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Fifty-three years after it vanished, Earth's only Super-Devastator warship, the ESS Crimson sends out a distress signal... Humanity is fighting against an implacable foe. The Ghasts - a ruthless alien race - seem hell-bent on wiping out mankind. They have a vast warfleet and their technology is advancing at a terrible rate. Captain John Nathan Duggan and his crew are given a mission - find the missing ESS Crimson and bring it home. Little does Duggan realise, this is no ordinary mission. As he struggles against enemies both within and without, he desperately tries to unlock the mystery surrounding

the Crimson's disappearance and the unknown weapons it carries. He soon discovers the missing warship might be the only hope for salvation that mankind has left. When everything is veiled in secrecy nothing is easy, as Duggan is about to find out. Crimson Tempest is the first instalment in an epic sci-fi action-adventure series.

They say the Earth is just a myth. Something to tell your children when you put them to sleep, the lost homeworld of humanity. Everyone knows it isn't real, though. It can't be. But when Captain Jace Hughes encounters a nun with a mysterious piece of cargo and a bold secret, he soon discovers that everything he thought he knew

about Earth is wrong. So very, very wrong. Climb aboard The Renegade Star and assemble a crew, follow the clues, uncover the truth, and most importantly, try to stay alive. Experience the beginning of a sprawling galactic tale in this first entry to The Renegade Star series. If you're a fan of Firefly, Battlestar Galactica, or Indiana Jones, you'll love this epic, space opera thrill ride. Warning: This book contains action, cussing, and general badassery. Read at your own risk.

Every young person needs a role model, coach, mentor or friend who believes in them and insists that they believe in themselves. Authors Anthony James and Ken Chapman

share the stories of twenty-eight outstanding African-Americans who faced head on the challenges of realizing their potential and chose to make a difference in the lives of their families, their communities, and their world. Their stories, struggles, and strengths will inspire and empower a younger generation to discipline themselves and act with decisiveness to better our world. These African-American leaders often acted in unexpected ways and their examples challenge adults to provide a "shoulder" for a young to stand on.

Jacob Bronowski (1908-1974) lived through what he described as 'the two great catastrophes of the twentieth century: the rise of Hitler in 1933 and the dropping of the atomic bombs in 1945', and yet the keynote of his astonishingly rich and varied life and work was an enduring optimism. Bronowski was a professional scientist, scientific administrator, poet, philosopher, dramatist and television and radio personality, possessing an energy and versatility that make him a rare figure in our cultural history. His final achievement, the groundbreaking television series *The Ascent of Man*, first shown in

1973, influenced and inspired millions of ordinary people by bringing an awareness of human evolution and the adventure of science into their homes. Anthony James describes his own journeys to key locations in Bronowski's television series *The Ascent of Man*, from Auschwitz, a monument to human depravity that has haunted the conscience of contemporary society, to Iceland, where democracy in northern Europe was born more than a thousand years ago. Bronowski would not have been surprised by our dilemmas today, but he would have insisted that confidence in our ascent as a species is a far greater force than the cynical destructiveness of politicians. Although human beings are inevitably fallible, the pursuit of knowledge is, in Bronowski's philosophy, an adventure: in his own words a 'happy passion'.

The *Black Fleet Saga* continues... A human planet has been invaded. The enigmatic Darshik have landed troops on a frontier world and have begun subduing major cities even as their blockade repels all attempts by the fledgling United Terran Federation to mount a

counteroffensive. The Federation's military command is desperate and with their fleet still in tatters they make a last ditch effort to free the planet: They pull Captain Jackson Wolfe out of retirement and put him in command of a ship they hope can get past the defending armada and provide support to the beleaguered Marines and civilians fighting on the surface of the contested world. There is no reasoning with this enemy. If the Terran Federation wants their planet back, they will have to pay the price. *Iron & Blood* is the second book of *The Expansion Wars Trilogy* and the fifth book of the *Black Fleet Saga*.

In this universe, it's dog-eat-dog. And only the strongest will survive....Lieutenant Becky Keller's brain is fitted with a processing core which can outthink and outfly the most advanced battle computers in the Space Corps. Not only that, she's blessed with the gift of the psi and her intuition is unparalleled in the military. Keller finds herself partnered with another one from the labs. Joe Nation is packed with so many augmentations, he can't remember which parts of his body are real

anymore. All he knows is covert ops, and with his stealth and assault modules, there's no one better at it than Nation. The pair of them are given a mission - take the Retaliator class SC Gundar, infiltrate the Isob-2 processing facility of a semi-hostile alien species known as Estral, and find out if they're breaking the terms of a peace treaty. It's easier said than done. The Estral are spoiling for war and they don't want human agents poking around in their business. Deep within the Isob-2 facility, something hostile awaits and no one in the Space Corps is prepared for it. What begins as a standard in-out mission, leads Keller and Nation into a full-scale conflict with both the Estral and a new, completely unexpected enemy. The first of the Transcended have come and they aren't looking for peace.

