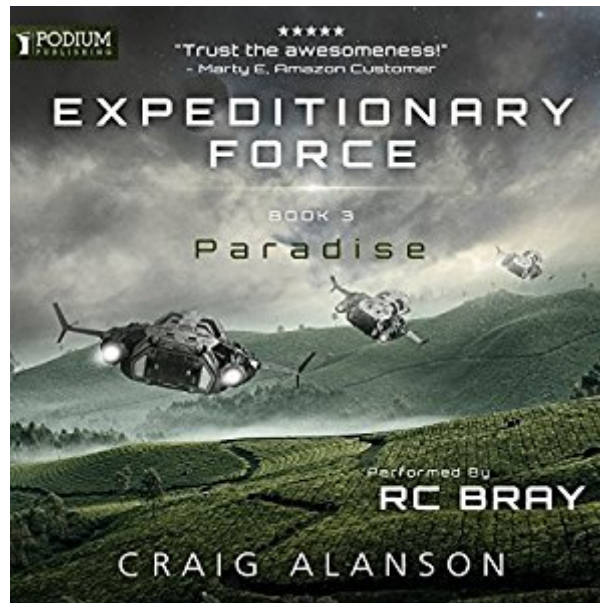




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Synopsis

While the crew of the starship Flying Dutchman have been trying to assure people that hostile aliens do not have access to Earth, the UN Expeditionary Force has been stranded on the planet they nicknamed "Paradise". The Flying Dutchman is headed back out on another mission, and the UN wants the ship to find out the status of the humans on Paradise. But Colonel Joe Bishop warns that they might not like what they find, and they can't do anything about it without endangering Earth.

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Customer Reviews

I bought the first book, Columbus Day on a whim since the description was intriguing, and it was cheap. I listened to the entire audio version over two days, then bought the other two books. I read them in one day each. I am definitely looking forward to the next. My five stars is for entertainment value to me. Personally, I try to never use foul language, but the author at least uses it organically and sparingly, I appreciate that. I also appreciate that the biting insults from the AI character were more varied and toned down in most of this novel. It was hilarious and very unique from my experience in the first in the series, rather stale and tiresome in the second, and more balanced this go around. I also liked the change in writing style to include other characters insights through third person narration instead of only through the eyes of Joe Bishop, though some might find the transitions jarring. More editing of spelling/grammatical/continuity of plot details would make the book even better, but the errors are minor enough to be minimally intrusive, especially by today's standards of editing... I intend to check out the rest of the author's works as well. Write on Mr.

Alanson, write on!

Paradise is the crown jewel of the series. Usually, the exact opposite is the case. You must read the first two in the series to fully appreciate the third. Craig has developed a real humanity to his characters. All seem to be the type of people you would meet anywhere. If you have a military background, his humor will really strike home. My wife was complementing on how I'd be reading and just burst into laughter. There are two main characters, a Sgt. Joe Bishop and a funny, extremely intelligent AI with a rapier wit that's shaped like a beer can. Joe gives him the name of Skippy and believe me it really works. This last book caused me to laugh, feel emotional attachment and to want to ride off into the next adventure. If you've already read these books then you know what I mean. If you haven't you are in for a treat that doesn't come around that often.

Skippy continues to save the day. When there is a problem, Skippy will solve it with a little prodding from the human. Personally, I think Skippy is suffering from self induced amnesia, brought on after he did some truly evil things about 3 million years ago.

Another installment of awesomeness! Colonel Joe and Skippy the magnificent are the perfect pairing. They are better than Laurel and Hardy, Fred and Barney, bread and butter or even cranberry sauce and tuna fish. The story is so good and can be serious, but the back and forth between Col. Joe and Skippy is hilarious. I am so hooked on this series. The author and the narrator have me so into the story that I drive slower on my way places so I can listen longer. I have sat in a parking lot at the supermarket for an hour because I just did not want to turn off the audio book (or go food shopping, honestly :). If you are considering this book, but you haven't read books 1 and 2 in the series you would be doing yourself a disservice not to start from the start. The only thing I don't like about any of the books in this series I've read so far is when I finish one.

Skippy and his pet human save earth again through clever brainstorming and quips that all of would have said now and then regarding authority. I've personally spoken to a number of beer cans but none have ever answered let alone led me on a romp through the galaxy getting the better of our betters. This was another highly entertaining read. My only regret is that I've caught up. I'm waiting, holding my breath to discover the latest threat to our bucolic, backwards planet.

I have read the whole series and loved it. The story started out slow and the writing was a little

disjointed, but got better as the story went on. The highlight of the plot, and the most interesting part is the relationship between the two major characters. Without giving anything away, the interactions between the two go from serious to sarcastic to hilarious. It's worth reading just for the back and forth banter between these two. Can't wait for more stories.

A good ending (well, sort of an ending) to a good trilogy. I wrote briefly on the 2nd book and will not repeat it here, but the themes and good (and some of the weaker) techniques continue here in a seamless continuation. There is still a few contrived twists, but generally was so interesting and engaging that I never slowed down reading it. I recommend the entire trilogy, and hope to see a fourth eventually.

OK, it is difficult to add humor into a Space Opera, but Mr. Alanson seems to do a pretty good job of it. His hero Joe Bishop and his "beer can" buddy Skippy manage to do that. As far as the prudes who object to some "earthy" language, as a former Marine, I can vouch the military language is not the language used in Church or around your Mother. If it hurts your sensitive eyeballs to read such language, bear in mind that the men and women defending your liberty use it constantly. There are enough twists to keep the novel interesting and I am waiting with baited breath for the next one.

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