book for my lovely wife, and as such I am happy to give a review for said book. The one in question for today is a series rather than a single book. It is the Atlas series by Isaac Hooke. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed this series. I'm pretty sure it was the reason I didn't sleep for several days in a row. The story starts out small, following Rade, a Dissuader who finds himself quickly down on his luck. Having had enough of his poor lifestyle, he decides to make a go for a new life in America. So, this story seems typical enough right? Small town dude from a south of the border city decides to move to America for a better life right? Well, it's not as simple as that. America has pretty much turned into a wet dream thought up by Donald Trump. Any non-native born people seeking citizenship have to serve time in the military to gain citizenship, and even then they get treated like crap by most people outside of the military.

Oh, I should probably mention right about now that this series is set in the future. I can't recall if an exact date is given or not, but humanity has advanced enough that we as a whole have become space faring. We can also use gates, a la Cowboy Bebop, to travel vast distances. So, the human race has spread to the stars. What does this have to do with Rade? Well, he gets to choose which branch he would like to serve. He just so happens to pick the hardest branch available. The Moths.

What are the Moths? Imagine Navy Seals, but Navy Seals that have been concentrated to the levels of badassdom that would happen if Chuck Norris and Bruce Lee were able to have children, and then those children were strapped into giant mechanical suits of armor. That, in short is what a Moth is.

I could go on and on about the story and all that, but you probably want to know: is it worth the read? The simple answer to this question is yes. The long answer is composed of several questions. Do you like action? Do you like sci-fi? Do you like space operas? Do you like reading stories about how underdogs struggle and eventually redeem themselves in the eyes of themselves? If you answered yes to any of these questions, chances are you will enjoy reading this series.

Amy Brouwer says

This was a really good continuation of the first book and I enjoyed it a lot. The prologue totally peaked my interest and pulled me into the story. The battle scenes tended to get a little lengthy for my taste but that's just me. I can't wait to see what direction this series goes. Looking forward to more by this author. Highly recommend!

Mac Briggs says

Isaac Hooke is a Genius

Clearly, the author Isaac Hooke got something right, when real military commanders and naval commandos and spec-ops became fans of his original novel, "ATLAS". It could be the gritty realism (yes, Isaac makes military sci-fi realistic), or the action and characters.

Isaac Hooke knows his stuff, proved by the authenticity of the science and tech, and his in-depth comprehension of the Navy and military.

The descriptions of the combat, both in space and planetside, flow perfectly. Convincing and clear imagery of complicated battle scenes that lesser writers can't do. The trajectories of projectiles and multiple bodies floating around in space all move logically – it's incredible that he pulled it off so well.

The aliens are unique, something never seen before in literature and actually inspired both fear and compassion in me. Never seen interrelationships between the aliens and the characters like this before.

The characters are not all good or all bad, but rather a mix of black and white.

Top-notch writing and editing ensure the flow of the action.

I didn't want it to end. It's a long book, but felt short. There are several amazing fight scenes, but seeing the characters be mentally and physically drained takes a lot out of the reader as well. Isaac Hooke's stories have that "special something". Awesome sequel to ATLAS. Can't wait for ATLAS 3!

Jhperry1435 says

I really like the story. The details are overwhelming at times.

WonderGoon says

Not a bad sequel

This wasn't a bad follow-up to Atlas, though it sort of stumbles in a few places when the author breaks the fourth wall with the reader.

The first time was when a reference to an Elton John song "Rocketman" is mentioned and the character couldn't sing any lyrics because of copyright issues. This is clearly a reference to real-world laws that should be left out.

The other instance was when Rage, Hijak, and Lana were escaping the enemy frigate and Lana ordered some robots to stand down. Hijak mentions said she used some 'Jedi mind shit' on them.

Referencing other science fiction properties is, in my view, gauche when writing a series of your own. I hope Mr. Hooke will refrain from any more breaking of the fourth wall in Atlas 3.

Other than these two errors, the book is pretty good. It does suffer from, in my view, a bit too much

borderline anti-gay commentary by the soldiers in their banter. It sad to think that so far in the future as the story is set that being gay is still thought of as the punchline of a joke. I hope Mr. Hooke improves his writing in this area for the third book in this series.

Overall I recommended this series to anyone who likes military science fiction. Mr. Hooke has the potential to become a great writer and that potential is clearly on display here.

Jim says

Wow! I really like these books! They are just about exciting as anything I have read in quite awhile. It seems like our hero is on the go from start to finish in this book and that means he's always in trouble and fighting something.

Last time we left Rade Galaal he had become a full fledged MOTH. In book one, titled "Atlas", we enlisted in the UC Navy, made it through basic training and after many attempts to talk him out of it, our guy finally made it to MOTH training. Then he died! Well, he almost did trying to get through that rigorous training regime. He survived and marched on through everything. Always by side were Alejandro and Tahoe, his life-long buddies. He had also found a girl, lost her and then found her again and lost her for good. She is a Navy asset, just like Rade and must do her duty. When the Navy picked a volunteer to remain behind and destroy the slipstream gateway, Shaw did her duty as Rade and his ship went through the very same gate.

