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The second volume in an action-packed military sf series. Devis Cameron, hero of the Xenophobe War and the Empire's reluctant champion, has been called upon to eliminate a newly discovered underground colony of Xenos . . . and to deal harshly with civil unrest spawned by Imperial repression. But is the nuclear option the only alternative? Original.

Rebellion Details

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From Reader Review Rebellion for online ebook

Mike (the Paladin) says

I tried to read this twice...I got bored and set it aside both times. Doubt I'll try again. Since I only got a short way in i won't give it a poor rating. I'll just tell you here I was bored. Who knows, maybe it picks up later...much later. Probably won't fund out as my hope of a good read pretty much died with this attempt.

Andrew Rose says

Recruitment

When the inevitable split between the hegemony and empire happens Dev needs allies badly. This book is less about the aliens and more about the disintegration of human society. There is a lot less mech action as well making this more like the David Weber Honor books than Battletech.

Aaron says

All the action from the first book, but weighed down by Libertarian dogma. Even if this was something I agreed wholeheartedly with, it was just too preachy and got in the way of the story.

BobA707 says

Summary: I thought book 2 was better than book 1, good take on the aliens, good military SF, plot was a bit more thoughtful than the first book, although still too many coincidences. Not totally sure about the anti japanese theme, but ignoring that, a good book.

Plotline: Sort of works possibly could have been strengthened, a few things didn't quite work and a bit too linear.

Premise: Generally good, but again some weaknesses

Writing: Simple descriptive. Could have done with some stronger characters

Ending: Lucky escape, great victory ?

Pace: Never a dull moment!

Lia says

Going really downhill compared to the first book. Too much personal political views of the author get inserted so blatantly into the story, it was like reading political pamphlets.

Phil Kozel says

Not your typical warbot novel to say the least. What makes this some much fun is the political dimension, with rag-tag rebels with libertarian philosophy versus imperial Japan. Great action scenes galore and a fast, complex plot.

AudioBookReviewer says

ABR's full Warstrider: Rebellion audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

It is assumed you have read/listened to Warstrider, the first book in this series and the comments here will not be spoilers.

Rebellion is certainly book 2 of the Warstrider series, but it is also a distinctly different book. Much of the technology and weapons are described in detail in this volume. It is more introspective, more descriptive than the first volume. But certainly if you enjoyed the first book, you will enjoy this one too.

Rebellion is about the struggle between the settled outer worlds and the repressive Japanese Imperium and its puppet hegemonic government. They have managed to keep mankind in peace for 5 centuries but at the cost of personal and planetary freedom. Dev Cameron is caught up in the fight, as a highly decorated soldier and later on the other side of the fight with his girlfriend (who has joined up with the rebels). There is quite a bit of political philosophy that some listeners will find very interesting and some quite uninteresting. The author doesn't exactly embrace the libertarian ideals of the rebellion leader, but does outline its manifesto clearly and in depth.

There is plenty of fighting using super high-tech futuristic weapons. Most of the scenes are well done and exciting. Unfortunately, Douglas insists on giving us acronyms and manufacturing names for these devices that the listener can't possibly remember or keep straight. Futuristic model numbers for fictional machines might sound like it will give the story substance, but generally just registers as "bigger, stronger or better." The pace in "Rebellion" is a bit slower, certainly not in a bad way, just that there is more description and back story to tell us how the future arrived at this state. It works as the listener is now invested in the story and can take a break from the action to find out why the world(s) is the way it is.

David Drummond does a generally good job with the narration. Though it is distracting at times as some of the military recruits or younger soldiers whine and scream in fear more than one would expect from trained men, especially ones with neural implants designed to keep them calm. He has a sonorous voice that is wonderful to listen to, and these quirks are easily overlooked.

Like the first volume, the second wraps up the story nicely and stands well on its own. It ends well, not with a cliffhanger, but a resolution that points to the next volume. Clearly if you are in for one, you are in for the whole Warstrider series.

