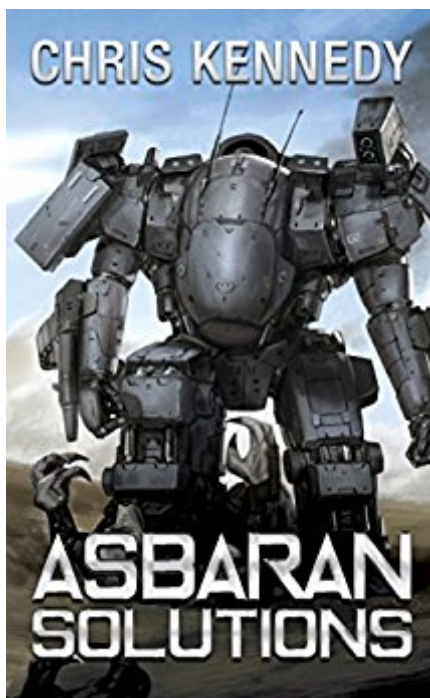


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Asbaran Solutions (The Revelations Cycle Book 2)



Synopsis

Nigel Shirazi was first in line for the chairmanship of Asbaran Solutions, one of the prominent "Four Horsemen" mercenary companies. First in line until his drinking and temper caused him to fail out of college and get disinherited by the family. Now he leads the life of a playboy, enjoying a stipend from the family to stay out of the way. But someone is out to get his family, and Nigel is all that stands between the hidden enemy and the destruction of Asbaran Solutions and the Shirazi family. Nigel will have to learn to control himself if he's going to take the reins of the company, figure out who's behind the vendetta against Asbaran, and work out a way to stop them. But they've taken his sister hostage, and that makes him a very, very angry man!

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Customer Reviews

Great follow-on to Cartwright's Cavaliers (The Revelations Cycle Book 1) by Mark Wandrey. Do

have to say I liked Cartwright's Cavaliers better of the two books. Asbaran Solutions was a good book, but probably didn't quite impart the feel for characters as did Cavaliers. Tons of non-stop action once things got started, but almost nobody survives the action. Pretty much total devastation by the time the final credits rolled on this one. Another successful contract like the last one and Asbaran Solutions won't be around for much longer. But there are hints of more to come, and revenge is one of the better motivators to make sure that there will be more heard of from the survivors of Asbaran Solutions. Definitely recommend this series, Kennedy and Wandrey promise a long series to come, and with these two books they are off to a great start.

As far as the book goes it gets a 5 for how well written it was. The author is top notch. This book compared to the first book I'd only give it 3 stars though versus the first. Everyone dies, that held less appeal to me. The MC wasn't that cool to me either versus book 1. Fat kid becomes hero was better than rich A hole with an A hole family. These are things I just didn't like. But it's not a reason to rate it less than 5 stars. The book and level it was wrote at as I've said, gets 5 stars. The darkness of this one versus the lighter happier 1st book just don't compare though so be prepared for a stark difference.

This second book in the Revelations Cycle series is a lot darker than the first book written by a different author. It was a very good book none the less and I highly recommend it. The premise of this series is that war in Earths sector of the galaxy is not waged between worlds but is contracted through competing mercenary companies and conducted under strict limitations imposed by a shadowy super advanced civilization. There are no vast fleets of vessels battling in space and no weapon can be deployed against a planet at more than 10 miles altitude which eliminates orbital bombardments. Therefore offensive and defensive operations are all conducted by land based operatives. Earth has very little to offer the other galactic powers other than a number of excellent mercenary companies, the foremost being the companies know as the Four Horsemen. The first 2 books by Mr. Wahlberg and Mr. Kennedy tell the stories of 2 of these companies which are being placed in crises by an alien culture bent on the ultimate destruction of Earth. While none of this really breaks any new ground, both books were excellent reads that I think fans of space opera will thoroughly enjoy.

Nigel Sharazi had several problems, most notably a temper. That's partially why he'd been thrown out of so many colleges and why his father wanted nothing to do

with him. Shuffled away, paid off (as long as he stayed out of trouble) and forgotten, Nigel was less than saddened when his father, the CEO of mercenary company Asbaran Solutions, one of the storied "Four Horsemen" was killed trying to complete a difficult contract. Once the heir apparent, Nigel was never going to run the company, and his siblings had made it clear that they would as soon he never came near the company, lest his dishonor rub off. But after his unlamented brother followed suit and then his sister (whom he did care about) was kidnapped and held for ransom, Nigel got didn't just get mad, he was going to rescue his sister and get even. Chris Kennedy continues the Revelations Cycle, along with Dragon Award nominee Mark Wandrey. Their Four Horsemen mercenary companies hearken back to the "fun" science fiction days of Heinlein and Laumer. This isn't highbrowed literature, but good-old-fashioned sci-fi. If that's your cuppa, all the better. (I like mine light with a touch a sweetener, and just enough bitter). Wandrey's Cartright grows through his journey in Book 1, Shirazi doesn't grow as much as show facets that we don't see in the initial stages of the book. They're always there, but crisis brings them to the fore. The developing subplot has my attention and I'm curious now as to what's really going on. All in all, an entertaining book. I look forward to the final two installments. Write faster, gentlemen.

Unlike the first book this one was plain sad, as in sorrow. And made you feel like "what is the point and why even try" because there just was no high point, only lows, and personally I just don't enjoy books that only spiral down then end somewhat unfinished. The only thing that it did was that brothers and sisters in arms will give their lives for each other and I do understand that...I just don't understand why this author would make it completely un-winnable, even a battle, one battle, but he did and it makes me leary about reading any other books he authored as it is too depressing, and ppl don't read science fiction only to be depressed...imho

The second book of The Revelations Cycle, or the Four Horsemen Universe. This is a companion book the Cartwright's Cavaliers, and follows the journey of another young scion of one of the famed Four Horsemen mercenary companies. This book is darker toned and deals with the battles in a grittier, more fatalistic way. The protagonist is one of those too-stubborn-to-quit types, smart and talented but unmotivated until faced with a real challenge. He grows as the story progresses from a

stuck up trust fund kid with an attitude to a leader who really cares about his troops, and recognizes that if he doesn't shoulder his responsibilities, he's letting them down. I eagerly await the remaining sequels!

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