*Managing Stress in Secondary Schools: A Whole-School Approach for Staff and Students*, second edition, introduces a practical stress management programme for use in schools and colleges. Drawing from current theory and evidence-based practice on anxiety, stress and mental health, it offers student lesson

plans, plus a staff self-training session, with concrete activities to develop crucial stress management skills in both staff and students. The programme provides direct training in stress reduction skills, supported by online resources, designed to fit into timetabled PSHE lessons. Key features of this manual include: Simple and flexible lesson plans that can be performed either at the start of timetabled PSHE lessons or as full stress management lessons on their own. A staff self-training session plan that serves both as preparation for leading lessons with students and facilitates the development of stress management skills among staff. Downloadable audio relaxation recordings. Downloadable handouts to encourage students' relaxation practice at home. Downloadable PowerPoint slides to guide tuition. With lessons covering the causes and effects, as well as strategies on preventing and managing stress, this is an invaluable resource for teachers and other school staff involved in the PSHE curriculum. It would be of particular interest to those supporting students preparing for exams.

Bold action from Captain

Becky Keller and Lieutenant Joe Nation in the Bael-6 solar system has sent a hammerblow response to the murderous Scions. The enemy are down but they not defeated. The detonation of the galaxy bomb has brought something new into the fight. The Scions are not a natural living species and now their mysterious creator has taken an interest in the human Confederation. The Hyranus is coming and it has power beyond anything known. Left unchecked, it will not only rebuild the Scion fleet, but destroy humanity in the process. Keller and Nation are given a mission with incredible scope and if it succeeds, it will end the fight once and for all. Somehow, they must accomplish the impossible and subdue an alien god. This time, the Confederation does not stand alone. An ally from the distant past has once more taken an interest in the affairs of the universe. The Ghosts have returned and they have not been idle. Their spaceships are fitted with the only weapon capable of tipping the scales. Even the invulnerable Hyranus can be hurt by the void blade...Void Blade is a high-action science fiction adventure involving mas-

sive space battles, overwhelming odds and exciting technologies. It continues the Transcended series and picks up straight after book 4: Galaxy Bomb.

Earth's Fury. A gun to shatter a god ship. The human Confederation has provided unexpected resistance to the Vraxar invading forces, but now the price must be paid. The mighty enemy warship Ix-Gorghal has discovered the location of humanity's populated worlds and its arrival in New Earth orbit promises death for the billions living there. At first, it seems the invaders will have everything their own way. They send in troops and deploy a ring of satellites to isolate the planet from the main comms network. After that, it should all be plain sailing.... On the New Earth Tucson military base, there are personnel who will never accept defeat - men and women who will keep fighting even when the cause seems lost. Lieutenant Eric McKinney is one of them. An unexpected message from a lone fleet warship high above the planet sends him on a mission to rescue the only man on New Earth with the activation codes for two unfinished warships on

the Tucson base - the battleship Ulterior-2 and an experimental gun called Earth's Fury. Fleet Admiral John Duggan is the man with the keys. He's got a mission of his own and if it succeeds, it will ensure total annihilation for both sides. Duggan can see no other way out. Meanwhile, Captain Charlie Blake has other problems. In order to help the people of New Earth, he's forced to defy orders, putting his life and his future in jeopardy. He's one of the few men with the skill and audacity to get Earth's Fury into orbit - assuming it will even fly. It won't be easy. The Vraxar are a cruel and unpredictable foe, and at the first sign of a threat, they will surely destroy New Earth without hesitation. Earth's Fury is a high-action science fiction adventure and the fourth book in the Obsidian Fleet series.

For Captain John Duggan, it seems like war never ends. Each success brings another mission and more death. Following events at the Helios Blackstar, Duggan is given the Space Corps' newest warship - a heavy cruiser armed to the teeth with the latest weapons and technology. A prospector craft, the SC Lupus, has gone missing

and his superiors want to find out what happened and the aggressors dealt with accordingly. The wrecked spaceship is soon found. However, nothing is as it seems. What Duggan finds on a distant planet turns everything on its head. With the survival of humanity potentially in the balance, Duggan - a man forever chained by duty - is required to take the biggest risk of all. The man who has faced everything is about to come up against an opponent he cannot possibly defend himself against. Chains of Duty is a science fiction adventure and the third book in the Survival Wars series.