Audiobook provided for review by the publisher.

Hanzel says

Book Two of the series, what can I say well story progression, after talking to the Dalriss and communicating with their first Xenophobe, It's now Katya's turn to speak to one.....story wise everything is becoming more interesting....and we now have a rebellion.....can't wait to see if they are able to unite the xenophobe's tech with human ingenuity.....

Mark Baller says

Nice read great series I think will read them all looking for the next one in line -- fighting the imperial galactic empire that does not treat its colonies well - nice little piece of war sci fi

Michael says

This is the second book in the Warstrider series by William H. Keith Jr. a.k.a. Ian Douglas. In this one Dev is till trying to believe in the Empire/Hegemony and fight for their cause against the Xenophobe's and against human rebels but he soon finds that the Empire has dark motives and he must rethink his position. Meanwhile Katya has resigned from her service with the Hegemony military and is fighting for the rebels. She also tries to contact the Xenophobe's in a effort to find new allies against the Empire/Hegemony. This book is a great read in the Military Science Fiction/Space Opera genre and I recommend it.

Steven Allen says

I gobbled this book in one day. Same characters from the previous book, but with more drama. i wanted Katya to make up her damn mind about Dev, and at the end of this book I am still wondering what she feels for the poor guy. I think Dev is confused as well as to what his feelings are for Katya now with everything that has happened between them. Military is hard on relationships, and places stress that few in any civilian relationships go through. Having the added stress of what is going on between the Empire and planets is a whole 'nother can of worms in a relationship.

Dan Green says

lots of action, plot moves along... just didn't enjoy it as much as the first one, can't put my finger on why. on to book three!

Dan says

While always setting up an interesting futuristic setting/political org in his series, within a few books Kieth's books fall back on a rah-rah America is the best, no matter how actually functional the in book alternative is. Characters essentially have to do things outrageously bad for no real reason to justify this happening.

Apart from that, fantastic book!

Per Gunnar says

This book is more about the politics of the Warstrider universe and less about both aliens and Warstriders than the first book. This is of course not my preferred direction to go for a book but I still found Rebellion a good book. The goal for these political machinations is a good one, the liberation from the oppressive Japanese rule. I never really liked that set up of how humanity was ruled in the first book anyway so I guess this helped me be more accepting to the politics and the fact that the Xenos played second violin in this book.

The fact that the book takes a somewhat different track does not mean that there are no action though. There are quite a lot of action as a matter of fact and it is not just Warstrider action but we even get a few rounds of it in space.

The two main characters from the first book is back although they, at first at least, appears to be on separate sides. The book is well written and I had no problem taking interest into what was going to happen to Dev and Katya. The aliens are taking a bit of a backseat in this book since they are not the main opponents but that does not mean that they are absent. Quite on the contrary. They play an essential role in the book and they are as incomprehensible to the human mind, and we to them, as before. As far as I am concerned the author is making a good job of portraying these Xenos which definitely are not your ordinary out of the box alien bad guys.

The scene is quite well set for an interesting third book in the series now. I am tempted to consider both book one and book two as stage setters for the real story. I am quite looking forward to read the next one.

Brandon Mather says

1/3rd of the book is spent reminding the reader of things that happened in the first book. I think i made the mistake of reading this one right after the first book, Warstrider, since the plot was already relatively fresh in my mind.

Rebellion focuses more on the political grasp of the Japanese Empire over Terran Hegemony and the rebel uprising of the Confederation. The DalRiss don't make an appearance but the 'Xenophobes' are a lot more present as we see a lot more through its - for a lack of a better term - 'eyes'.

So even though i found the rehashing of plot lines and technologies kind of annoying(although the technology is still really freaking cool!) , i did enjoy this book. I didn't enjoy it as much as the last one but i am definitely going to start reading next book in the series.

Straight away.

Hey, don't look at me like that. I'm too far down the rabbit hole to quit now. See you on the other side!
