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The Lost Command (Lost Starship Series Book 2)



Synopsis

Starship Victoryâ™ is a faithful alien spacecraft guarding its shattered system for ten thousand yearsâ™ agreed to come to Earth. Now, Captain Maddox and his crew have a new assignment. They must find Professor Ludendorff before the New Men do. The New Men need Ludendorffâ™s help so they can capture the alien starship. Maddox needs the neglected super-weapons repaired so he can rescue a Star Watch fleet trapped deep in enemy territory. But time is running out for the stranded, battered fleet. Theyâ™re low on food, fuel and missiles. Worse for Maddox, Meta is missing, kidnapped by the enemy, while the alien personality in the AI struggles to adjust to this new era. Can Maddox pull everyone together or will the brilliant New Men win yet another stunning victory? THE LOST COMMAND is the second book in the LOST STARSHIP SERIES.

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Customer Reviews

2/24/15 I am at a loss for words! The difference between this book and the first book of the series, "The Lost Starship" is astounding! This book was a fantastic book to read. It made sense. The author finally managed to put some sense into the actions of his main character, Captain Maddox, and stopped making him sound like an idiot. He actually put some "humanity" into Captain

Maddox and made him act like a normal person albeit a very smart person. I still don't understand the rank structure in this book. A Navy Captain ranks just below an Admiral. Will, there could be a Commodore in-between them in time of war, but usually a Navy Captain is also the commander of most Naval large and important Naval vessels. They have a lot of experience since you don't make Captain until well past usually 20 years. I can't remember how long Maddox has been in the Star Watch Intelligence Service but he seems to have been around for awhile. They are treating the rank of Captain in this book as one step above a Lieutenant which is crazy. Valerie seems to have some service time too and she has been promoted to Captain also hoping to command a Star War starship which as a Captain she should. Instead, she gets assigned to Captain Maddox and is busted down to a Lieutenant! What happened to the rank of Commander or even Lt Commandeer? It would sure have cleared things up if those ranks had been included since that's what most military readers would have expected. Ok so on with the book. Maddox finally gets back aboard the Victory and he's in place in command but the alien AI hasn't quite gotten his senses back and will only allow Maddox to command through him and only if it will achieve the AI's objectives.

I am impressed with the improvement between this book and the first book of the series, "The Lost Starship". This book was a real page turner. The author provided insight into the actions of his main character, Captain Maddox, and stopped making him sound like an idiot. He fleshed out Captain Maddox's character and made him act like a normal person albeit a very smart person. I really don't understand the rank structure in this book. A Navy Captain ranks just below an Admiral, then a Rear Admiral then a Commodore in-between them. You normally don't make Captain until well past usually 20 years. (Although in time of war it is not unheard of. I can't remember how long Maddox has been in the Star Watch Intelligence Service but he seems to have been around for a while. At one point in this book, the rank of Captain as one step above a Lieutenant, then later the marine asked to call him commander since a Marine Captain in a lower rank (a marine can't deal with a rank of Navy Captain? Besides that the master of a ship is always called Captain regardless of rank. Valerie seems to have some service time too and she has been promoted to Captain also hoping to command a Star War starship which as a Captain she should. Instead, she gets assigned to Captain Maddox and is busted down to a Lieutenant! What happened to the rank of Commander or even Lt Commandeer? It would sure have cleared things up if those ranks had been included since that's what most military readers would have expected. Maddox finally gets back aboard the Victory and he's in place in command but the alien AI

hasn't quite gotten his senses back and will only allow Maddox to command through him and only if it will achieve the AI's objectives. The AI has a name now, Driving Force Galyan, but that doesn't seem to change much.

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