After their recent victory over an incredibly powerful alien foe, Captain John Duggan and his crew are expecting some downtime while the ESS Crimson is refitted. It is not to be. In a war for survival, the Space Corps' best officer can't be permitted to languish on base with his feet up. Soon after landing on planet Atlantis, Duggan gets the call once more. This time there's to be no holding back - his superiors want him to take the fight to the enemy, rather than wait it out in Confederation Space. - Given a promise that this mission will be his last,

Duggan ventures into the unknown - he must fly through the Helius Blackstar and see what lies on the other side. What he finds there is worse than he could possibly have imagined and it will take every ounce of his ingenuity to return with the secrets he discovers. Terminus Gate is a high-action science fiction adventure and the fifth book in the Survival Wars series.

A republic under attack. A reluctant soldier. An all-out fight for the galaxy's soul. David Cohen prays he'll live to see the other side of his first deployment. His people thought they had left war behind when they fled Earth centuries ago. Time, though, has not dulled the hatred and intolerance of their erstwhile oppressors. To defend his homeland's freedom, David abandons his dream of becoming a rabbi for the battlefield... and discovers a side of himself he is not sure he can live with. David's focus is clear when the bullets are flying. In the long hours after, he must reckon with the toll that blood and blame bring upon his mind. Can he square the tenets of his faith against his responsibility to crew and country? Nothing has prepared him to make decisions that could cause

ruin or an end to generations of conflict... except for trust in God, himself, and those who serve under him. If David Cohen survives it all, who will he be? Echoes of the Past: Fight the Good Fight is the first book in a military sci-fi trilogy that takes an unflinching look at sacrifice, duty, and the scars left on the minds of those who serve. The trials and tactics of a starship commander are only part of the story... because every soldier faces battles within.

The greatest conflict the galaxy has ever known... They were the Savages. Raiders from our distant past. Elites who left Earth to create tailor-made utopias aboard the massive lighthuggers that crawled through the darkness between the stars. But the people they left behind on a dying planet didn't perish in the dystopian nightmare the Savages had themselves created: they thrived, discovering faster-than-light technology and using it to colonize the galaxy ahead of the Savages, forming fantastic new civilizations that surpassed the wildest dreams of Old Earth. Until the Savages came in from the Darkness... When a Savage hulk lands on glitter-

ing New Vega, one of the crown jewels of the post-Earth galaxy, a coalition of planetary governments amasses their forces to respond to the post-human Savage Marines who've come to sack and enslave. But what the coalition forces find is something far more sinister than the typical Savage hit-and-run: this time, the Savages have come to stay. Witness the intense beginning of THE SAVAGE WARS, the epic conflict, built into the lore of GALAXY'S EDGE, that will encompass over a thousand years of brutal fighting. Only the greatest military force in the galaxy can bring this war to an end... and the galaxy will never again be the same. Experience the beginning of the Legion. Experience the Savage Wars. Also available in audio book format performed by Stephen Lang (Avatar, Gods & Generals). Captain John Duggan rots in his cell, facing execution at the hands of his captors. Having discovered the secret which the Ghosts wished to remain hidden, he is left powerless to find answers to the questions which will determine the future of the Confederation. Elsewhere in the Garon sector, the Dreamers have been putt-

ing their own terrible plans into action. They possess the power to destroy entire worlds from unimaginable distances. Whilst humans and Ghosts descend once more into war, the biggest threat of all puts in motion a chain of events which will result in a hundred billion deaths if left unchecked. John Duggan and his crew are forced into a position where they must end not just one war, but two. The Space Corps' most accomplished officer will be reunited with humanity's most powerful weapon in a race to forge peace when a return to conflict seems inevitable. Standing above all else is the seemingly unstoppable Dreamer mothership, which Duggan must face if he is to succeed against the longest of odds. *Fires of Oblivion* is a science fiction adventure and the fourth book in the *Survival Wars* series.