Rade was also given the callsign of "Rage" which fits he fighting style. He doesn't quit even when the odds are against him and he seems to always find a way out. His platoon is now getting ready for a highly classified mission to directly confront the enemy and see if they can cause it's destruction. The enemy is the black skull ship we saw in the first book. It contains the crab horde which are attached to those gigantic slimy slugs that seem invincible. There mission is not far away, unfortunately, one of Tau Ceti II-c's moons has just been invaded by a skull ship. The population is being destroyed with the majority of the friendly robots, androids and artificials turning against humanity. The MOTHa are being sent to stop the invasion once and for good.

Things don't go well for Rade in this book. He's not going to find Shaw, not for a long, long time. He's lost his best friend, Alejandro, and he could lose more friends on this next mission. But he's a MOTH and that means he's a man that has no thought of stopping, or does it. How much can a man truly put up with before he finds his breaking point? Even MOTHs are human, very human. Rage is going to be tested along with a fellow MOTH. Their survival depends on each other and even the tormentor both had to suffer under. Still, she might be the most important capture for humanity in this entire war.

We also get a glimpse of Shaw and what happened to her after destroying the slipstream gate. She's turning out to be one tough cookie. She's landed on the same planet Rade left and she's managed to stay alive for eight months, so far. Now she needs more oxygen. Her subtle was crash landed by the AI who piloted it in while Shaw was in stasis. Things have gone south for her pretty much ever since the original crash. She believes she's the only human left in this system which is eight thousand light years from Earth. There's no going home. There's no Rage for her.

I really like the way the author does the soul searching with these guys and now Shaw. They are really just humans although I think they have much, much stronger wills to live then the average human. They don't stop when the going gets tough no matter what. Very few people will really fight when the time comes. Most

would prefer to have others fight for them, but not the MOTHS and Shaw. I really like where the story is going. And the reason behind that statement is that I don't know where it's going. I was pleasantly surprised with the turns this book took. Some of the stuff that happens in this book I would never have thought would happen.

I'm already into "Atlas 3". I can't put it down any more than I could the other two books. Make sure you set some time aside, because once you start reading any of these books, you won't want to put them down. I hope there's a fourth book now.

Brian Schiff says

Great

This series is excellent I really enjoy reading it. I can not put down the book. A real page turner .

John says

Seems a bit single minded

Emphasis on the "seems". A better description might be "focused", which, at times, needs be. If you don't understand this, try to empathize for a few seconds.
Good luck. Hope you don't need it, but better to have it...

Ken says

Excellent continue of story

A great example of military sci-fi. Yes overall you can say predictable but it has many great twist that make an enjoyable reading experience. Well worth time and money to read. On to the next book! Happy had 3 books to read prior to starting!

Steve Caldwell says

I loved the First book in the series, and had really high expectations of the second book. I was not disappointed. I loved this one too. This book takes place in a future that is not to far fetched to imagine. The United Countries (UC) are in a territorial Dispute with the Sino-Koreans (SK) on earth and in space. Unfortunately for them both, a much more advanced race is looking for more territory too. IN fact, this unknown race is MUCH more than they seem, and look unstoppable. Well, Rade Gallal and his MOTH (SEALs in space, basically) brothers aren't going to just stand around and let that happen. he story is well written, the characters are well developed, and there is another storyline parallel to the main one about a character left behind enemy lines. Compellingly written, with characters that are flawed but likable, struggling to succeed in extreme circumstances. The torture scene shows the true resilience of the human

spirit. If you are a fan of Robert Heinlein, Michael Z. Williamson, or David Drake, you will like these books.

Norman says

I personally enjoyed this book and I had been waiting impatiently for the book ever since I stumbled across the last Atlas book back in March. As sci fi/space opera books go, Atlas 2 does not rewrite the formula for the genre, but what it does get right is the sense of brotherhood and camaraderie imbued by service in any band of warriors in any conflict. These men don't fight for politics or nation per se, but they fight for each other, and Atlas and Atlas 2 nails this perfectly. The action scenes in the book are well written, the characters for the most part are interesting if not entirely unique, (i.e all the MOTHS are pretty much written the same making it hard to differentiate between them all) but in the end I found I cared about our heroes and felt the survivors guilt of the main character acutely. The one downside is that the book does seem to slow considerably with one of the point of view characters, as I found myself trying to hurry through these parts to get back to the action with Rade and the Moths. In general, if you want to see how a future version of the Navy SEALs would fare off against an alien horde, then Atlas 2 is the book for you.

Karla says

It took me ages to read this book. The story line wasn't as good as book 1. I felt it was filled with needless information that just made my brain want to explode.

The book was slow to start but picked up at 25%.
