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Angles Of Attack (Frontlines Book 3)



Synopsis

The alien forces known as the Lankies are gathering on the solar system's edge, consolidating their conquest of Mars and setting their sights on Earth. The far-off colony of New Svalbard, cut off from the rest of the galaxy by the Lanky blockade, teeters on the verge of starvation and collapse. The forces of the two Earth alliances have won minor skirmishes but are in danger of losing the war. For battle-weary staff sergeant Andrew Grayson and the ragged forces of the North American Commonwealth, the fight for survival is entering a catastrophic new phase. Forging an uneasy alliance with their Sino-Russian enemies, the NAC launches a hybrid task force on a long shot: a stealth mission to breach the Lanky blockade and reestablish supply lines with Earth. Plunging into combat against a merciless alien species that outguns, outmaneuvers, and outfights them at every turn, Andrew and his fellow troopers could end up cornered on their home turf, with no way out and no hope for reinforcement. And this time, the struggle for humanity's future can only end in either victory or annihilation.

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Customer Reviews

Another good and entertaining entry into the series. However, I'm a little worried about the direction

this series is going. To future me reading this review, you'll want to read the next entry but it might be your last.SPOILERSWhat I liked:* The protagonist is likable. Even though his move from the Terrestrial Army to Fleet stank of "plot mechanics" earlier in the series, it made it more believable that the hero would get into more interesting situations. The author might be undoing this (see below).* The new Russian character Dmitry was a hoot. I particularly liked how he thanked Grayson for saving him on the space station by giving him a bottle of hooch and his jump wings. Good scene.* The tech in this series feels much more grounded in known physics than a lot of space opera out there. They actually use reaction mass to move their ships which automatically makes logistics an important aspect of the story.* 90% of the military folks are generally sensible and nice.What I didn't like:* There has been near zero advancement in learning new details about the Lankies. When the Indy smashes into a Lanky seed sheep near the end and shears off giant chunks of it, it would have been nice to have at least one character say, "Hey, let's chase down one of those chunks and analyze it or board the ship to explore it. Maybe we can figure out if the Lanky ships are biological constructs, manufactured, etc. and how we can better damage them." Nope, not a single scientist or anyone interested in this.* Based on the offer made at the end of the novel, looks like our two main characters are going to decide to join the Lazarus Brigade. I HOPE NOT.

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