As the war between the Human Planetary Alliance and the Daklan intensifies, Captain Carl Recker experiences a sudden change in fortune. With battle-hardened officers in short supply, he's given command of a modified, shipyard-fresh destroyer and a mission to go with it. As part of a task force under the command of an

officer Recker is unfortunately all-too-familiar with, the plan is to recover weapons and technology from an uncharted world on the edge of known space. Easy. Little does Recker know it, but the outcome of this mission may well determine the future of both humanity and the Daklan. The distant planet Pinvos will be the scene of conflict and destruction on a cataclysmic scale and even success will be tempered by the uncertainty of what he discovers. With each passing day, a faraway war fought on a colossal scale comes ever nearer and humanity has no defence against the weapons created to fight it. No defence except perhaps one thing. The alien warship *Vengeance* has survived countless engagements and still it endures, scarred by the brutality of its past. And Recker is the only man with the key to unlock its secrets. *Fractured Horizons* is a traditional-style science-fiction action adventure and the second book in the *Savage Stars* series, following directly after events in *War from a Distant Sun*. Expect space combat, ruthless aliens, mysterious tech and lots more.

Richard Smiles sets out to post Ibo war Nigeria, with

a burning ambition and a crusading spirit to help in the rebuilding of his company in Nigeria. He brings with him a young family totally unprepared for the trials ahead. The comic and sometimes poignant cultural clashes speed Smiles' development of his sense of realism. Smiles the crusader turns into Smiles the pragmatic, ambition conquers all; except of course Smiles' asinine pomposity.

The Aranol. Death comes to everything. With tenacity and fearless determination, the human Confederation has fought against the overwhelming forces of the Vraxar. Still the aliens keep on coming. Following the events on New Earth, a chance sighting presents an opportunity too good to ignore. One of the Vraxar's remaining capital ships - *Ix-Gastiol* - is located in close orbit around a star. Fleet Admiral Duggan prepares to strike against the mightiest of the alien vessels. With a strong fleet of warships assembled and an Obsidian bomb to back them up, he believes success is within reach. However, the Vraxar have existed for millennia and *Ix-Gastiol* has overseen the extinction of a hundred species. This will be no

easy mission. When everything goes badly, catastrophically wrong, it's left to Captain Charlie Blake and Lieutenant Eric McKinney to put it right. Trapped within the endless depths of an alien spaceship, they must lead a small squad to achieve the impossible and somehow finish what an entire fleet failed to accomplish. Ix-Gastiol holds clues for the resourceful to find. What Blake and McKinney unearth could be the most important discovery of the war, but only if they can escape with the information. *Suns of the Aranol* is a high-action science fiction adventure and the fifth book in the *Obsidian Fleet* series.

Some renegades are born rebels, some forced into it to survive, while others make the choice on principle. *The Renegade* is an anthology of eleven science fiction short stories by writers from across the globe. It is part of the *Newcomer* series of sci-fi anthologies. The stories are: - *Conscience* - Alasdair Shaw *First* - Nate Johnson *Atonement* - Rick Partlow *The Stepford Florist* - JT Lawrence *Tyrant* - Mark Gardner *Live by the Ten, Die by the Gun* - Milo James Fowler *S.A.D.* - Jody Wenner *Chameleon* - C Gold *Learning Curve* -

John Triptych *A Pirate's Life - Al Macy Needs of the Many* - Troy McLaughlan

**NEW NOVEL IN JOHN RINGO'S BLACK TIDE RISING SERIES** From his corner office on the forty-fourth floor of the Bank of the Americas tower on Wall Street, Tom Smith, global managing director for security, could see the Statue of Liberty, Battery Park—and a ravaging zombie horde. Officially, Smith was paid to preserve the lives and fortunes of employees, billionaires, and other clients. And with an implacable virus that turned the infected into ravenous zombies tearing through the city, the country, and the world, his job just got a lot harder. Good thing Smith, late of the Australian special forces, isn't a man to give up easily. But saving civilization is going to take more than the traditional banking toolbox of lawyers, guns, and money. Smith needs infected human spinal tissue to formulate a vaccine—and he needs it by the truckload. To get it, he will have to forge a shady alliance with both the politicians of the City of New York and some of its less savory entrepreneurs. But all of his back-alley dealing may amount to nothing if he

can't stave off the fast-moving disease as it sweeps across the planet, leaving billions dead in its wake. And if he fails, his only fallback is an incomplete plan to move enough personnel to safe havens and prepare to restart civilization. What's more, there are others who have similar plans—and believe it or not, they're even less charitable than a Wall Street investment banker. Sooner or later Smith will have to deal with them. But first he has to survive the Fall. A New Novel in John Ringo's best-selling *Black Tide Rising* zombie apocalypse series. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About *Black Tide Rising*: “. . . an entertaining batch of . . . action-packed tales. Certainly, fans of Ringo's particular brand of action-adventure will be pleased.”—Booklist “This anthology broadens Ringo's *Black Tide* world, serving up doses of humanity amid the ravenous afflicted. Comedy has a place in this harsh reality, and these stories stir adventure and emotion at a frantic clip throughout. Zombie fiction fans will be thrilled.”—Library Journal About the *Black Tide Rising* Series: “Not only has

Ringo found a mostly unexplored corner of the zombie landscape, he's using the zombie frame to tackle a broader theme: the collapse and rebirth of civilization. The zombie scenes are exciting, sure, but it's the human story that keeps us involved. A fine series."—Booklist About Under a Graveyard Sky: "Ringo combines humor and horror in this strong series debut, the thinking reader's zombie novel."—Publishers Weekly About John Ringo: "[Ringo's work is] peopled with three-dimensional characters and spiced with personal drama as well as tactical finesse."—Library Journal ". . . Explosive. . . fans. . . will appreciate Ringo's lively narrative and flavorful characters."—Publishers Weekly ". . . practically impossible not to read in one sitting . . . exceedingly impressive . . . executed with skill, verve, and wit."—Booklist "Crackerjack storytelling."—Starlog

**BLACK TIDE RISING SERIES:** Under a Graveyard Sky To Sail a Darkling Sea Islands of Rage and Hope Strands of Sorrow Black Tide Rising

Exams are important. The results can change lives and stressing about them can damage performance and undermine young peo-

ples' confidence. This exam stress management programme requires very little time or effort to use and provides a straightforward, practical guide to exam stress management. Written by an experienced educational psychologist, this short, explanatory book is accompanied by simple, easy to follow audio files which lead the listener through a sequence of five relaxation sessions to reduce stress, increase focus and plan for success. Using the book as a guide you simply listen to the audio tracks and follow what they say. All tracks have been designed so that they are easy to digest and applicable in the middle of a busy day. To sum up, this book:

- Provides practical and easy to follow steps to help anyone cope with exam stress
- Teaches relaxation techniques that can be used to reduce stress wherever you find it
- Offers a real stress knowledge base to teachers and family members supporting students with exam stress

This important guide is suitable for secondary school students as well as college and university students. The easy to follow relaxation sessions will be of interest to anyone studying for examinations who

wishes to lower their exam stress levels.

**THE LADY A OFFERS AN ALLIANCE** Devastated by alien invasion, one of the Empire's far-flung planets - Omicron - is the destination for an astonishing mission. For the first time in many years, top SOTE agents Yvette Babol and Jules d'Alembert agree to co-operate with the treacherous and dangerous Lady A. It is strictly an alliance of convenience. Together with the Empire's deadliest enemy and two of her followers, the two SOTE agents set off for Omicron - easily the most distant planet ever settled. With them is Captain Paul Fortier of Naval Intelligence. And what they find on Omicron could lead to intergalactic war...

Orwell's *Faded Lion* traces the history of Britain from the end of the Second World War, during the darkest days of which George Orwell wrote *The Lion and the Unicorn*, calling for a British revolution, to the present. The book confronts the actual direction taken by British society against the background of the high hopes of the generation that survived the war. The book also considers Britain alongside its European neigh-



bours, drawing upon personal experiences of living and travelling widely in Europe, as well as experience of left-wing party politics and of the Northern Ireland situation in the 1980s.

Captain John Duggan and his crew are stranded deep in hostile territory. Their spaceship, the ESS Crimson is damaged beyond repair. Enemy warships hunt them, eager to locate the vessel which has caused so much damage to their military. All seems lost. Duggan is not a man to go down without a fight. Determined to take matters into his own hands, he leads his squad across the surface of an inhospitable planet in order to make a raid upon an enemy base. What happens there sets in motion a series of events which carry Duggan and his men towards a prize of inconceivable value. Nothing worth having comes easy - a single error will result in failure and the deaths of his soldiers, as well as denying humanity the greatest of gifts. Duggan has made a promise to get his squad home and there's only one way for him to succeed. The Valpian awaits. - Guns of the Valpian is a science fiction adventure and the sixth book in the Survival Wars series.

Hugo Award-winning editor Gardner Dozois' annual anthology has long been considered the standard by which other best-of-the-year SF collections are judged. After two decades' worth of superlative science fiction, Dozois now presents a retrospective compilation culling from the last 20 years. Here under one banner is some of the finest work by the genre's leading authors, with a star-studded list of contributors that features among others: Stephen Baxter, Greg Bear, William Gibson, Terry Bisson, Greg Egan, Ursula K. Le Guin, Robert Reed, Robert Silverberg, Bruce Sterling, Charles Stross, Michael Swanwick, and Gene Wolfe. A number of the selections are now considered classics. Some notable stories include: Blood Music, Greg Bear's Hugo-winning exploration of nanotechnology. Bears Discover Fire, Terry Bisson's tongue-in-cheek consideration of future ursine evolution. The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula K. Le Guin's coming-of-age SF tale. The Winter Market, in which William Gibson returns to the subject that made him a cultural icon, cyberpunk. With work spanning two decades, this is the most significant science fiction short story

anthology published in years.

Mission: Eradicate. Kill or be killed. The discovery of the Vraxar planetship - Aranol - has revealed to the Confederation how much they are outgunned by the invading aliens. The Space Corps' successes to date will count for nothing if the largest spaceship in the known universe is allowed to reach human territory. Fleet Admiral John Duggan is not a man to sit on his hands while there is a chance to act. He sends Captain Charlie Blake on a daring mission deep into Estral Space, to launch a pre-emptive strike against the Aranol and also to rescue the lost battleship Ulterior-2. Blake and his crew aren't alone - Lieutenant Eric McKinney and his squad are along for the ride and they're itching to get involved. What Blake finds is a long-forgotten war, still raging with incredible intensity. Surrounded by enemies, it will take every ounce of his ingenuity to achieve victory. Where ingenuity fails, there are other, more direct options. His spaceship, the ES Cataclysm, is equipped with experimental and potentially devastating weaponry, as the Vraxar will soon dis-

cover. The Aranol has existed for millennia and overseen the fall of a thousand empires. It will not go down without a fight. Mission: Eradicate is a high-action science fiction adventure, which concludes the Obsidian Fleet series.

**HOPE** The torture began in sixth grade. Hope should never have told the other kids in Opal Lake that she has weird dreams. Or that these dreams inspire her to invent objects that fly. Now in eighth grade, she's the outsider nobody wants. Things get worse when Hope takes the top grade in science. She becomes a threat to eighth grade queen Caitlin Crawford and her privileged clique for the school's highest award, the prestigious Sky Honors. Caitlin preys on Hope's loneliness and concocts a scheme. As Hope's life spirals, the dreams won't stop. Why does the girl in them look like a perfect version of her? **DINAH** Perfection is the only way of life the Scions know. In Tavos, they exist in peace, traveling through the galaxies, creating planets and manipulating stars. The standard of achievement is nothing less than excellence. Until the hard voices awaken Dinah. Deep punches pierce

her. And the desperate eyes pull at her insides. A mysterious force begins to crack the perfect equilibrium of their world. Neither King Aleph nor Dinah's father gives her the answers she seeks. Who is the withering young female in those horrible visions? What does it mean to... suffer? Dinah is bold enough to pursue her own truth. But is she strong enough to handle Hope's? When a Daklan annihilator drops out of lightspeed, make sure you're in a different solar system. Humanity is trapped in a decades-long conflict with a warlike alien species known as Daklan. The military's high command has played it safe for too long and now defeat seems inevitable. Dealing with the consequences on the frontline, warship captain Carl Recker is a man with enemies on both sides. A routine mission takes him to a distant world upon which he finds technology from a war fought by an unknown species. The Daklan are interested in it too, and they have an annihilator class battleship at their disposal, while Recker is flying the smallest lightspeed capable warship in the human fleet. What follows will test Recker to his limits. Relentlessly pursued by

the unstoppable battleship and seemingly forsaken by his superiors, he must hunt down answers from the past while fighting enemies from the present. Powerful relics of an ancient, terrible war are scattered on the fringes - finding them and unlocking their secrets may be the only hope for humanity. War from a Distant Sun is a traditional-style science-fiction action adventure. Expect space combat, ruthless aliens, mysterious tech and lots more. Fifty-three years after it vanished, Earth's only Super-Devastator warship, the ESS Crimson sends out a distress signal... Humanity is fighting against an implacable foe. The Ghasts - a ruthless alien race - seem hell-bent on wiping out mankind. They have a vast warfleet and their technology is advancing at a terrible rate. Captain John Nathan Duggan and his crew are given a mission - find the missing ESS Crimson and bring it home. Little does Duggan realise, this is no ordinary mission. As he struggles against enemies both within and without, he desperately tries to unlock the mystery surrounding the Crimson's disappearance and the unknown weapons it carries. He soon discovers the miss-

ing warship might be the only hope for salvation that mankind has left. When everything is veiled in secrecy nothing is easy, as Duggan is about to find out. *Crimson Tempest* is the first instalment in an epic sci-fi action-adventure series.

*God Ship*. The tormentor of worlds. For thousands of years, the Vraxar have brought ruin and misery across the universe. Each species they find has met the same fate - extinction and conversion into new soldiers for their ranks. An upstart race - humanity - has wiped out the aliens' advance fleet. The Vraxar will not give up - they must clear a way through Confederation Space in preparation for their future wars. Captain Charlie Blake is always in the wrong place at the right time. He's given a mission - take a heavily-armed warship and investigate an anomaly on a distant planet. Blake and his crew locate a catastrophically--damaged enemy *Neutraliser*, and there's no record of an engagement with human forces. Lieutenant Eric McKinney and his troops are left with the task of getting inside and finding answers. What they discover deep within the huge spaceship gives

an idea of the horrors to come. The Vraxar have summoned one of their capital ships. *Ix-Gorghal* has arrived and even with assistance from an incredibly-powerful *Ghast* battleship, it will take every ounce of Space Corps firepower, ingenuity and plain old guts to survive the first punishing encounters. *God Ship* is a high-action science fiction adventure and the third book in the *Obsidian Fleet* series.

From the tundra of Russia to the steaming jungles of Cuba, the player, as James Bond, deals with armies of gun-toting bad guys, including digitized characters from the movie. With his license to kill, the 3D shooter fan will need this guide in order to locate all the new tools and weapons to defeat all levels.

Following decades of war and the recent catastrophic loss of an entire planet, the Human Planetary Alliance is riven by internal disputes and rivalries. The military's old guard fights for power against those who see a chance to turn things around. After a series of hard-fought victories, Captain Carl Recker is becoming recognized as a man who gets results - a man who knows how to beat the Daklan. Unfortunately, enemies from his

past would prefer to claim his successes as their own, and Recker finds himself caught between two factions within high command. Escape comes in the form of a mission, though it's nothing run-of-the-mill. Given command of a new heavy cruiser, Recker is sent to track down a missing Daklan fleet and recover the alien technology it was searching for. It's going to be tough and assistance comes in the form of a Daklan desolator, commanded by a larger-than-life officer who knows his missiles from his Terrus slugs. Deep within territory contested by the Meklon and Lavorix, Recker and his opposite number will need to work closely together. Trust is in short supply, while enemies are not. Faced with countless hostile aliens and their technology, Recker has his work cut out if he wants to stay on the right side of dead. And soon, he will draw the attention of the Lavorix empire breaker. The Galactar is coming, and against it, Recker stands no chance at all. Galactar is a traditional-style science-fiction action adventure and the third book in the *Savage Stars* series, following directly after events in *Frac-*

tured Horizons. Expect space combat, ruthless aliens, mysterious tech and lots more.

New York Times-best-selling author and cultural critic Chuck Klosterman sorts through the past decade and how we got to now. Chuck Klosterman has created an incomparable body of work in books, magazines, newspapers, and on the Web. His writing spans the realms of culture and sports, while also addressing interpersonal issues, social quandaries, and ethical boundaries. Klosterman has written nine previous books, helped found and establish Grantland, served as the New York Times Magazine Ethicist, worked on film and television productions, and contributed profiles and essays to outlets such as GQ, Esquire, Billboard, The A.V. Club, and The Guardian. Chuck Klosterman's tenth book (aka Chuck Klosterman X) collects his most intriguing of those pieces, accompanied by fresh introductions and new footnotes throughout. Klosterman presents many of the articles in their original form, featuring previously unpublished passages and digressions. Subjects include Breaking Bad, Lou Reed, zombies, KISS, Jim-

my Page, Stephen Malkmus, steroids, Mountain Dew, Chinese Democracy, The Beatles, Jonathan Franzen, Taylor Swift, Tim Tebow, Kobe Bryant, Usain Bolt, Eddie Van Halen, Charlie Brown, the Cleveland Browns, and many more cultural figures and pop phenomena. This is a tour of the past decade from one of the sharpest and most prolific observers of our unusual times.

Mahra Kaitan has a new challenge now that she has separated from the crew. The Sirona present an ongoing threat, but who or what are the Sleeth. They are like nothing they've ever seen before. And what is Chutzpah's role? On new worlds and with a new company, Mahra finally finds the clues that will eventually lead to the truth.

Negation Force. A planet without power, locked down by an alien war fleet. The human Confederation has known an unprecedented time of peace, unheard of in a universe where every other species is not only technologically advanced, but also incredibly hostile. The good times are about to end. Out on the fringes, the planet Atlantis is attacked by an alien foe re-

membered only by the oldest members of the Space Corps. These aliens - known as Vraxar - are abominations of flesh and metal, driven to exterminate every other life form in the universe. Now it's humanity's turn. In the ruins of the Tillos military installation, Sergeant Eric McKinney is determined to fight back and find out why the Vraxar have come. Meanwhile, a response fleet is mustered with the intention of facing the enemy head-on. It's a mission with no hope of success. As events unfold, it becomes apparent the Vraxar have secrets which give clues to their purpose. The answers are more shocking than anyone could have imagined. The lives of strangers are intertwined and together they must try and salvage something from this first exchange in a war that will not end until one side is utterly defeated. Luckily, the Tillos base holds secrets of its own...a warship with an exceptionally powerful Obsidiar core is contained within an underground bunker. It is the only hope for Atlantis... Negation Force is a science fiction action and adventure book which begins The Obsidiar Fleet series. NYPD Detective Alec Ma-

Aidan has always been good with weird but when an injured man gives him cryptic clues, then turns to dust in front of him, Alec's view on weird is changed forever. Cronin, a vampire Elder, has spent the last thousand years waiting for Alec, and together they learn that history isn't always what it seems.

For the human Confederation, war is never far away. Each hard-fought victory against the universe's endless variety of alien species brings more of them crawling out of the celestial woodwork. It begins again. A huge fleet of spacecraft emerges close to one of the Confederation's worlds. The aliens onboard - known as Trivar - claim to be peaceful. After countless wars, the Space Corps' high command isn't ready to believe, and with good reason. The Trivar have many demands. It doesn't take long for two of the Corps' most decorated officers to become embroiled in a war which appears impossible to win. Lieutenants Joe Nation and Becky Keller can fight and they can fly. Both skills will be required in abundance against an opponent immune to the Confederation's most advanced weaponry. While

Nation hunts for a weakness aboard the main Trivar ship, two huge space fleets clash. Nothing is easy in this universe and the key to victory lies with humanity's once-greatest enemy. Unfortunately, the Estral already have their hands full and they aren't about to give their military secrets away any time soon. It's just another day in the never-ending fight for survival... Fleet Vanguard is a high-action science fiction adventure involving massive space battles, overwhelming odds and exciting technologies. It continues the Transcended series and picks up straight after book 1: Augmented.

Inferno Sphere. A bomb to end all bombs. The ruthless species of biomechanical aliens known as Vraxar have been driven away from the Confederation planet Atlantis. They are not defeated and their unprovoked attack has given them the means to locate the rest of the Confederation worlds. However, the Vraxar are not predictable and their next move is completely unforeseen. This time, the Juniper orbital is the target. Lieutenant Eric McKinney is onboard, waiting for his next deployment. The arrival of the Vraxar pushes

him once more into action and he finds himself in the unenviable position of fighting a battle which is already lost. There is a chance to pull off a victory of sorts - to come back from the brink of total disaster. McKinney must once again team up with Captain Charlie Blake to try and inflict a stunning, unexpected defeat on the Vraxar. It will not be easy. Meanwhile, out on the fringes of Confederation Space further trouble is brewing, adding complications to an already perilous situation. Where there is conflict, there is opportunity. The opening stages of the war have begun and humanity will not sit back tamely and wait for death. Alliances must be formed and ancient, terrible weapons brought out of storage. When it comes to the Vraxar, nothing will be straightforward... Inferno Sphere is a high-action science fiction adventure and the second book in the Obsidian Fleet series.

Following his successful mission to recover the missing warship ESS Crimson, Captain John Duggan finds himself unredeemed in the eyes of his superiors. His duties resume and this time he's given something easy - escort a cargo ship to a distant planet

and bring it home safely. But war is never so predictable and a straightforward mission becomes something much more important. The outcome may well determine the future of humanity. Someone has terrible plans for the ESS Crimson and Dug-

gan is about to find himself party to endless destruction. Even as worlds die, a new threat is waiting on the horizon. Bane of Worlds is a universe-spanning sci-fi adventure, which continues the Survival Wars series. Amputated Souls explores

the subject of psychiatry and psychiatric practices and the assault upon human rights and human freedom constituted by these practices, tracing the history of lobotomy, ECT and antipsychotic drugs, and their use, from 1935 to the present day.